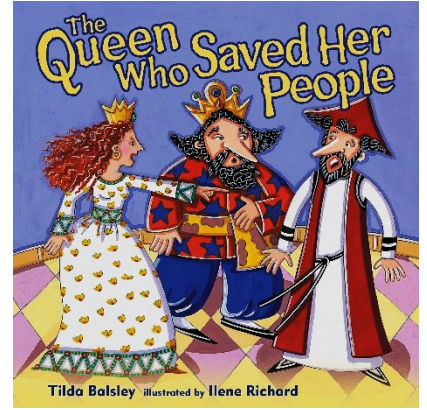


PURIM TITLES

Purim is a favorite holiday, particularly among younger children. We have some wonderful titles for all ages available in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. Check out our full list of Purim resources [here](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

If you're looking for a great picture book that simply tells the Purim story, Tilda Balsley's *The Queen Who Saved Her People*, is a favorite among early readers. In addition to the book's wonderful illustrations, the ability to read the parts of the characters is often a big hit. Perhaps the most classic Purim picture book is *The Mystery Bear: A Purim Story*, by Leone Adelson, about an actual bear crashing a Purim party. *A Persian Princess*, by Barbara Diamond Goldin, is a beautiful story about celebrating the holiday in historical Iran, or what used to be Persia. Two newer titles that take a fresh approach to the story of Esther are Allison Ofanansky's *Esther Didn't Dream of Being Queen*, and *Queen Vashti's Comfy Pants*, by Leah Rachel Berkowitz. Finally, a classic for slightly older readers, *Cakes and Miracles*, by Barbara Diamond Goldin, doesn't teach much about the holiday, but is a beautiful story and a Sydney Taylor Award-winning picture book.

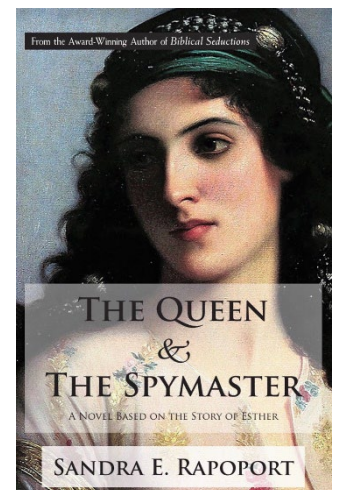


Chapter Books for Older Children and Teens

For middle-grade readers, Karen Fisman's *Problems in Purimville*, is a crazy, mixed-up story for the holiday. Eric Kimmel's *The Story of Esther*, and *Esther's Story*, by Diane Wolkstein, are excellent titles for this age group, despite having illustrations. Judith Pransky's *The Seventh Handmaiden*, is a historical novel for teen readers centered around a servant of Queen Esther's. It was recognized as a Sydney Taylor Notable Book. *Queen of Secrets*, by Jenny Meyerhoff, is a contemporary novel about fifteen-year-old, Essie Green, that is loosely based on the story of Esther. The book itself is focused on Essie's choices in her Michigan high school, but readers may also enjoy finding the Purim story connections.

For Adults

Are you looking for a Purim *shpiel*? Our adult collection includes Deborah Boden Cohen's *Beware the Ides of Adar: A Shakespearean Purim Shpiel*, written almost entirely with the words of the playwright! Our fiction collection includes Sandra Rapoport's *The Queen & the Spymaster: A Novel Based on the Story of Esther*, and *The Gilded Chamber: A Novel of Queen Esther*, by Rebecca Kohn. For the history of the holiday, *Purim and the Persian Empire: A Historical, Archaeological, and Geographical Perspective*, by Yehuda Landy, is a fascinating, illustrated account of research into the holiday's history. Purim is included in Rabbi Paul Steinberg's anthology, *Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays*, and Philip Goodman's *The Purim Anthology*, is also in our collection. Both include essays from a variety of sources. And for those looking to get to the source, we have more than one edition of the *Megillah* on our shelves.



Media

Our library's resources are not limited to books. A *Shalom Sesame* Purim DVD is available for our youngest audience, along with a four-piece wooden Purim puzzle. And we have a CD available of Purim songs in Hebrew for those looking for holiday music.