

Purim Celebration Guide

Modern Mind, Ancient Book

Purim remembers the deliverance of the Jewish people in the Book of Esther, when a decree of destruction was overturned and survival came through God's hidden faithfulness.

1. Hear the Megillah (Book of Esther)

Read the story of Esther in the evening and again the next day. Traditionally, listeners make noise when Haman's name is spoken.

2. Give to the Poor (Matanot La'Evyonim)

Give money or practical help to at least two people in need. Purim joy is meant to be shared with those who struggle.

3. Send Food Gifts (Mishloach Manot)

Send at least two ready-to-eat foods to a friend, neighbor, or family member to strengthen fellowship and peace.

4. Share a Festive Meal (Seudat Purim)

Gather for a joyful meal. Many include hamantaschen (triangular pastries) and retell the story of Esther at the table.

5. Celebrate with Joy

Costumes, storytelling, humor, gratitude, and prayer all reflect the spirit of Purim — remembering that God's work is often hidden but never absent.

Simple Home Celebration Plan

- Read or summarize Esther together
- Pray in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness
- Share food with others
- Give to someone in need
- End with a joyful meal and retelling of the story