

# Purim Play

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## ● Characters

- Narrator
- Mordecai
- Esther
- Ahashverhash
- Haman
- Vashti
- Ensemble

## ● Props

- Giant Ray gun-- maybe made of foam or something (Isaac will make this).
- Speakers for an iphone or other media--- something with a line in.
- Fancy costumes --- Persian, everyone needs to make their own.
- Plastic sword for
- Mordecai.
- Crowns---- for king and queen.
- A throne would be cool.
- Tool Box

## ● Songs-played via iphone

- Grandmaster flash / old school hip hop
- Steve miller band
- Evil music like john williams darth vader score
- We Are The Champions by Queen
- Baby Shark

## Costumes and Roles

### **Mordecai:**

Mordecai is often portrayed as an old man, but since he saved the king's life, we know he is a palace guard, probably captain of the guards. His costume can be a knight in armor or a policeman if you prefer something more modern.

### **Ahashverhash:**

Ahashverhash is very powerful but kind of stupid. He must have a crown. He could wear a regal outfit but it should be kind of disheveled and maybe the wrong size. He could wear a modern suit and tie but if so, then his shirt should be untucked or some other signs of being sloppy. He can have really messy hair. He can wear something that's really out of place, like ski goggles or a toy dinosaur always stuck to his head. He also loves classic rock and as you know, he relies on Haman.

### **Vashti:**

Vashti should be like a beautiful princess that is also very sensitive. Her costume is probably going to be the hardest costume to make because she needs to have a pink dress, so you should probably borrow one from home. She also needs a crown like King A. and Queen Esther,

Which you can make. It would be cool to have gems on her crown so probably add some pretend ones if you want.

### **Esther:**

In this story, Esther is like a superhero so she needs a cape and a superhero outfit. She is a very brave queen and she will also need a crown. A little skirt would be good for the break dancing part. If you think of a wonder woman costume with a giant E on it and a cape, this will work really well.

### **Haman:**

Haman needs a outfit like Kylo Ren's outfit from Star Wars. He also needs a triangle hat that can come on and off, because his hat will also be a prop.(Isaac will make this). He will maybe also need a pretend mustache.



## Scene 1

**Narrator:**

Mordecai was a palace guard in the kingdom of Shushan, in Persia. He discovered a plot against the king, Ahashverhash and stopped it just in time.

**Mordecai:** [shouts, pointing off-stage]

Stop them! They wish to harm the king!

**Haman:**

You traitors. Throw them in the Dungeon!

**Narrator:**

Mordecai had uncovered their secret, but he had a secret of his own. He was Jewish, and his family's traditions were not allowed in Persia.

**Ahashverhash :**

Mordecai, my noble guard! You have saved my life. Ask for any reward and if it is within my power I shall grant it. Gold, Silver? A griffin's wing feather? A dragon egg? All you have to do is ask. Anything in my kingdom is yours.

Narrator: Mordecai could not reveal that he was Jewish, but still he asked for what he wanted most.

Mordecai:

My king, I wish only to live peacefully with my family, and continue to celebrate our traditions.

**Ahashverhash :**

Then I shall vow to always preserve your peace and the traditions of your family. You shall always have my good will and protection. This I vow!

**Narrator**

Of course the King didn't understand what he had promised. King Ahashverhash was a strange character. He could be a noble and just ruler sometimes, but at other times he was a complete fool. Perhaps it was because he couldn't keep his own counsel, and relied so much on his advisor Haman. Haman hated the Queen, Vashti, and her influence on the king.

**Ahashverhash**

Vashti, sing me a song. Something classical. Something I can dance to. Maybe something by Gershwin.

[Vashti enters in a glamorous pink dress--]

I know just the thing!

Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo, baby shark doo doo doo doo doo

[Ahashverhash has a weird look on his face]

Haman [comes in from the side]

Daddy shark doo doo doo doo

Esther [comes in from the side]

Mommy shark doo doo doo

Ensemble

Etc--- all cast sing the chorus together.

**Ahashverhash**

That was not what I was expecting! I am most displeased! Your taste in music is TURRIBLE!

**Vashti** [crying]

But you don't understand, that shark is just a baby! He's cute and dangerous at the same time and....

Haman [whispering to the king]

This is simply too much, my lord. You must be rid of this wench.

**Ahashverhash**

[whispering]Yes. I'm the king aren't I? [louder] Enough! Away with you! Henceforth you are no longer the Queen! You are banished! [Haman runs over and takes the crown off of her head. Vashti tries to snatch it back but Haman holds it out of her reach. Vashti runs off crying]

**Haman**

Thank goodness you got rid of her. I'm so tired of that song. You need to have a contest to find a new Queen. Someone who's taste in music isn't so TURRIBLE! [Haman holds the crown greedily, finally Ahashverhash takes it from him]

**Ahashverhash** [holding up the crown]

Let the contest begin! I will find the most talented and intelligent woman in all of Persia to become my new bride.

## Scene 2

### **Narrator**

Hear ye, hear ye, a contest of intelligence and skill for all the land, the winner will be crowned queen of Shushan. You can win big money! And big prizes! (drops voice) terms and conditions and other stipulations may apply.

### **Mordecai**

My dear niece Esther, you are the smartest and most skilled person I know. If you won this contest you would be able to influence the king and protect the Jewish people.

