



# Make Your Own Grogger

## What you need:

Paper plate

Glitter (optional)

Wooden dowel

Markers (optional)

Stickers (optional)

Buttons (or dried beans)

Glue (optional)

Stapler

Two rubber bands

## What you do:

1. Decorate a paper plate with glue, glitter and stickers.
2. Fold your paper plate in half, to form a pocket.
3. Leaving some space at the ends, staple your paper plate closed.
4. Insert buttons inside the stapled plate. Run the dowel or stick through the open ends of the paper plate. Staple the ends closed.
5. Wrap rubber bands around the dowel above and below the paper plate to keep it from slipping off.
6. Take your grogger with you to the synagogue to hear the Megillah!

## Purim is one of the happiest days of the Jewish year.

Long ago, in the city of Shushan, a wicked man named Haman tried to destroy the Jewish people. But Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai saved the day. On Purim, we dress up in costumes and go to the synagogue to hear the Purim story read from a scroll called a *Megillah*. When the name of Haman is read, we whirl our groggers and make lots of noise to drown out his name. We eat special Purim treats called *hamantaschen* (a Yiddish word meaning Haman's pockets), three-cornered cookies filled with poppy seeds or jam!

