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**Executive Producers**

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**Directors**

Debra Getz and Irene Stoller

**Musical Director**

Paul Birnbaum

**Choreographer**

Nancy Lord

Shpiel Song Title	Shpiel Lyricist	Original Song	Original Artist
Purim Nights	Josh Olshin and Ken Getz	Summer Nights (Grease)	John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John
Vashti's So Glum	Mark Lefkowitz	Here Comes the Sun	The Beatles
The Goys of Summer	Brian Brenner	The Boys of Summer	Don Henley
Devotion	Ken Getz	Sea of Love	Robert Plant's The Honeydrippers
New Queenie	Adam Shain	Surf City	Jan and Dean
Esther, Please!	Sheryl Olshin	Summer Breeze	Seals and Crofts
The Figs Dipped in Honey Song	Lisa Einstein	Escape (The Pina Colada Song)	Rupert Holmes
Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Plot to Execute the Kingy	Adam Shain	Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini	Brian Hyland
I am the Top Dog Now	Rob Carver	I Can See Clearly Now	Johnny Nash
Shushanvile	Nancy Lord	Margaritaville	Jimmy Buffett
Wouldn't It Be Nice	Irene Stoller	Wouldn't It Be Nice	The Beach Boys
Come Save the Day	Rob Carver	Come Sail Away	Styx
Sittin' on Top of Shushan	Randy and Leanna Ugent	Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay	Otis Redding
Shushan Habira	Paul Davidson	Copacabana	Barry Manilow
Hang in the Sun	Ken Getz	Soak Up the Sun	Sheryl Crow
King Baby	Nancy Lord	Beach Baby	The First Class
Under the Gallows	Josh Olshin	Under the Boardwalk	The Drifters
Dancing in Shushan	Irene Stoller	Walking on Sunshine	Katrina and the Waves
Lot Lot Lot	Debra Getz and Rob Carver	Hot Hot Hot	The Merrymen
We Need a Little Purim	Robert Young	We Need a Little Christmas (Mame)	Jerry Herman

### **We Need a Little Purim (Lyrics)**

Please stop the noshing. we've eaten too much sugar and it's caused a rush...

Speaking of rushing, put away the cookies, brownies, but not the Hamentashen.

For we need a little Purim, right this very minute. With Mordechai and Esther, and Evil Haman in it.

Yes, we need a little Purim. With, gaiety and laughter celebrating victory and living happily ever after.

Put back the chocolate, strawberry, mocha chip, and, of course, cookie dough.

We should consider desserts with Splenda, Equal, maybe Sweet and Low.

Oh, we need a little Purim, we know you're empathetic. It's really not the sugar, and we're not all diabetic.

Yes we need a little Purim, because it gives us naches. We need a little Purim now!

## **Our Bodacious Cast of Characters**

King Achashverosh	Heidi Kassner
Queen Vashti	Jill Sandberg
Haman	Ken Getz
Mordechai	Mark Lefkowitz
Hadassah/Esther	Elah Grandel
Bigthan (Guard)	Debra Lefkowitz
Therish (Guard)	Nancy Lord
Zeresh (Haman's wife)	Debra Getz

## **Our Ensemble of Dudes and Dudettes**

All of the above... plus  
Phil Bernstein, Brian Brenner, Jackie Chados,  
Paul Davidson, Lisa Einstein, Sophie Einstein,  
Rabbi Jeremy Fineberg, Fiona James, Art Newman,  
Steve Rafsky, Rabbi Josh Schreiber,  
Irene Stoller, Gila Yudewitz  
and our TI Religious School students

## **Our Rad Band**

Band Leader/Guitar – Paul Birnbaum  
Keyboards – Steven Schachter  
Percussion – David Kantor  
Bass – Earl Gingras  
Trumpet – Walt Massefski  
Tenor Sax – Michael Getz

## **Previous Temple Israel Shpiels**

A Beatles Purim, 2004	From Groggers to Grammys, 2014
Rock n' Roll Purim, 2005	Shushan Girl, 2015
TV Land, 2006	Purim Divas, 2016
Forbidden Broadway, 2007	Purim Royalty, 2017
Forbidden Broadway - The Sequel, 2008	The British Invasion, 2018
That '70's Shpiel, 2009	Give My Regards to Shushan, 2019
Schmotown, 2010	Back to the '80s, 2020
Disney's CinderEsther, 2011	Video: Encore 2021 ( <i>Reprise</i> )
Thanks for the Memories, 2012	Video: Movie Theme Songs 2022 ( <i>plus Reprise</i> )
A Purim Cabaret, 2013	2023: A Shpieling Odyssey

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### PLOT

SETTING: Various locations in and about Shushan, Persia - During the reign of King Achashverosh (spanning 366 - 356 BCE [3395 - Adar of 3404]).

The King summons Vashti to show off her beauty, Vashti refuses to come and the King has her banished. The King misses his Queen and a beauty pageant is held for all the kingdom's maidens. Hadassah, raised by her cousin, Mordechai, is deemed the fairest. The King loves Esther and makes her Queen. Mordechai overhears Bigthan and Therish plotting to murder the King and reveals the plot. The plotters are caught and executed. The King appoints Haman as Prime Minister who issues a decree that all should bow to him. Mordechai refuses to bow, his refusal infuriates Haman. Haman asks the King permission to destroy the Jews. The King issues a decree that on the 13th of Adar, the Jews are to be exterminated. Mordechai tells Esther that she must go to the King and stop the decree. Esther approaches the King who holds out his golden scepter, a sign she is welcome and offers to grant her any request. The King, unable to sleep, is brought the Book of Chronicles that recalls Mordechai uncovering the plot on the King's life. The King realizes that he never rewarded Mordechai. The King asks Haman how to honor a loyal subject. Thinking the King is referring to him, Haman suggests the subject be adorned in robes led around on the king's steed. The King orders Haman to dress Mordechai in robes and to lead him around Shushan on his best stallion. Esther tells the King that someone seeks her death and the death of her people. Outraged, the King demands to know who this is. Esther reveals she is a Jew and identifies Haman. The King is outraged and Haman is hanged from the very gallows that he had built for Mordechai. The King appoints Mordechai as his new Prime Minister. Mordechai and Esther issue an edict granting the Jews the right to defend themselves. When the 13th of Adar arrives, the Jews defeat their enemies. We celebrate the 14th day of Adar as Purim.

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