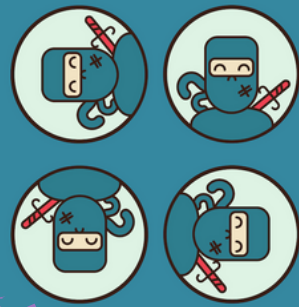




THE WEEKLY
parsha  **ninja**



**THE
PURIM
EDITION!**



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Bonus Idea:

Look for the  throughout these pages. When you see one, cut out the related Megillah character, attach each one to a popsicle stick and enjoy your full set of Paper Purim People.



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Parsha Ninja's PURIM pack!

In this e-book, you will find a series of activities to help your family not just learn about the holiday of Purim, but love the holiday of Purim as well.

Purim is often such a busy busy day - mostly because it's filled with so many things to do and accomplish and check off your list, and the whole holiday is only one day long!

But we can do this. It will just take a little bit of thinking ahead, making a list or two and being organized. And honestly, if you don't get to the being organized part this year, that's cool too, because it'll be a crazy 24 hours and then it'll be over! If you only have so much organizing in you, we highly recommended hoarding it all for Pesach!

Also, a quick note about the Ninjagrams at the end of the packet: These notes are intended to show our family members that we see all the wonderfulness they do for us, and with us. They can be written from parent to child, child to parent or even sibling to sibling - and it can be fun to hide notes in unexpected places, like under a plate on the table or on a dining room chair, just waiting there for someone to pull out their chair. But what to write? Maybe a thank you note to a child for helping deliver *mishloach manot* or to a parent for baking *hamentashen* for the family. Another idea: Start writing these a few days before Purim, leaving some blank ones on the table with a set of markers. These can be hung on the wall as very personalized Purim decorations. Go ahead and print as many as your family might need!

We'd love to hear from you. We can be reached at jenwiseart@gmail.com.

From our messy minivan full of sugared-up kids, to yours,
Rabbi Josh and Jen Wise



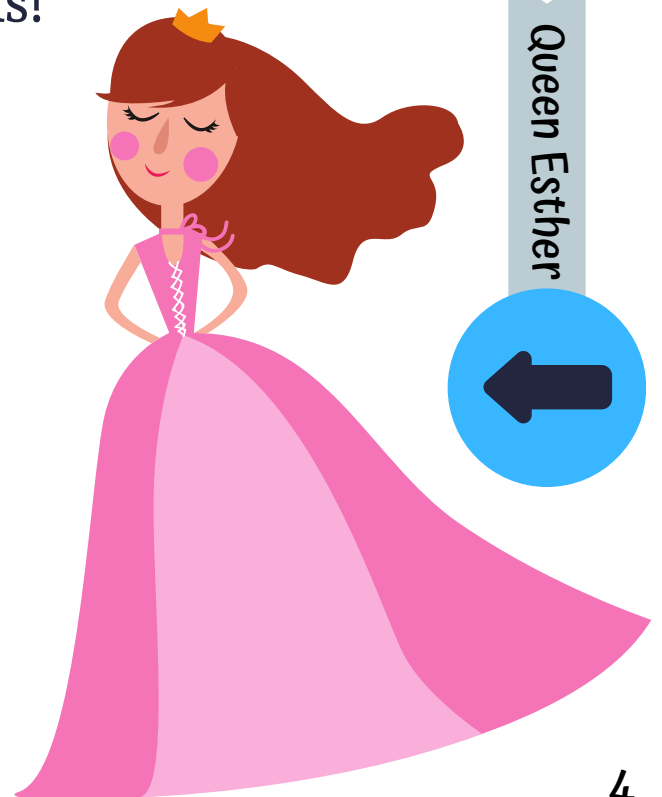
Your

PURIM DAY

To-Do Checklist

- Get all dressed up in your costume.
- Listen to Megillat Esther (Makes lots of noise when you hear Haman!)
- Give some tzedaka money to someone in need.
- Help deliver your family's mishloach manot. Be sure to taste some of the treats you receive
- (but always ask a grownup first!) - and don't eat them all, save some for lunchbox snacks!
- Participate in a Purim seuda or a festive meal today.

How many items were you able to check off?



Who's Who in the MEGILLAH?

Achashverosh:

Achashverosh is the king of Persia during the time that the story in the megillah is taking place, more than 2000 years ago. His kingdom has 127 countries and he rules over all of them. King Achashverosh is married to Queen Vashti, and one of his favorite things to do is to throw really large parties that last for days.

Vashti:

Before Vashti becomes the Queen of Persia, she was a princess in her own right. Vashti is the granddaughter of Nevuchadnetzar, the king who destroyed the first beit hamikdash. At some point, Achashverosh does not like something that Vashti does and he decides that she would not be the queen any longer.

Haman:

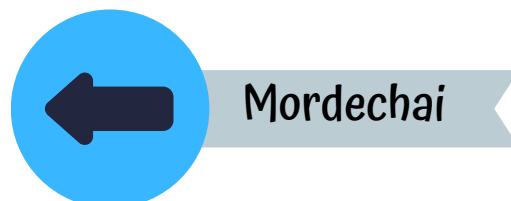
Haman is the bad guy in the Purim story. His job in the government of Persia is to be King Achashverosh's right-hand man, which means that he is there to do whatever Achashverosh asks him. At some point, Haman meets a Jew named Mordechai, whom he dislikes right away, and from then on, Haman's main goal in life is to kill all the Jewish people.

Mordechai:

Mordechai, from the city of Shushan, is the leader of the Jewish people at the time the Purim story takes place. Mordechai is the uncle of a girl named Esther. He is also a proud Jew who refuses to bow to Haman, and then trouble ensues. But don't worry, because Mordechai quickly becomes a hero in this story.

Esther:

Esther is a Jewish girl who eventually becomes queen, after King Achashverosh gets rid of Vashti. Esther never wanted to be queen, but she steps up and does what needs to be done to help the Jewish people. Does that sound confusing? Don't worry - just turn the page because the story is just getting started.





THE QUICK VERSION OF THE STORY OF

MEGILLAT ESTHER

Do you love a fun party? Because King Achashverosh sure did. He threw lots of parties, and one day, he invited all the Jews to a party that lasted 180 whole days! In the middle of that party, Achashverosh sent for his queen, Vashti, to come join the party. She refused to come, and because she didn't listen to him, the king, Achashverosh decided to find a new queen.

The city of Shushan was part of the 127 countries that Achashverosh ruled over. There was a girl named Esther who lived in Shushan, with her uncle Mordechai, who also happened to be the leader of the Jewish people in Shushan. Esther loved her life, she never even thought about being the queen. However, from all the girls in the land, she was chosen to be the next queen. Mordechai told her to be very careful and to be sure to not reveal her Jewish identity to anyone in the palace. Esther did not want to become the queen, but as we will see later, her becoming the queen helped save the whole Jewish nation.

There was also a man named Haman. He was the second in command in Achashverosh's government, and Achashverosh usually listened to everything Haman told him. At one point, Haman met Mordechai in the street and demanded that Mordechai bow down to him. Being a Jew, Mordechai refused. The only one he would bow down to was Hashem. This made Haman really really angry, and it made him hate all the Jews. After that, killing all the Jewish people became Haman's goal in life. Haman asked Achashverosh for permission to kill all the Jews, and Achashverosh - not knowing that his new queen, Esther, was Jewish, said yes. It was decided that on the 13th day of Adar, Haman would kill all the Jews.

