

# Venture into Purim



## Keep Learning: *Mishloach Manot*

*Mishloach Manot* [meesh-LOE-akh mah-NOTE] means "sending portions to one another." It is a phrase taken from the Megillah [Book of Esther] that commands the Jewish community to give small packages of food or gifts to friends on the day of Purim.

There are two explanations for why this commandment might exist. The first explanation is because Haman accused the Jews of being "a scattered, and divided nation." So, Jewish people send gifts to each other in order to show that they are not divided, but united.

Another explanation is that so that everyone can fulfill the mitzvah of eating a proper, festive meal on Purim.

## Make a Mishloach Manot Basket

*Materials: 8x10 sheet of colored paper, scissors, glue stick, tissue paper or coffee filter*



Holding the paper horizontally, fold it in half four times and then unfold.



Cut on all the fold lines, creating 16 strips. (This will be enough for two baskets with 2 left over)



Make a "+" with two strips and glue them together at the center.



Make an "x" with two more and glue those on top at the center, making an "\*"



Cut one of the remaining strips in half and glue that half onto another strip (this will be the ring and it will be 1.5 strips long.)



Glue the ends of the strip to make a circle and place it in the middle of the "\*"



Bend and then glue the ends of the strips to the outside of the band, all the way around.



Glue the ends of the last strip onto the inside of the band to create the handle.



Line the bottom of your Mishloach Manot basket with tissue paper or a coffee filter and then fill it with treats to share with a friend!