



Venture into Purim



Purim Spiels

What is a Purim Spiel?

Spiel is a Yiddish word meaning a “play” or “skit.” A Purim spiel actually tells the story of the *Book of Esther*, giving people an opportunity to cheer the heroes (Mordecai and Esther) and boo the villains (Haman).



Purim spiels are usually funny skits that include popular songs with rewritten lyrics that poke fun at current events or popular people. Some spiels are small readings and others are big productions with costumes, music, and props.



The Purim Spiel often takes a look at world politics with various world leaders playing the roles of heroes and villains and is an opportunity to present a Jewish version of political justice in the world.

Have you ever seen or been in a Purim spiel? Maybe you could use the paper doll activity on the next page and create your own version of a spiel!