Mordechai went to Queen Esther and asked to go to King Achashverosh and ask him for help. Queen Esther answered that she would try, but first, she needed all the Jews to fast for three days while praying to Hashem for help. Queen Esther fasted as well, along with all her maids and servants in the palace.

After three days, Queen Esther approached King Achashverosh. She felt scared because no one was allowed to approach the king without being asked to come, but because her nation was in danger, she went anyway. Much to her relief, King Achashverosh welcomed her warmly, and Queen Esther invited the king and Haman to a feast that she would prepare. At that party, she invited them to a second party the next day.

That night, King Achashverosh could not sleep. He asked one of his servants to read to him from his book of things that have happened to him. The servant happened to read the page about the time that Mordechai, the Jew, helped save the king's life. The king wondered out loud if Mordechai had ever been rewarded for his great deed, and it seems that he had, in fact, not been rewarded. So King Achashverosh told Haman to take care of that right away - and Haman was forced to lead Mordechai through the streets of Shushan on the king's horse, dressed in the king's finest clothing. Needless to say, Haman was not happy about this at all.

The next day, during her second party, Queen Esther told Achashverosh that someone was planning on killing her entire nation. King Achashverosh was very upset about this and asked his queen who would do such a terrible thing - and it was then that Queen Esther pointed at Haman, and said that he was the one who planning on killing all the Jews. King Achashverosh was horrified and ordered that Haman and his ten sons be hanged on a tree. The Jewish people were saved! They celebrated with parties and feasts, and from that day forward, we celebrate the holiday of Purim by reading the story in the megillah, having a festive meal, giving charity to the poor and sharing food baskets with friends, family and neighbors.

The end. 



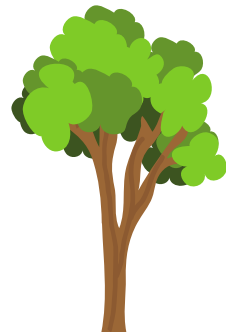
How do we know that the Jewish people are hard of hearing?

Because the Megilla says:
Achashverosh. Who?
Achashverosh.



What is Haman's favorite game to play?

Hangman



Knock knock.
Who's there?
Esther.
Esther who?
Esther anything I can do for you?



Knock knock.
Who's there?
Vashti.
Vashti who?
Vashti dishes so we can eat!



Why didn't Queen Esther get Mordechai's email warning her about Haman?

Because her computer had an Achash-virus!

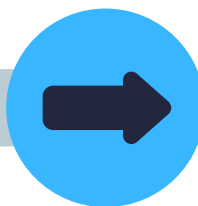


Idea: Cut out these jokes and stick them in your friends' mishloach manot!



PURIM JOKES

Haman



PURIM

Word Search

Find these words:

ADAR MIRACLES

HAMAN SHUSHAN

ESTHER VASHTI

KING MORDECHAI

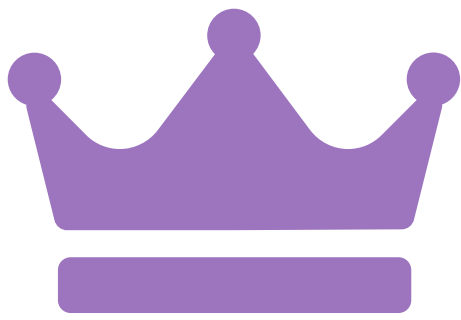
HANGED PURIM

ACHASHVEROSH

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J	A	B	W	K	I	N	G	L	R	G	R	B	P	P	Y	E	Y



Achashverosh



פורים

Hebrew Word Search:

שושן פורים
מרדכי אסתר
המן אחשוורוש
מלך מגילה
חרבונה יהודי

א	צ	י	ך	ת	ב	ק	כ	י	ד	ע	ף
ח	א	צ	ר	ע	ת	ת	מ	ר	ג	ח	ן
ש	ל	ס	ג	מ	ף	כ	פ	ל	נ	ק	ל
ו	ח	ע	ת	ם	ק	ס	פ	ח	ך	נ	כ
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ר	ן	ן	צ	ח	ס	ה	מ	ר	ר	ב	ם
ו	ג	ט	ף	א	כ	צ	מ	ן	מ	ה	ק

'How Well Do You Know the Megillah?

- 1 Which Hebrew letters in the megillah are written larger or smaller than the rest of the letters?
- 2 How many people were hanged in the story of the megillah?
- 3 What is the longest word in the megillah?

Brown Belt Thinking Challenge: What does it mean?

- 4 Haman's name appears in the megillah many times, sometimes even twice in one pasuk*. There is one pasuk where his name is written three times. Can you find it?

Black Belt Thinking Challenge: What is it about this pasuk that is the right place to see Haman's name three times?

- 5 There is one pasuk which ends with Haman's name. Can you find it?

Black Belt Thinking Challenge: What is happening in this pasuk that makes it the place to end the pasuk with Haman's name?

* pasuk = sentence in the megillah.

No-Sew Cape

Materials Needed:

- 25"x18" piece of felt or fleece*
- a pair of sharp scissors
- 2 safety pins
- Optional:
 - 12"x14" piece of felt or fleece, in a contrasting color
 - a print-out of the crown on page 13
 - some type of glue: hot glue gun, tacky or fabric glue

