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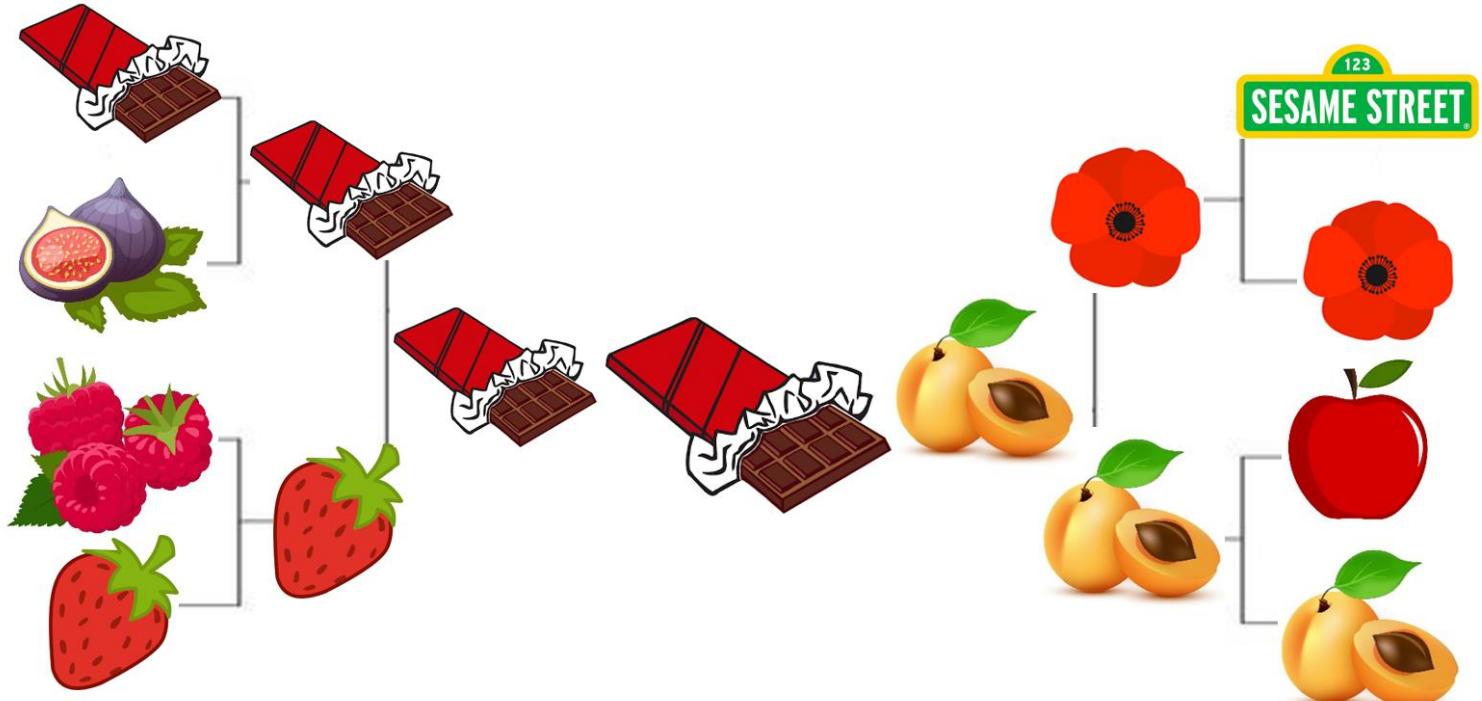
The Purim Issue

Truth and Mercy

Head-to-Head Hamantaschen

By: Isaac and Jaxon

We asked the staff of The HDS Press which hamantaschen flavors were their favorite. The battle included the following flavors: chocolate against fig, raspberry against strawberry, sesame seed halva against poppy seed and apricot against apple. The winner is chocolate! Isaac's favorite flavor is apricot, so he was a little disappointed.



What Makes a Queen?

By: Nate

Queen Vashti was a strong and brave queen who stood up to King Achashverosh when he told her to do something she did not feel comfortable doing. Queen Vashti acted like a queen by being brave. She knew that if she did not do what king Achashverosh wanted, she would have consequences. She stood up to the king anyway.

Queen Esther also earned the title of Queen. Esther cared about her people. When she found out that Haman was going to kill the Jews she was horrified. She told King Achashverosh even though she was scared. Because of her bravery, her people were saved.

