

## SAMPLE: “A LES MISERABLES PURIMSPIEL!”

New Purim Lyrics by Rabbi Billy Dreskin & Cantor Ellen Dreskin  
Music adapted from Broadway’s “Les Miserables”

\_\_\_ Quiet, everyone! We’re on the air in three ... two ... one ...

\_\_\_ Chag Purim Sameach! Happy Purim, everybody! And welcome to WWCT Radio’s annual broadcast of “Megillah Madness.” Tonight, we present to you a story of intrigue, insurrection, love, and revolution – one of the new “classics” of Purim celebration. Stay with us as Fantine, Cosette, Marius, Javert and, of course, Jean Valjean lead us on a journey into eighteenth-century France, through the beginnings of the French Revolution, and onward to Shushan. Yes, Shushan — that walled city in Persia where, long, long ago, the life of every Jewish man, woman and child was on the line when a despicable, evil villain plotted their doom.

\_\_\_ WWCT Radio is proud to present ... “A Les Miserables Purimspiel”!

### “APPLAUSE” SIGN

WWCT’s “A Les Miserables Purimspiel” is brought to you this evening by Quik-Queen. When you’re wondering where your royal partner disappeared to, wonder no more! Quik-Queen is the solution!

\_\_\_ And by Heshy’s Hotdog Hamentashen. This year, when telling the famous and beloved story of Esther, don’t worry about getting hungry. You’ve got Heshy’s Hotdog Hamentashen comin’. Um um! Who knows what’s stuffed inside those little pastries? Voted number one snack in all the provinces by Local Meatpackers Union No. 506.

\_\_\_ Don’t touch that dial. “Megillah Madness” will return after this brief word from our sponsor.

\_\_\_ Good evening. Looking for a new queen in your life? Well, look no further than Quik-Queen, the revolutionary new product from Mordechai’s Majestic Merchandising. Just place a few drops of Quik-Queen on any available yet empty throne and before you can say “Esther,” you’ll have a kind, beautiful and exceptionally brilliant queen to rule the kingdom by your side. And if you act now, we’ll send you – at no extra charge – our Crumpet Crown. Why waste a crown on another disappointing co-despot? After you’ve banished her from the kingdom, you can simply eat the remains! Crumpet Crown, a division of Nabisco. So don’t delay. Place your order today and get the drop on your next spouse ... with Quik-Queen! Dial 1-800-QUIKQUEEN now! Operators are on duty, 24-7.

\_\_\_ Welcome back to WWCT Radio’s award-winning broadcast of “Megillah Madness: A Les Miserables Purimspiel.”

\_\_\_ Our story begins ...

Cast ... at the beginning, of course!

\_\_\_ Chant 1:1-3.

\_\_\_ *It happened in the days of Ahashuerus, who reigned over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces from India to Nubia. In those days, when King Ahashuerus occupied the royal throne in the fortress Shushan, in the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all the officials and administrators of Persia and Medea. He threw a royal bash for all the nobles and the governors of the provinces in his service.*

\_\_\_ And thus began one of the wildest parties in human history. For seven days, King Ahashuerus celebrated with the people of Shushan.

\_\_\_ And his wife ...

Cast Queen Vashti!

\_\_\_ ... threw a banquet for the women of Shushan.

\_\_\_ It was on the seventh day ...

Cast The seventh day!

\_\_\_ I just said that.

Cast And?

\_\_\_ On the seventh day, King Ahashuerus ordered Queen Vashti to come over to his guys' party and "display her beauty."

\_\_\_ What an honor that must have been. I mean, the king's wife is never invited to the guys' party!

\_\_\_ This was no honor. At least, Queen Vashti didn't think so. She was horrified by the invitation and refused to do the king's bidding.

Cast She what?!

\_\_\_ She refused. Wouldn't budge. Held her ground. Stuck to her guns. Never said die.

Cast We get it!

\_\_\_ Well, King Ahashuerus didn't get it. And he was plenty mad too. He was blue in the face. Hot under the collar. Foaming at the mouth.

Cast Enough!

\_\_\_ Which is precisely what the king said: "Enough!" He consulted his advisers. "What," he asked them, "shall be done to Queen Vashti for failing to obey the command of the king?"

Cast What'd they say?

\_\_\_ Plenty. Just listen.

SONG: A NEW QUEEN FOR THE KING (to the tune of "At the End of the Day")

A new queen for the king is of paramount import.

It's imperative that he find one that is new.

If the king's feeling all blue, then our job is to see that he's merry.

And a shake-up in his staff's long overdue.

Might be hereditary.