

**Megillah Madness:**  
**"THE BEATLES PURIM!" SPIEL**

Script and New Purim Lyrics by Rabbi Billy Dreskin and Cantor Ellen Dreskin  
Music adapted from (who else?) John Lennon and Paul McCartney

\_\_\_\_\_ Quiet, everyone! We're on the air in three ... two ... one ...

\_\_\_\_\_ *Purim sameakh!* Happy Purim, everybody! And welcome to WWCT Radio's annual broadcast of "Megillah Madness."

\_\_\_\_\_ Tonight, a story that rocks ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... a story that rolls ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... any old way you choose it ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... with a back beat ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... you can't lose it ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... any old time you use it.

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the new "classics" of Purim celebration!

\_\_\_\_\_ Stay with us as Mean Mister Mustard, Rocky Raccoon, Maxwell's Silver Hammer and, of course, the Fool on the Hill ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... all lead us on a journey from Abbey Road and Strawberry Fields, to Shushan some 2400 years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, Shushan — that walled city in Persia where long, long ago, the life of every Jewish man, woman and Blue Meanie ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... was on the line when a despicable, evil villain plotted their doom.

\_\_\_\_\_ So find your coat and grab your hat ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... make your bus in seconds flat ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... because WWCT Radio is proud to present ... "The Beatles Purimspiel"!

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\_\_\_ And now, we invite our studio audience and the folks at home to join with Hazzan Ringo Starr in chanting the traditional *megillah* blessings.

### **THE THREE BLESSINGS ARE CHANTED**

\_\_\_ A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

**CAST** Is that really how this story begins?

\_\_\_ It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

**CAST** We're not feeling it.

\_\_\_ Somewhere in la Mancha, in a place whose name I do not care to remember.

**CAST** But we do remember!

\_\_\_ Call me Ishmael.

**CAST** He's not in this show.

\_\_\_ Okay then. How about, "She loves you, yeah yeah yeah"?

**CAST** Yeah yeah yeah! A love story! Let's get to it!

### **SONG: A WIFE MUST HEED HER MAN**

\_\_\_ So Akhashverosh, the king of Shushan and 126 other provinces across the land, banished his longtime queen ... Vashti.

\_\_\_ Because she was evil and sinister!

\_\_\_ That is not so! Vashti was the most honorable person in the land.

**CAST** Well, she certainly got the boot!

\_\_\_ And doesn't that mean she did something wrong?

\_\_\_ History is filled with people who get punished for standing up to power.

\_\_\_ Vashti joins the likes of Mahatma Gandhi ...

\_\_\_ ... Martin Luther King ...

\_\_\_ ... and Lenny Schwartz.

**CAST** Lenny Schwartz?

\_\_\_ In the third grade, he stood up to Rocko Vomitani on the playground at P.S. 91.

**CAST** What happened to him?

\_\_\_ Rocko's older sister made him eat worms.

**CAST** Ew!!!

\_\_\_ And he didn't get his own book in the Bible?

**CAST** The world can be so unfair.

\_\_\_ It didn't take long after Vashti's departure for the King to become lonely.

\_\_\_ The king's servants said, "Let beautiful young women be assembled in Shushan!"

\_\_\_ "And let the one who most pleases Your Majesty be queen instead of Vashti."

\_\_\_ Akhashverosh loved the proposal!

\_\_\_ Akhashverosh loved girls!

**CAST** And the game was on.

\_\_\_ But not before a man named Mordekhai convinced his beautiful cousin Esther to join the competition.

### **SONG: THE SEARCH FOR A NEW QUEEN**