

# Purim Activities

## Making Purim Baskets (*Mishloach Manot*) (Adapted from URJ Website)



Traditionally, mishloach manot (the sending of food) consist of two food items (from different food groups) sent to at least two friends. Over the years, the baskets have developed into personalized food packages containing a variety of goodies to share with friends, family, and your community. In addition, many families also choose to donate to a charity.

Here are some suggestions for creating your own personalized Purim baskets:

**Breakfast-Themed:** Freshly squeezed orange juice and a homemade muffin or granola with yogurt and freshly squeezed orange juice.



**Easy and Fun:** Homemade cookies and a small carton of milk, or tea and scones. Mini cupcakes and a small carton of milk or chocolate milk. Beer and nuts, or wine and cheese are appropriate for adults.

**Mini cookies bouquets!** Get free plastic flowerpots at your local greenhouse. Have your kids decorate the outside of the flowerpots with stickers. Older children will help make flower-shaped cookies on sticks. Place the sticks in Styrofoam at the base of the flowerpot. Fill the pot with candies. They can decorate the basket or write a card to their friend.



**Now, use your creativity to design your own baskets.**

# Purim Activities

**Homemade Purim *Grager*** (Courtesy of URJ Website)



## Materials

Small, empty, clean plastic bottles; or empty, clean juice cartons

Beans or large beads for filling

Fabric scraps, fancy papers, paint or other art supplies for decorating

White glue and water

Paintbrushes

## Directions

Fill bottle or box with the dried beans or beads.

Seal it. (For juice boxes, you might want to use heavy tape to ensure it doesn't pop open when shaking.)

Using watered down white glue as an adhesive, affix scraps of colored tissue paper, paper confetti and/or paint to the *gragers* to decorate them.

Shake!

# Purim Activities

## Making Purim Costumes (Courtesy of URJ Website)

No costume yet? No problem! Here are some quick and easy ideas:



### Hamantaschen

For a baby: Using a brown or tan onesie, paint the belly area purple to represent the jelly.

For children and adults: Use giant pieces of craft foam to make two triangles. Put a piece of purple foam or fabric or paint in the middle. Use duct tape as shoulder straps and hang it over your body.



### Mordechai

On Purim, we read, *"After Haman was executed, Mordecai received a high rank from the King. In recognition of his new status, Mordecai wore a royal blue cloak."*

Use a blue sheet for a cloak.

To make a round, golden hat with no brim, decorated with red stones: use a chef's hat colored yellow, or yellow construction paper taped into a cylinder; decorate with circles cut from red

construction paper.

Make a long beard from construction paper: cut out, glue cotton onto the paper and tie on to the chin with string or elastic.

### **Purim Grogger**

Two pieces of poster board can be decorated with Purim symbols and strung together to be worn front and back. Add a paper towel roll attached at the shoulder as the "handle," and you, too, can be a Purim grogger.

### **Wacky fun**

Find mismatched, random items of clothing in your closet and put together a crazy, fun outfit.

### **Cat**

Wear all black. Add felt ears to headband and draw whiskers on your face. Make a tail from rope.

### **Mouse**

Wear all gray and add felt ears to headband and draw whiskers on your face. Make a tail from rope.

### **Laundry**

Pin random clothes to yourself, and carry a bottle/box of detergent.

### **Pirate**

Wear capri pants, a striped shirt, big jewelry (including a big hoop earring), make-up, and a bandana around your head.

### **Sports Stars**

Throw on a jersey, uniform or cap. Put on eye black for football or baseball players.

### **Repurposed Halloween Costumes**

Elsa or Anna (Frozen) can become Queen Esther.



### **Clown**

Grab a pair of footed pajamas, baggy shorts, suspenders and some face paint.