

## SAMPLE: “A PETER PAN PURIMSPIEL!”

New Purim Lyrics by Rabbi Billy Dreskin & Cantor Ellen Dreskin

Music adapted from Broadway’s “Peter Pan” and Disney’s “Peter Pan”

\_\_\_ 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 one of the truly great classics of Purim celebration. Stay with us as Wendy, Michael, Captain Hook, the Lost Boys and, of course, Peter Pan lead us on a journey past the second star to the right, through Never Never Land, 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 Peter Pan Purimspiel”!

### “APPLAUSE” SIGN

WWCT’s “A Peter Pan Purimspiel” is brought to you this evening by Costly Costumes — Purim masks and apparel to make you look your best (or somebody else’s best!) ... and at outrageous prices too! Perfect for B’nai Mitzvah!

\_\_\_ And by Gorilla’s Megillahs — this year, when telling the famous and beloved story of Esther, don’t worry about a bus falling on top of you! Our scrolls are the most durable anywhere! And they’re approved by the World Wrestling Foundation and other fine religious programs like them!

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

\_\_\_ Good evening. I’m Marty Gralnick, proprietor of Costly Costumes, and I’m thrilled to be one of the sponsors of this evening’s presentation of “A Peter Pan Purimspiel.” You know, I rented — at no cost to the members of your synagogue — the costumes that the rabbi and cantor are wearing tonight not just because I care about Purim, because I do. Mmm ... those matzo balls really hit the spot. No, ma’am ... they’re wearing my costumes because I love the free advertising! It’s not that I can’t afford to pay for my ads; goodness knows, I charge enough on rentals to finance all six of my homes throughout New England, Florida and the Pacific Northwest. But I know that you care about renting only the best. And Costly Costumes is the best. Sure, they cost more — a whole lot more. But you wouldn’t want your friends to find out you got your Purim apparel from those other guys over at Disgustingly Discounted Disguises. I mean, what if someone saw their tag sticking out the back of your costume? So when you’re shopping for the best, remember: More is Almost Always Better. Next time you’re in the market for hiding your face, call me, Marty Gralnick, at Costly Costumes.

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

\_\_\_ Our story begins a long time ago ...

Cast Sing to us, baby!

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

\_\_\_ *It happened in the days of Ahasuerus, who reigned over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces from India to Nubia. In those days, when King Ahasuerus 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.*

Cast     What happened next?

\_\_\_\_\_     It's not a pretty story. So send the kids to bed and we'll tell you all about it.

Cast     But this is supposed to be a family show!

\_\_\_\_\_     Oh, really? Well then, we'll have to make a few adjustments.

\_\_\_\_\_     Plan B, everybody!

\_\_\_\_\_     Once upon a time ...

Cast     Not that many adjustments!

\_\_\_\_\_     Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary ...<sup>1</sup>

Cast     Somewhere in between?

\_\_\_\_\_     It was a dark and stormy night ...

Cast     Good enough.

\_\_\_\_\_     For a hundred and eighty-seven days, King Ahashuerus and all his pals ate and drank and danced and sang, and told politically incorrect jokes, and released inappropriate bodily sounds, as they caroused and frolicked and debauched to their shallow and boorish hearts' content.

\_\_\_\_\_     On the one hundred and eighty-seventh day, King Ahashuerus called for his most excellent queen, whose name was Vashti, to "display her beauty" before all the king's buddies.

\_\_\_\_\_     Well, guess what?

Cast     What?

\_\_\_\_\_     Have to guess.

Cast     Uh ... Vashti displayed her beauty and brought some of her girlfriends, too?

\_\_\_\_\_     Not by a long shot.

Cast     Vashti embraced the two middle pillars that the temple rested upon, leaned against them, and pulled with all her might, and the temple came crashing down on the Philistines?<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> From Edgar Allen Poe's *The Raven*.

<sup>2</sup> Judges 16:29ff.