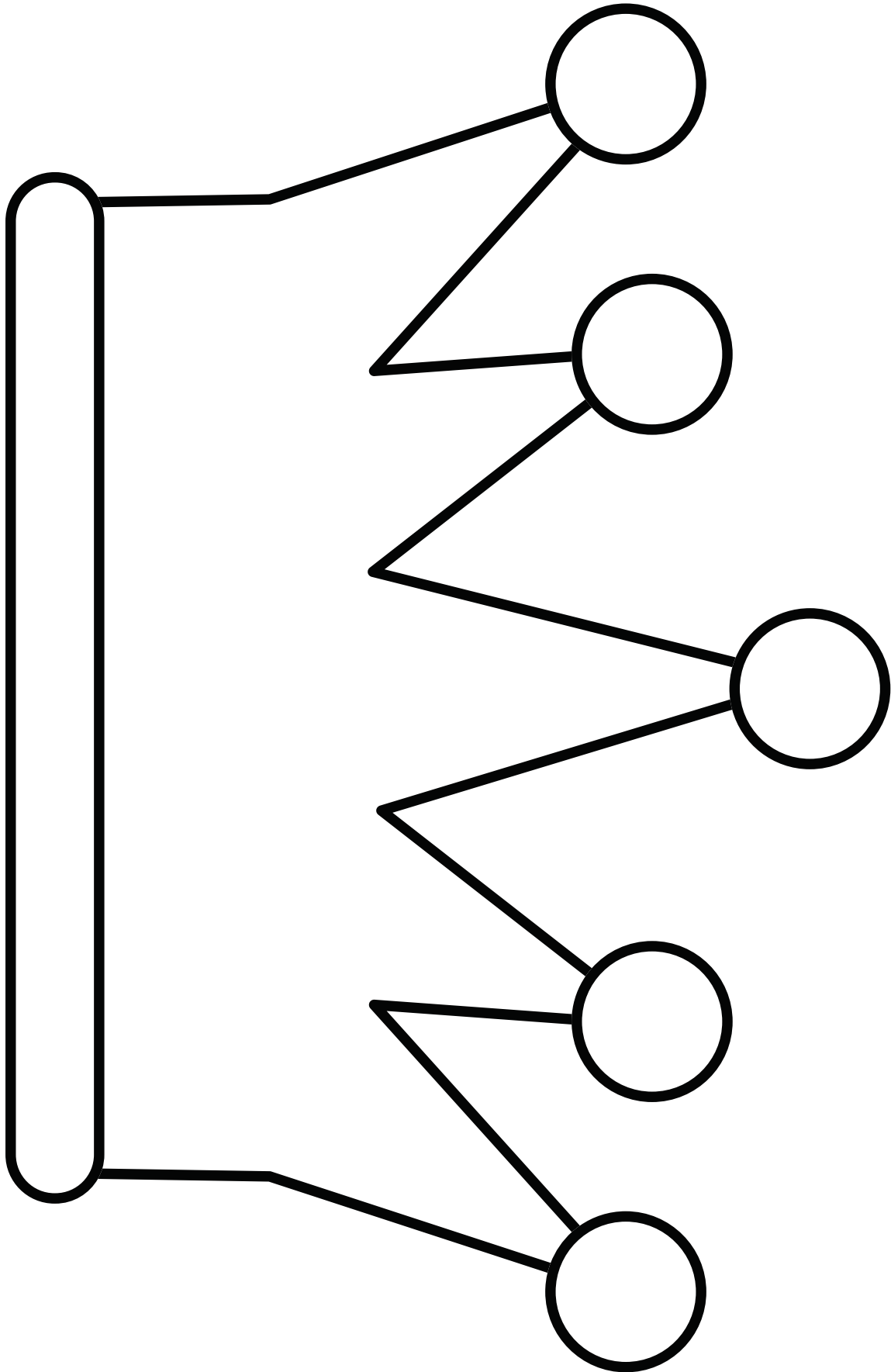
The How-To:

Note: Please read through all the instructions before you decide if your child is old enough to do this project alone. Otherwise, please use this as a parent-child activity.

1. Fold the material in half so that it now measure 25"x9".
2. Cut a shallow half-U shape on one of the 9" sides. Once opened, the flaps at the ends will be the part of the cape that connects - with safety pins - to the child's shirt, on the shoulders.
3. On the other 9" side, cut two shallow half circles, to form scallops on the bottom of the cape.
4. Unfold the cape, and technically, you're done! But if you want to add the crown (or any other symbol or shape), use the crown printout as a template to trace the crown shape onto the second piece of fabric.
5. Cut the shape out and using a hot glue gun or some fabric glue, attach the crown to the back of the cape. In a pinch, it's okay to use a stapler or a bunch of small safety pins. The goal isn't perfection - the goal is done! And that's what you are. Yay!

*Felt or fleece are fabrics that don't fray when cut.

No-Sew Cape Optional Template



DIY Purim Crown

Materials Needed:

- 20"x3" piece of cardboard, poster board or heavy-weight paper
- 6-8 pipe cleaners, any color
- stapler or masking tape
- several sheets of aluminum foil
- assorted Sharpie markers or other permanent ones
- sequins, small foam shapes, stickers and the like
- glue - either hot glue or regular white glue

The How-To:

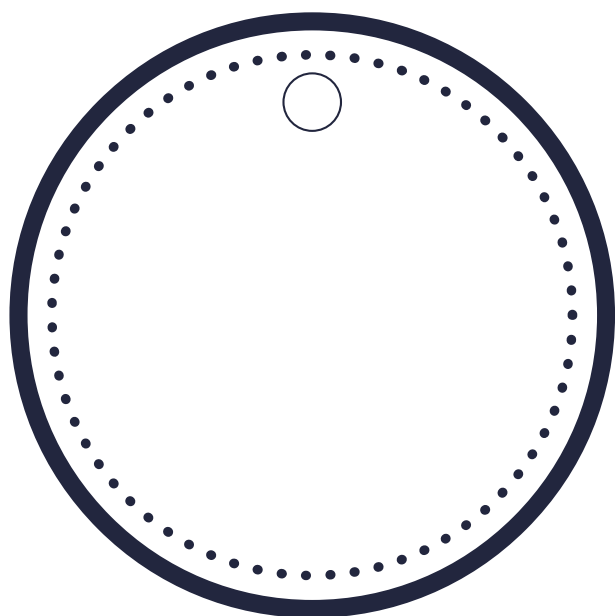
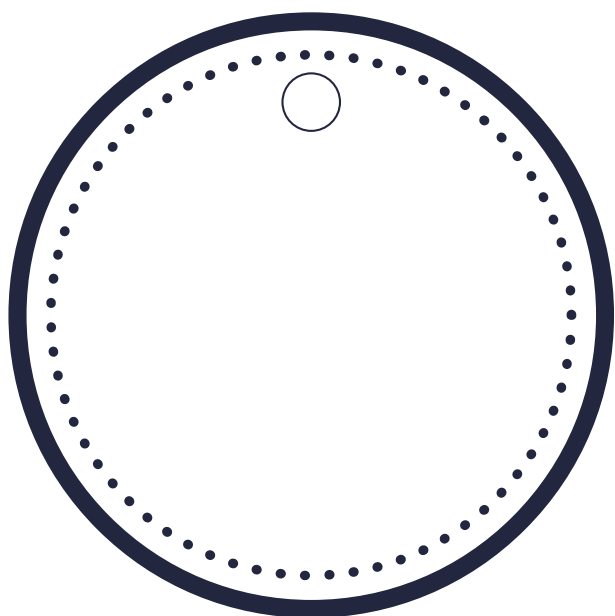
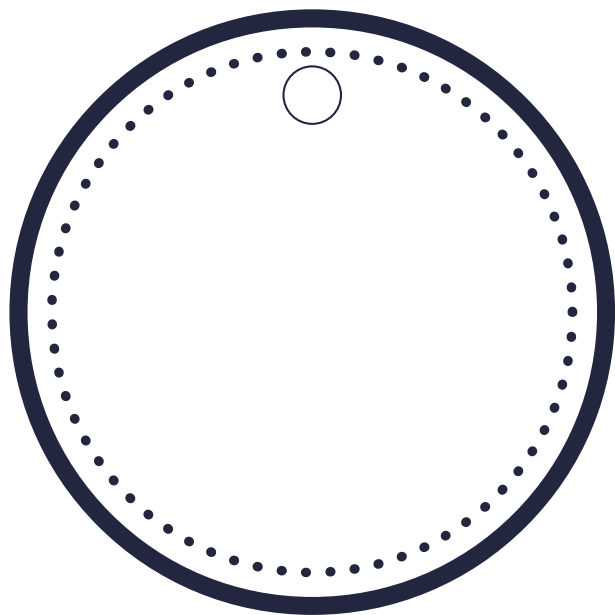
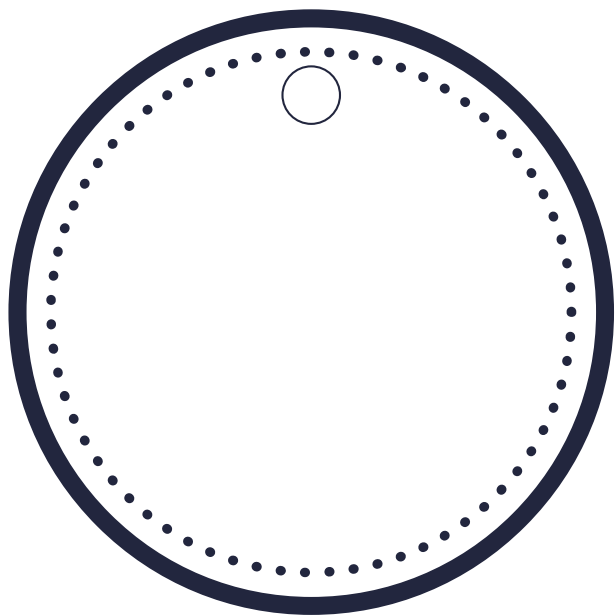
Note: Please read through all the instructions before you decide if your child is old enough to do this project alone. Otherwise, please use this as a parent-child activity.

