

## Special Purims

There are special **Purims** in Judaism. Besides the main one, the **Purim** in the book of **Esther**, there are special Purims in various Jewish communities around the world. Whenever a Jewish community was saved from danger, there was usually a local observance that would imitate the format of **Purim**. There would be a day of fasting before the day of feasting. They would read *the Megillah*, or a written scroll that recorded the new experience and retelling the new story. They would also repeat some of the prayers that they would normally recite on the feast day. Altogether, there are over one-hundred special **Purims** among the various Jewish communities around the world.<sup>135</sup>