

Other Purim Customs

There are several other **Purim** customs. First, it is permissible to work on this day, but it is not proper to do so. **The rabbis teach that anyone who works on Purim will never see a sign or blessing.**

Secondly, one should wear fabric clothing on this feast.

Thirdly, if a man injures a neighbor because of too much **Purim** joy, meaning he had a bit too much to drink, he is freed from paying damages.

Fourthly, as soon as the month of **Adar** arrives (the month in which **Purim** falls), all should be feeling joyful.

Fifth, if a Jew has a disagreement with a *Gentile*, **the rabbis taught that he should not go to court during this month.**

Sixth, before **Purim**, it is customary to pay the half-shekel to finance the Temple rituals.

Seven, if **Purim** falls on the Sabbath, the Jews of Jerusalem end up by observing three days of **Purim**; on Friday **the fourteenth** they read the book of **Esther**; on Saturday **the fifteenth** they recite the blessing of the reversals (see **Bi - Now Write a Counter-Decree in the King's Name in Behalf of the Jews**) seen in the book; on Sunday **the sixteenth** they eat the **Purim** meal.

Eight, upon returning from synagogue, the Jew should find his home ready for **Purim**, with the light already burning and the table set.¹³¹