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HIGHLIGHTS

Purim around the world

We associate Purim with carnivals, costumes, hamantaschen and wildly spinning graggers, but can you guess in which countries these Purim traditions reigned? (Answers below)

- A. People lit torches containing gunpowder to tell the Purim story with a BANG! In this country, Purim cakes called Haman were shaped like dolls and children were encouraged to bite off his head.
- B. Many wax candles were lit for the Purim meal; children were invited to light the candles as on Hanukkah.
- C. The children prepared a large effigy of Haman, and filled its clothes with gunpowder. In the middle of the courtyard, they set up a large stick, from which they "hung" Haman. They then threw oil over the effigy and set it alight.
- D. The youngsters would divide into two camps and throw nuts at each other.
- E. Children used to take smooth stones, write or engrave Haman's name on them, and strike them together during the Megillah reading whenever Haman's name was mentioned.

- Answers: A) Germany B) Algeria C) Persia D) Italy E) France

Source: The Jewish Agency for Israel:
<http://www.jewishagency.org/purim/content/24374>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm	2 <i>Vayakhei</i>
3 Sunday School, 9 am	4	5	6	7	8 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm	9 <i>Pekudei</i>
10 Sunday School, 9 am	11	12	13	14	15 Grades 4-7 class- led service, 7 pm	16 <i>Vayikra</i>
17 Sunday School, 9 am	18 Betenu board, 6:30 pm	19	20 Purim begins at sunset	21 PURIM	22 Rav Sam led Purim Service with shlichah Noam Wolf, 7:30 pm Potluck dinner, 6:30 pm	23 <i>Tzav</i>
24 Sunday School, 9 am Adult Ed, 1 pm	25	26	27	28	29 NO SERVICE	30 <i>Shmini</i>
31 Sunday School, 9 am						