

# MEGILLAH IS READ IN ALL SYNAGOGUES

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**Jews Celebrate Deliverance By  
Esther From Persian King  
5,676 Years Ago.**

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Purim, the feast of Esther, will be observed by Jews all over the world today. The holiday is celebrated in commemoration of the saving of the Jewish race by the maiden Esther. The day is marked in many communities by social festivities, masquerades and the exchange of presents. Together with this, the Megillah, the Book of Esther is read in all Jewish places of worship in commemoration of the event. The Megillah was read last night, and will also be read twice today at the Adas Israel synagogue.

The Book of Esther gives an account of the romantic life of a Jewish maiden Esther, who rises in obscurity to the throne of Persia, and thereby saves her people from tragic destruction.

The history of the event dates back in the Jewish calendar to the year 5675, when the Jews dwelt in Persia under the reign of Artaxerxes. Esther, who was the fairest maiden in the country, was chosen as queen, through the aid of her foster-father, Mordecai. While in the court she hears of a plot between the king and his prime minister, Haman, to destroy the Jewish race. She immediately impetunes the king, and after several days Haman is persuaded, and the Jews are given their liberty.