1. Lay the heavy-weight paper flat on the table. If you only have shorter length paper, now is a good time to connect them with either staples or tape. This will be the base of the crown that goes around the head.
2. Bend the pipe cleaners into V shapes, turn them upside down and attach them around the top of the crown base using staples or tape.
3. Wrap the whole crown, with the attached pipe cleaners in a double layer of aluminum foil, to create a thick, sturdy crown.
4. Use permanent markers to decorate the foil. Use glue to attach sequins or foam shapes. Add stickers for more variety.
5. Once the glue has dried, shape the crown around the child's head and carefully staple or tape the ends together.



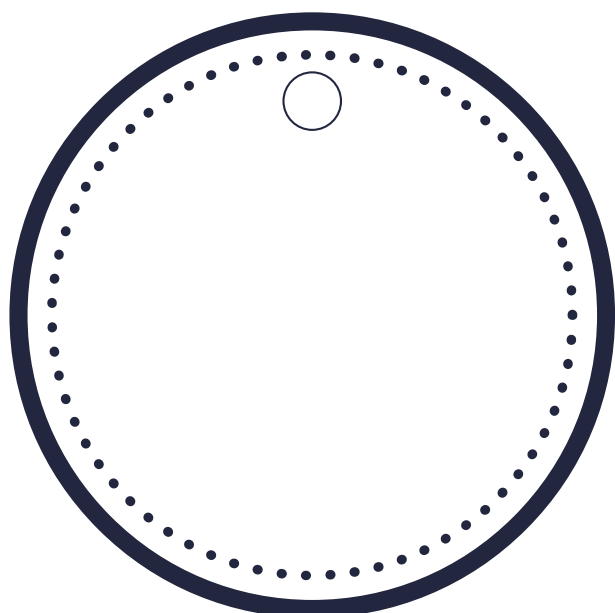
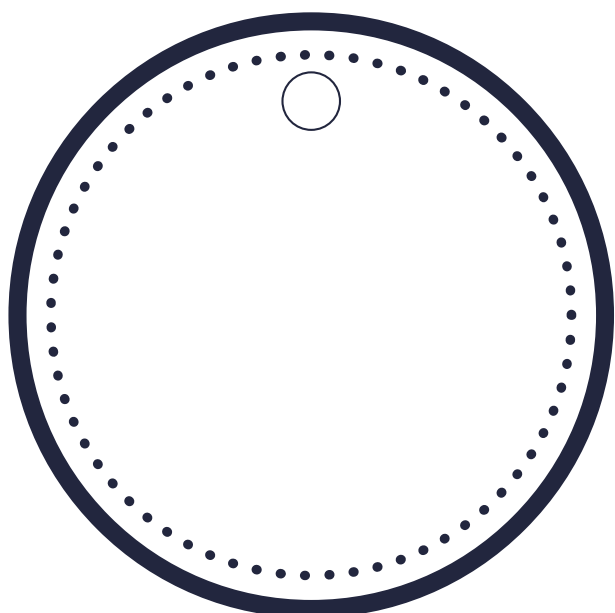
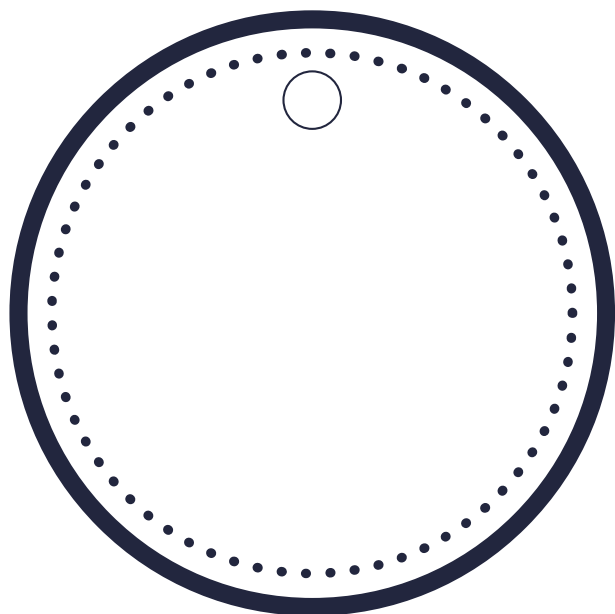
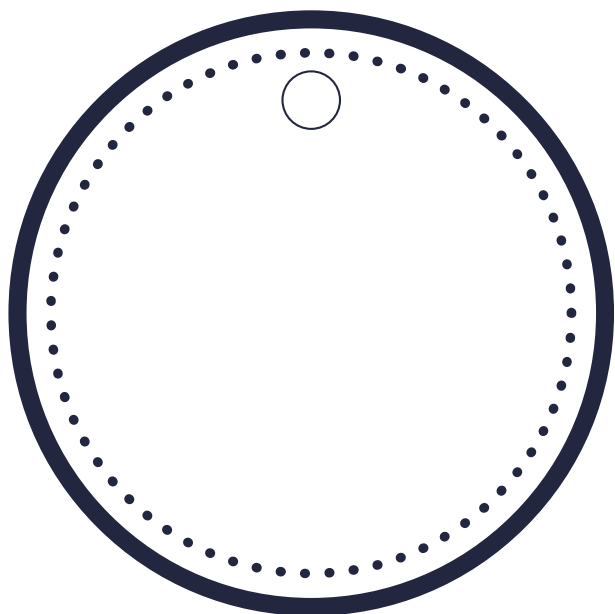
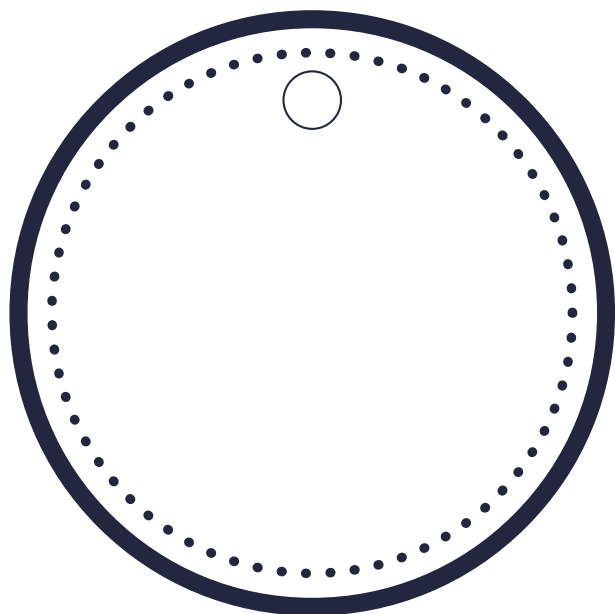
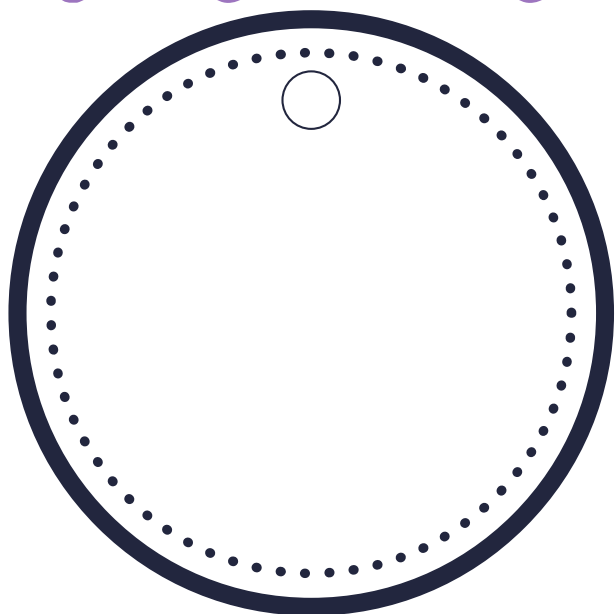
MISHLOACH MANOT