A Purim Poem

By: Gil

One day
Inside a hamantaschen souffle
There were two chocolate chips who
wanted to play
“Hi,” one said, “would you like to play?”
“Sure, but make sure to lay...
Two graham crackers down, so we can turn
into chocolate hamantaschen today!”

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The Story of Purim: A Retelling

By: Talia

Once, in the land of Persia there was a king named Achashverosh. When King Achashverosh hosted a glorious feast he boasted about his queen, Vashti. But when Vashti did not come to the feast at his request, the king banished her. After this, King Achashverosh needed a new queen. In order to choose his new queen, he asked every maiden in Persia to come before him.

Hadassah was an orphan who lived with her uncle Mordecai. When the guards came to take her before the king, she was nervous. Uncle Mordecai told her, "Go! But don't tell them you are a Jew!" Jewish people were not treated nicely in the Persian kingdom. Mordecai continued, "From now on your name is Esther. Esther means disguise." When Esther was brought before the king she was chosen.

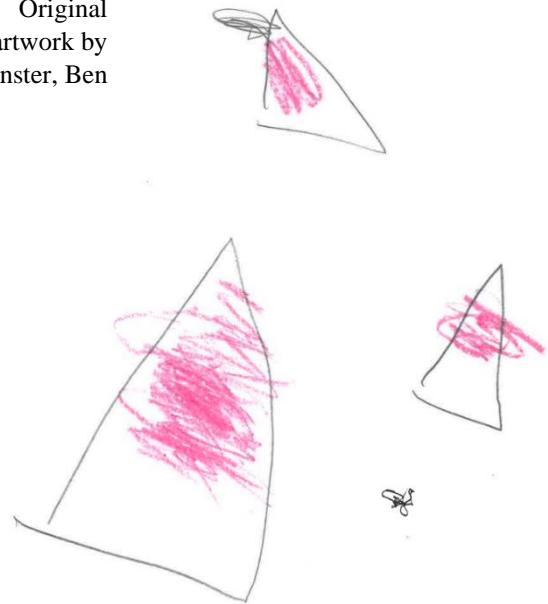
The king also had an advisor. That advisor's name was Haman, and he was not very nice. The people of Persia were told to bow down to Haman. But Esther's uncle Mordecai did not bow down. "Bow!" Haman would bellow, but Mordecai wouldn't budge. Mordecai stood tall and firm. "I bow down to God not human, for I am a Jew," he said. When Haman got home that day he decided that he wanted to get rid of all of the Jews. He asked for the king's permission and the king agreed. The Jews would be sent away on the 14th day of the Jewish month of Adar.

The Jews were sad. The Jews were mad. Upon hearing the news, the Jews tore their clothes and prayed for God to save them. Mordecai told Esther to go to her husband, the king, and ask him to change Haman's law.

Esther went before the king but was afraid. Instead of asking him to change the law she invited the king and Haman to a feast. At the feast she was still too scared, so she invited them to another feast the following night.

The night before Esther's final feast King Achashverosh couldn't sleep. To ease his mind, he asked his scribe to read the good deeds his citizens had performed. The scribe read and read and finally reached Mordecai's name. Mordecai had once saved the king's life from guards who were plotting against him. The king was overcome with shock and pride. "How was he rewarded?" The king asked. "He wasn't." The scribe replied. Just then Haman walked into the room. The

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king thought Haman might know of a good reward for Mordecai. "Haman," he began, "What should I do for a man I wish to honor?" Haman thought the king was referring to him so he smiled and said, "Well, if I wished to reward an honorable man I would dress him in royal robes, put him on a royal horse, and parade him across the kingdom."

"Wonderful!" The king replied, "You will do this for Mordecai! He is the man I wish to honor."

"What?!" Exclaimed Haman. Haman was beside himself with frustration.

That day Haman begrudgingly dressed Mordecai in royal robes, placed him upon a royal horse and paraded him across the kingdom.

The next night Haman and the king came to Esther's second banquet. There Esther stood before the king and said, "Haman wishes to hurt the Jews, but I am a Jew, and my uncle Mordecai is a Jew. Would you hurt the wife you love and the man who saved you?" King Achashverosh was appalled. He finally saw Haman for the nasty and evil man that he truly was. The king banished Haman and kept the Jewish people safe from harm.

