

—The Story, Continued from inside

After the first banquet, the king was told that Mordecai saved his life and asked Haman, "What shall be done for the man whom the king wishes to honor?" Thinking that the king was referring to Haman himself, Haman said the honoree should be dressed in the king's royal robes and led around on the king's royal horse. To Haman's horror, the king instructed Haman to render such honors to Mordecai. That night, at the second banquet, Esther revealed that she was Jewish and that Haman was planning to exterminate her people, which included her. Haman tried to get Esther to pardon him but instead fell onto her couch, making the king even more angry. Ahasuerus ordered Haman's execution and allowed the Jews to defend themselves from Haman's execution militias — thus Esther saved her people and originated Purim.

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Kicking Off Yom Kippur...

Please forgive these jokes and songs. We have already begun atoning for them. Many thanks to Rabbi Miller and the tolerant Congregation Beth Ami.

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| SING ALONG | We've got to hold on to what we've got That's what makes the difference if we make it or not | Woah, we're half way there Woah, livin' on a prayer Take my hand, we'll make it I swear Woah, livin' on a prayer |
| | We've got each other and that's a lot For love, we'll give it a shot | |
| | Woah, we're half way there Woah, livin' on a prayer Take my hand, we'll make it I swear Woah, livin' on a prayer | Livin' on a prayer |

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Mordy McChai (Michelle Gutenberg & David Matzner)..... Isaac Matzner
Bubbe Brown (Bernice Fox & Ed Harman)..... Leanne Schy
Bigthan..... Andy Fleming
Teresh (Stephanie & Jim Sweeney)..... Patty Bernstein
Esther Jenny Levine-Smith
Haman (Evelyn Gurevitch)..... Russ Gurevitch
Princes..... Ronnie Kaplan Rosenbach, Ken Plattner
The King Stefan Rubin
Queen Vashti Joslyn Metzger
Ladies..... Bonnie Boren, Judy Kupfer
Mordecai (Judy Stern & Mel Decker)..... Michael Mundell
Madge Jane Rogan Dwight
Tina Nancy Fleming
Cyndi Carolyn Orlik
Sound Guy Phil Dwight
Prom Girls Carolyn Orlik, Nancy Fleming, Bonnie Boren, Jane Rogan Dwight
Guards..... Ronnie Kaplan Rosenbach, Ken Plattner
The Rabbi Rabbi Mordecai Miller
Jews Everybody available
Songleader..... Russ Gurevitch
Keyboard/Musical Direction (Judi Hyman) Nancy Hayashibara
Guitar (Kim & Bill Cordell)..... Dave Ballo
Bass Guitar (Maury Jones)..... Ross Jones
Drums (Patty Bernstein) Marc Bernstein
Sound Phil Dwight
Book & Lyrics (Ethel & Stuart Schy) Leanne Schy
Cat Herder (Kim & Bill Cordell)..... Patty Bernstein
Set Design (Bob Rafal, Edee Sternfeld-Squires, Claire Miller & Russ McCracken) .. Bonnie Boren
Dance Captains Leanne Schy, Carolyn Orlik
Lovely Assistant (Judi Hyman) Judy Gunnar

BACK TO THE FUTURE Musical Numbers

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Like a Virgin, *Madonna* (Judy Stern) Bubbe Brown, Mordy McChai
Thriller, *Michael Jackson*..... Ensemble
I Wanna Dance With Somebody, *Whitney Houston* King and Princes
What’s Love Got to Do With It, *Tina Turner* Vashti and her Women
Don’t You Want Me, *Human League* Vashti, King, Princes, Women
We’re Not Gonna Take It, *Twisted Sister*..... Vashti and her Women
The Tide is High, *Blondie* (Betty Boyd & Eli Cohen) Bubbe, Esther, Mordecai, Mordy
Walk Like an Egyptian, *Bangles* (Pam Jacobs-Letourneau) Madge, Tina, Cyndi
Girls Just Want to Have Fun, *Cyndi Lauper* Prom Girls, Princes
Power of Love, *Huey Lewis* (Marge & Dave Ballo) Sound Guy, Esther, King, Prom Girls
Sweet Dreams are Made of These, *Eurythmics*..... Haman, Bigthan, Teresh
Let’s Get Physical, *Olivia Newton-John*..... Bigthan & Teresh
Another One Bites the Dust, *Queen*..... Mordy, Mordecai, Bigthan, Teresh, Guards
Karma Chameleon, *Culture Club*..... Haman, Mordecai
Every Breath You Take, *The Police*..... The Rabbi, Jews
Eye of the Tiger, *Survivor* Mordecai and Jews
Livin’ on a Prayer, *Bon Jovi* (Pam Jacobs-Letourneau)..... Esther, Jews
I’m Gonna Be- 500 Miles, *The Proclaimers* (Leanne Schy)..... Esther and King
True Colors, *Cyndi Lauper*..... King
Don’t Stop Believin’, *Journey*..... Ensemble
Livin’ on a Prayer Reprise, *Bon Jovi* (Leanne Schy)..... Ensemble and Audience

The Story – Summarized (Spoiler Alert)

King Ahasuerus ruled in ancient Persia, from his palace in Shushan. His queen, Vashti, refused to appear at his 180-day party, and was banished. Ahasuerus then ordered all young women to be presented to him, and chose an orphan named Esther to be his new queen, unaware that she was Jewish. Her cousin Mordecai accompanied her to the palace; he was given a position guarding the palace gates. One day, he overheard a plot by Bigthan and Teresh to assassinate the king. He reported the plan and saved the King’s life. Meanwhile, the King appointed a new prime minister, Haman. When the Jews would not bow down to him, this evil man proposed that all of the Jews of Persia should be executed, telling King Ahasuerus, “There is a certain people dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom who keep themselves separate. Their customs are different from those of all other people, and they do not obey the king’s laws; it is not in the king’s best interest to tolerate them.”

Mordecai pleaded with Esther to intervene. Going to the king unsummoned was punishable by death, unless he commuted the sentence by raising his golden scepter. Esther decided, “If I perish, I perish,” and went to the king. When he raised his golden scepter, she invited him and Haman to two banquets.

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