Whether you call them **mishloach manot**, **shaloch manos** or just plain **gift baskets**, they're fun to make, fun to give, and even more fun to eat. Just be sure to add a pretty gift tag to each one!



Note: Cut these out, punch a hole on top, and attach to your mishloach manot, being sure to write your name on them. Bonus points: decorate them first!

מישלוּאֵחַ מַּאֲנוֹת



Purim: Keep-Em Cards



Note: If you can, print this page on heavy paper. Then, using a pair of scissors, cut out both the Main Idea and Idea of the Holiday cards. At the end of the year, you'll have a full set of cards, like a season's worth of baseball cards or a full deck of playing cards. Another idea that you can also try is to use a hole puncher and punch a hole on the corner of the cards. Then keep them all on a key ring, to look back on later.

Purim Main Ideas

The holiday of Purim has 4 main mitzvot:

- Listening to Megillat Esther
- Giving tzedaka to needy people
- Giving mishloach manot
- Eating a Purim meal or seuda

*Eating yummy treats isn't a Purim mitzvah, but being happy on Purim is, and tasting a bunch of desserts sure makes us happy!

How about you?*



idea of the holiday



Hashem made so many miracles for the Jewish people in the Purim story. And yet, Hashem's name is not mentioned even once in the entire megillah. Hashem made all these miracles but He lets everyone think that these miracles were really just coincidences.


Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to commit three acts of kindness between now and Purim. But make sure that the person receiving your kindness doesn't know it was you who did something nice for them!

PURIM

Ninjagrams




1. Cut out your Ninjagrams.
2. Think about what you want to say and then fill them out.
3. Either hand them out or hide them for people to find.
4. Look forward to receiving Ninjagrams in return.