Today we celebrate Esther's brave story with the holiday, Purim. We dress up in costumes, we eat yummy treats, and we make loud noises to drown out the sound of the evil Haman's name. We celebrate because the 14th day of Adar was planned for the end of the Jews but instead it was the end of Haman.

Fun and Games

The Day of Opposites

By: Nitai



Purim Word Search

By: Charlie and Daniel

Disguise
King
Adar
Purim
Persia
Banquet
Hat
Queen
Kingdom
Mordecai
Megillah
Clown
Happy
Party

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Purim Crossword

By: Nate

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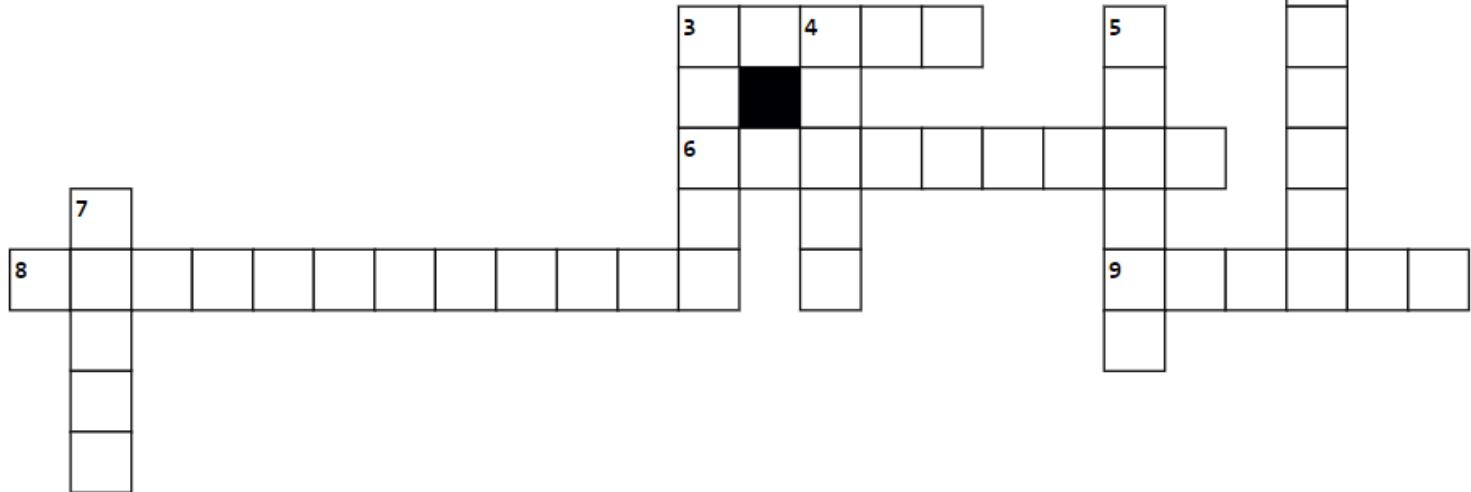
1. the Book of Esther
3. wore a triangle-shaped hat
4. a very fun holiday
5. they are very loud
7. something fun to do on Purim

Across

2. something that you wear that is colorful
3. how should people feel on Purim
6. adopted Queen Esther and saved the king
8. is a very yummy treat
9. a brave, kind queen

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I Recommend These Hamantaschen!

By: Eden

This is a hamantaschen recipe that I highly recommend. Roll your dough in to small balls and smush the balls down into circles. The place a small amount of filling in the center of the circle. Finally, pinch the dough circle on three sides to create the shape of Haman's hat. Try them out and let me know what you think.

Ingredients

Makes about 45 hamantaschen

Dough:

185 grams (1 stick + 5 tbsp) butter
40 gram (3tbsp) sugar
75 grams (1/2 cup) powdered sugar, sifted
Pinch of salt
1 egg
340 grams (2 ¾ cup) all-purpose flour

Apple Filling

5-6 medium Granny Smith apples
150g (3/4 cups) sugar
¼ cup + 1 tbsp water
1 tbsp lemon juice
Pinch of sat
45 grams (1/2 cup) cake or breadcrumbs
1 tsp cinnamon
1 egg for egg wash
Powdered sugar for dusting



Coloring Page

By: Shail-Lee and Luta