### **Esther**

But I don't want to marry him! Blooorch---- are you kidding me? He's soooooo groooooossss. King Ahashverash is as ugly as an old sock. And let's be honest, he's dumb and he listens to boring music, like Steve Miller Band. [play steve miller band]

Narrator [he's listening, creeping on them]

What? That's classic rock.

### **Mordecai**

Shhh--- Esther, keep it down. Don't talk like that. The Jewish people need a hero, someone with the courage to challenge evil, to rise up in the name of truth and justice--- someone like----

**Esther**--[holds a cloth around her neck like a cape sings a heroic "du du du du!" and leaps onto the stage]

Someone like me! But I'll reveal my true identity before we get married.

## Scene 3

[palace courtyard--- day of the contest --- hip hop music is playing-- Mordecai is standing guard]

### **Ensemble**

Dancing around and clapping to hip hop music

### **Narrator**

Esther's skill at breakdancing impresses the entire court.

[there is some 80's hip-hop music like grandmaster flash on at this point. Esther is doing the robot and the entire cast is clapping to the beat and cheering.]

She wins hands down! Esther is crowned Queen [put crown on Esther, who poses with her arms crossed ]

Later that same day ...

[this is a dark and sinister scene, like in a movie evil music in the background]

### **Haman**

Your majesty, there are those among us who refuse to bow down and are trying to cause the collapse of your kingdom. They are very dangerous. We must completely annihilate them.

[we see mordecai listening in on this conversation]

### **Ahashverhash**

Complete annihilation? You don't mean?

### **Haman**

Yes. The Destructo Ray.

[Haman runs off stage and gets a giant weird prop that looks like a big silver gun]

[Mordecai gasps]

### **Ahashverhash**

Make it so my true and faithful advisor.

[Mordecai sneezes]

### **Ahashverhash and Haman**

What was that?

## Scene 4

### **Narrator**

And so the Destructo Ray was armed, but unknown to the King and Haman, Mordecai had overheard the conversation and ran to tell Esther.

### **Mordecai**

Esther, you are the queen of Persia! You must stop Ahashverhash , that ugly fool, from his evil plan. Your mission is to find the Destructo Ray and disable it.

### **Esther**

It's an extremely dangerous task, but I can do it. Mordecai, get me my tool kit. [Mordecai brings a toolbox]

[Esther runs off stage and we hear a bunch of clunking and loud noise as she is working on the destructo ray]

## Scene 5

### **Ensemble**

Standing around witnessing the action

### **Narrator**

With the destructo ray disabled, Esther had bravely foiled the kings lame plan, but Haman and Ahashverhash were unaware that it didn't work.

**Haman** [lifts giant raygun]

Ready. Aim. Fire!!

[sound effect like womp womp]



**Ahashverhash**

It didn't work!

**Esther** [enters]

That's because I disabled it!

**Ahashverhash**

Queen Esther, why would you do such a thing?

**Esther**

Because I am more than just the Queen of Persia, I'm one of those you would destroy! I'm part of a family, and I'm proud to be Jewish. My family is here before you, protecting you!

[she reaches for Mordecai]

Mordecai is my uncle, and you've sworn a solemn vow to let him live in peace and celebrate the traditions of his family.

[everyone gasps, recoiling in shock]

**Ahashverhash:**

Mordecai is this true?

**Mordecai:**

It's true my king. And here is the promise you signed when I saved your life. [hands him a paper]

**Ahashverhash** [getting angry]

Haman!!!! You lied to me! It was you all along! You were the evil one! You were the one trying to destroy my kingdom! Why! Tell me why!

**Haman**

I despised Mordecai because of his bravery. I saw the way you respected him. I saw how grateful you were. I was envious. I knew he was different, and I hated him and his family because of that.

**Ahashverhash**

I've been a fool to listen to you, from the very beginning. This is not what my kingdom stands for. Mordecai, I have a mission for you. Go out into the desert wastes and find Vashti, bring her back to the city in safety. Meanwhile, Esther what shall we do with this cretin?

**Esther**

I've made some modifications to the destructo ray. Now it's an ejecto-launcher. We can launch Haman into outer space.

**Ahashverhash**

Just send him as far away as you can!

[Esther launches Haman out into space. His hat falls on the floor as he flies away. Vashti returns looking exhausted and thirsty]

**Ahashverhash**

Give her a glass of water. [Vashti is drinking] Vashti, I'm sorry. I've been a fool. Can you ever forgive me? Please tell me what I have to do. I'll do anything. Please Vashti, please say something.

**Vashti** [finishes drinking the glass of water looks around as though for the first time. Looks at Ahashverhash then out to the audience, slowly holds up her hand]

[singing]

Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo baby shark doo doo doo doo

**Ensemble**

[everybody starts singing]

**Narrator**

[interrupts the song and picks up Haman's hat]

Wow! This kind of looks like a cookie! Let's call it; Haman tossin, because Haman left it here when he got tossed into outer space!

In the story of Purim, it's not easy to tell good from evil. What seems to be good — [Haman enters from off stage] — turns out to be evil. What seems to be evil —[Ahashverhash does a little dance in the background] — turns out to be good. Purim teaches us to know ourselves, to search for the deeper truth of who we are.

**Esther**

To stay true to our family and loved ones, and not allow ourselves to be divided against one another because of our differences.

**Mordecai**

To stay true to our ceremonies and traditions, and not compromise in order to fit in.

**Esther**

We can find solutions to any problem without losing sight of who we are. We can overcome. We are the Champions.

["We Are The Champions" starts playing and the whole cast sings along.]