Ninjagrams 

→ to: _____

→ from: _____

Ninjagrams 

→ to: _____

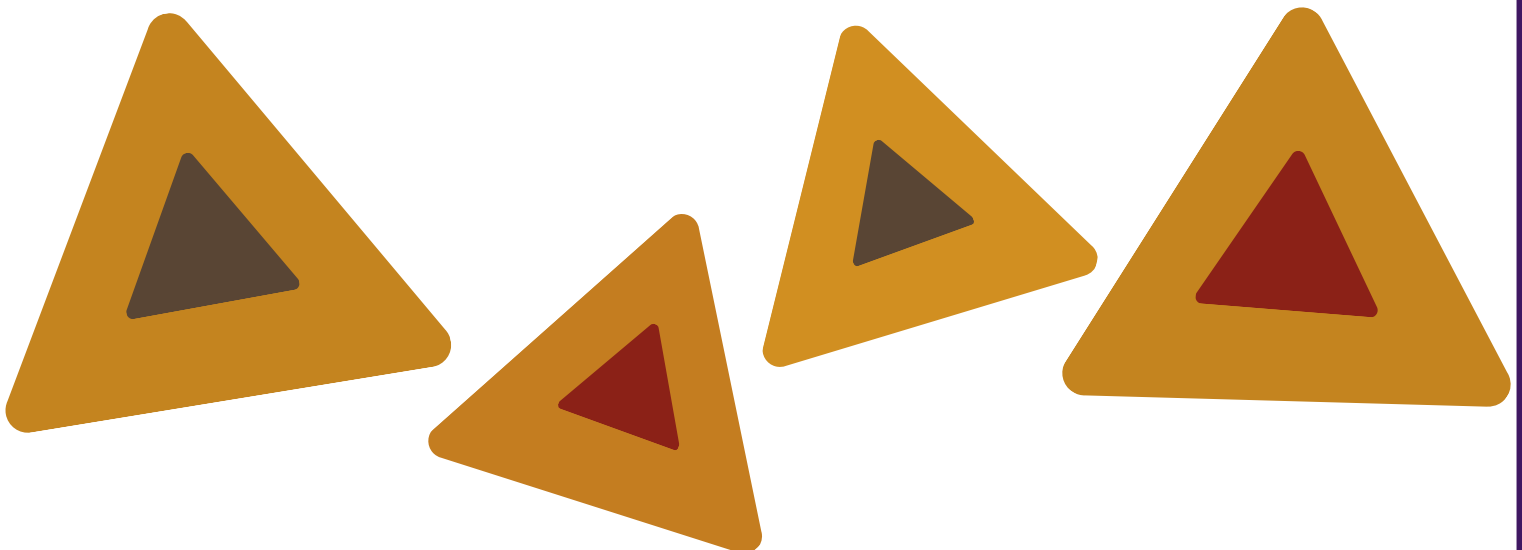
→ from: _____

PURIM Paper Craft

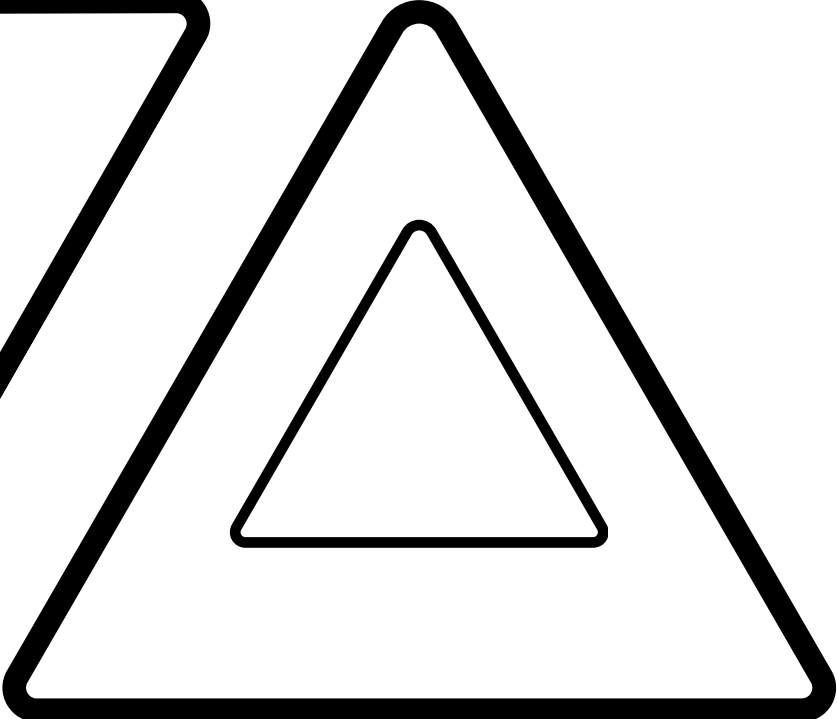
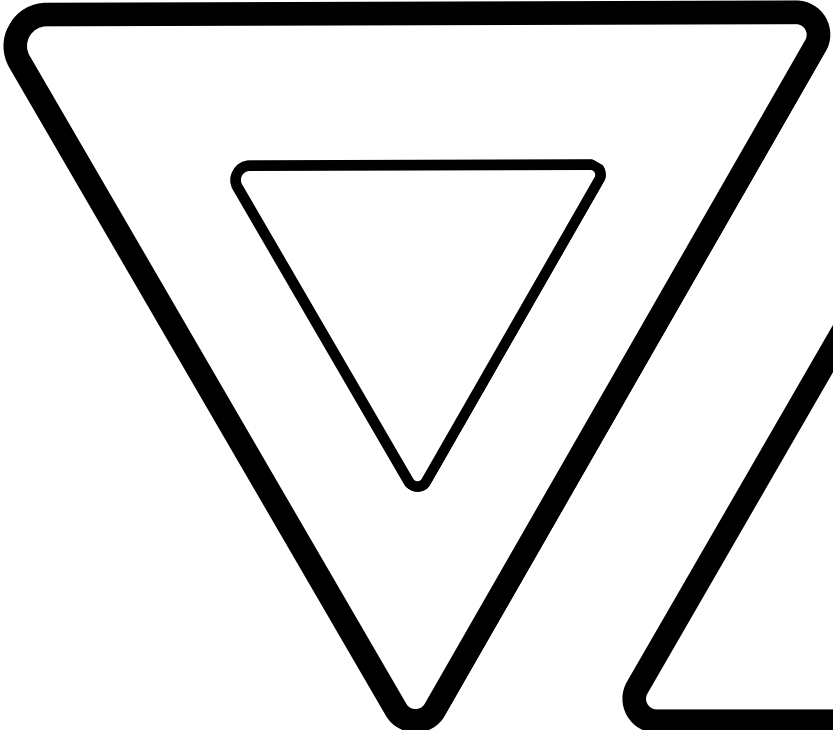
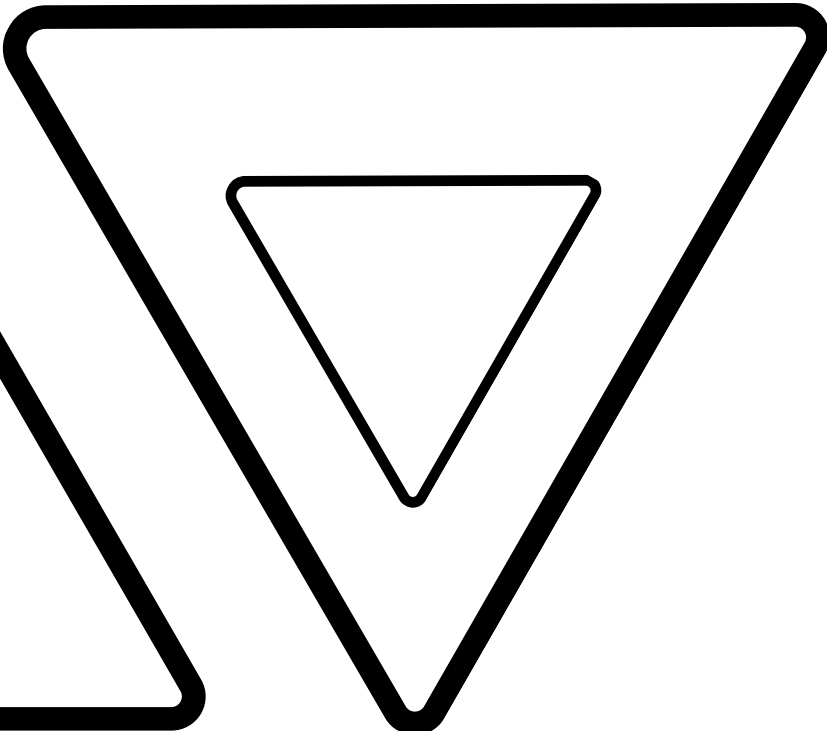
Paper Hamentashen Recipe:

