

## **FAST FACTS!**

- 1. Purim is the most festive holiday of the Jewish calendar.
- 2. Purim is the story of Queen Esther, who courageously risked her life to save the Jews.
- 3. On Purim, we read the megillah, which is the *Book of Esther* and tells the Purim story.
- 4. At Purim, we give *mishloach manot* gifts of food to family and friends.
- 5. Groggers noisemakers are used to drown out the name of Haman.
- 6. A common Purim treat is *Hamantaschen*, a filled triangular cookie said to represent the shape of Haman's tri-cornered hat.
- 7. One of the mitzvot of Purim is to give support to those who need help through *tzedakah*.
- 8. Purim is celebrated similarly by Jews all over the world, but each culture has its own special spin on the celebrating.
- 9. Shushan is the name of the Persian city where the Book of Esther takes place.
- 10. The main players in the Purim story are named King Achashverosh, Queen Vashti, Mordechai, Queen Esther, and Haman.









