

SAMPLE: "A WIZARD OF OZ PURIMSPIEL"

New Purim Lyrics by Rabbi Billy Dreskin & Cantor Ellen Dreskin
Music adapted from M-G-M's "The Wizard of Oz"

___ 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 Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion journey down the Yellow Brick Road ... 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 ... "The Wizard of Oz Purimspiel"! Brought to you this evening by Hand-Me-Down Hamentashen, those little fruit-filled pastries that are so hard, you'd swear they've been in the family for years.

___ And by Grey Matter Groggers, merry noisemakers that are so technologically advanced, it's like they have a mind of their own!

___ Our Purim story begins in Megillat Esther, the Scroll of Esther. No one quite knows where this scroll came from ...

CAST Where'd it come from?

___ ... or who wrote it ...

CAST Who wrote it?

___ ... or even when.

CAST Even when?

___ But we do know that without it, Purim would be just a lot of people having a really tough time explaining why they're dressed up for Halloween in March. You may follow along on page ___.

___ Chanting of 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 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."*

___ Seven days into the celebrating, Ahashuerus called for his queen, Vashti ...

CAST Here, Vashti!

___ ... to come and display her beauty. Now Vashti was a good queen.

CAST Good queen!

— What she wasn't was someone who simply did what someone else told her to do, especially if she thought it was demeaning. And being asked by her husband to "display her beauty" for his pals ... that was demeaning!

— So she said, "No."

CAST No!!

— She refused to appear.

Song: VASHTI'S DEMISE & ESTHER'S RISE ("We're Off to See the Wizard")

What did she think he would say?	Mordechai heard the big news.
"If you don't come, that's okay"?	Thought he had nothing to lose.
Vashti dissed the King and now she	Family as royalty,
Really is going to pay.	That couldn't be bad for the Jews.
Wouldn't appear and dance for the men.	Esther, his cousin, playing the part —
Ahashuerus is single again.	She had the beauty to win the King's heart.
Spread the word of what occurred.	Looks and charm that could disarm,
Come gather the people and then ...	As well as a Bachelor of Arts.

We're waiting to discover
Who's going to be the new queen.
From far and wide, he'll pick a new bride,
A beauty who won't cause a scene.
To get the girls ready will take a year.
In front of the King, they'll each appear.
They'll have their job cut out for them, it's clear.
For some lucky girl, it's a new career.
We're waiting to discover
Who's going to be the new queen.

We're proud to say that Esther
Is going to be the new queen.
That Mordechai's the cleverest guy,
A marvelous mind machine.
'Twas certain that Esther would ace the test.
Of ten thousand girls, she was the best.
Achashverosh, he must have been impressed,
'Tho he didn't know of her Jewishness.
We're thrilled to say that Esther
Is going to be the new queen,
Is going to be the new queen,
Is going to be the new queen.

Meanwhile, a fellow by the name of Mordechai had been listening to CNN BCE.

— So Esther won the contest.

CAST Hooray!

— And became the new queen.

CAST Yippee!

— But in the center of Shushan, a sinister plot was brewing.

CAST Regular or decaf?

— This is serious. Two of the king's own guards were plotting to kill him.

— But Mordechai learned about the plot and told it to Esther who reported it to the king.