Yield: 12 hamentashen

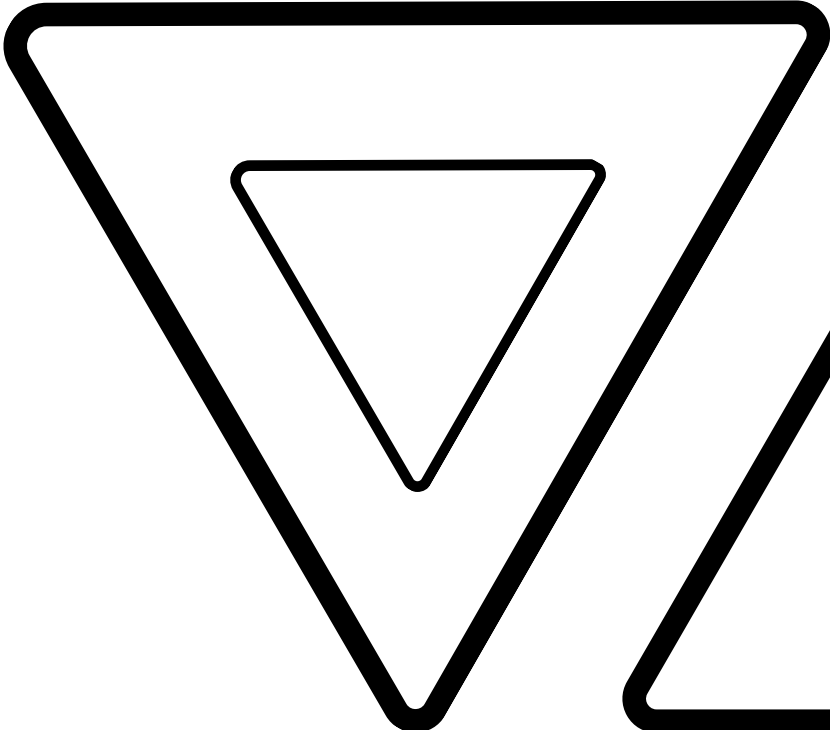
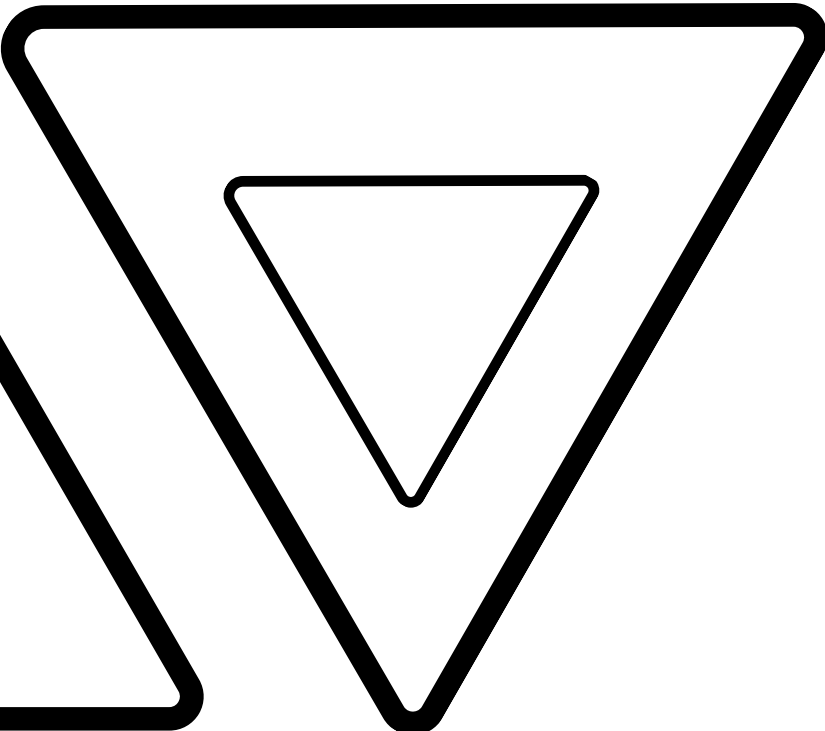
- Print several pages of hamentashen on heavy-weight paper or cardstock.
- Use markers or crayons or oil pastels to color the cookie part of the hamentashen. Alternatively, use watercolor paint and a brush to paint them.
- Allow them to dry completely and cut them out.
- Paint the centers of the hamentashen with a thin layer of glue and shake different colored glitter over each hamentashen - for example: red glitter can be raspberry jelly, brown glitter can be a chocolate filling and orange glitter might be apricot preserves.
- Bake at 350* for 20 minutes. Just kidding. But do let them dry on a flat surface.
- Using a hole puncher, make a hole at the top of each hamentashen and string them together using a thick yarn or string, tying a knot at each end of the banner.
- Hang your beautiful Purim banner in a special place in your house. We hang ours in our front hallway every year! And remember, just like real hamentashen, no two will be exactly alike.



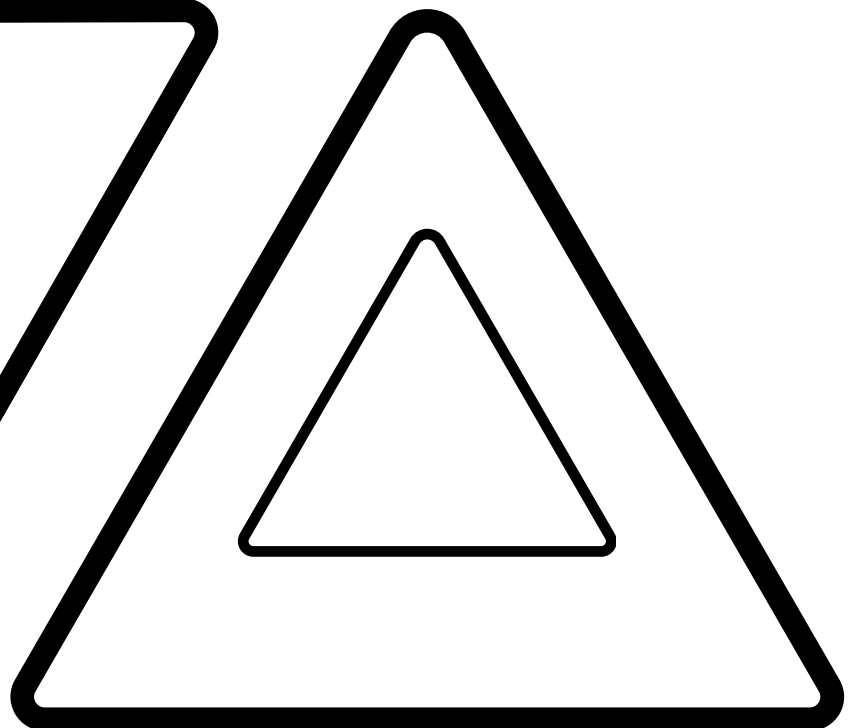
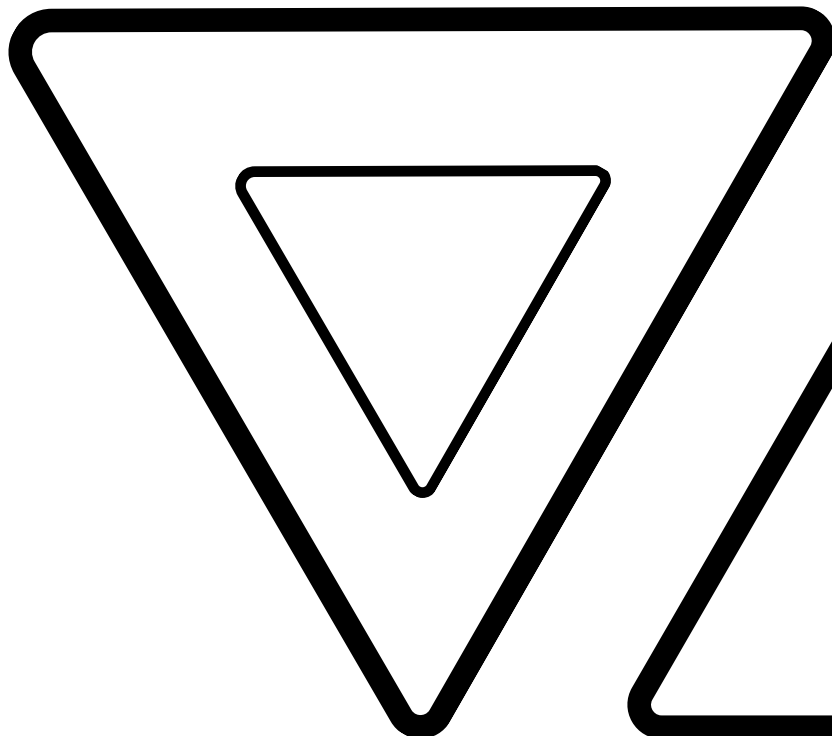
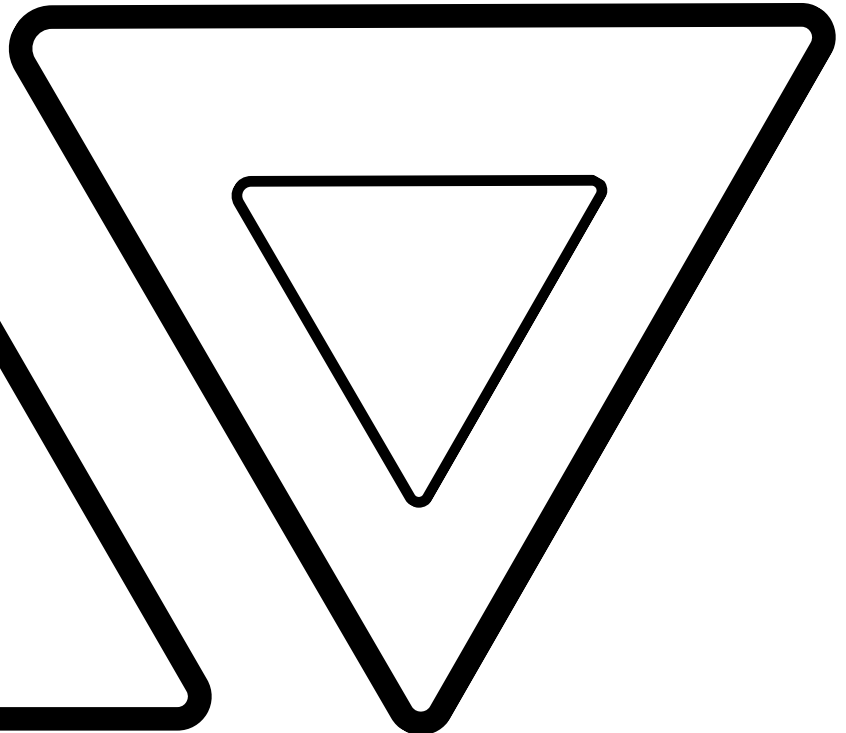
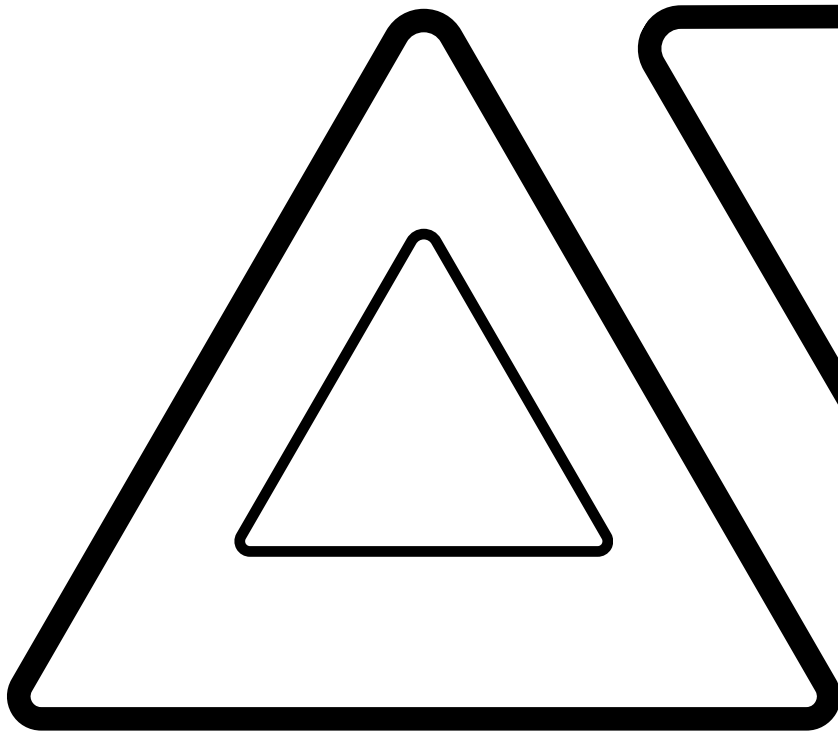
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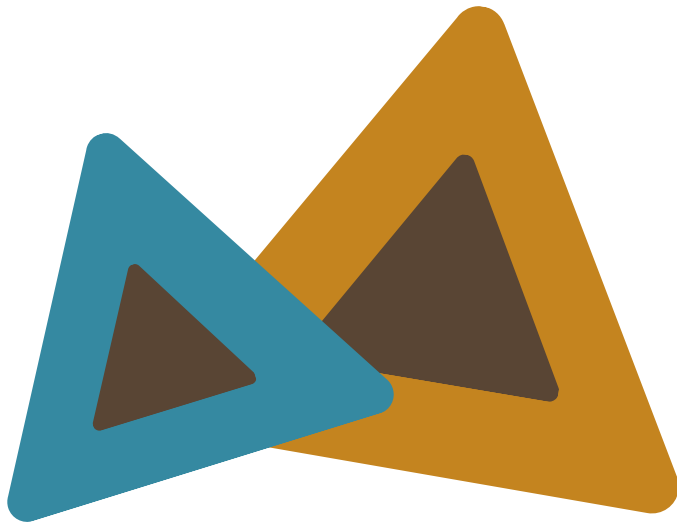


PURIM Paper Craft



PURIM Paper Craft





Word Search & How Well Do You Know The Megillah Answers

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 Y Z N U M H M Y E F E H A E H
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ו י ז א ב א כ א ט י ט ט ז
 ל ו ו א י ו ט ט ל ל ט ט
 א ו ז א ל כ ט ט ג ל ז ו
 ז ב ל ו ל ט ט ל ו ט ט א ז י
 א א ט ג ז י ט ב ט ט א ז י
 ו ט א ו ל ו י ו ט ז ג א ט
 א ו ט א ל ל א י ז ו א ו
 ג ו ו א ו ו י ג ב ז א ו ל
 א ז כ ל א ג א ל ט כ י
 ו ל א ג ו ל ו ט ו א ל ט
 ל ו ט ז ל ז ט ז ט ל ל ט ז
 ו ל א א ז א ו ב כ ג ז ז ל
 א ל י ל ו ט ו ט ט ו ל ז ו

- 1) Found in 9:29 - large ת ;
9:9 - large ו , small ז , small ש ;
9:7 - small ת ;
1:6 large ח .
- 2) Three - Haman, Bigtan, and Teresh
(Haman's sons were killed and then *hung* as a display to the public).
- 3) Found in 9:3, the word is והאחדרפנים . It means *satrap* - a governor in the Persian Empire.
- 4) There are three "Haman"s in 5:9. Our answer is: Haman's problem was that even though he was the second most powerful person in the most powerful kingdom in the world at that time, he was still upset because one person - Mordechai - wouldn't bow down to him. This pasuk talks about this. If you have another answer that you'd like to share, please email it to us at parshaninja@gmail.com
- 5) The only pasuk in the megillah that ends with "Haman" is 8:2. Our answer is: In this pasuk, Mordechai is put in charge of Haman's estate. We can see clearly how the tables have turned and Haman is now "dead" last. If you have another answer that you'd like to share, please email it to us at parshaninja@gmail.com