

# Date night

## FOR MARRIED COUPLES

### Topic: Purim

Our earlier experiences around the holidays impact how we celebrate them as adults. Sharing your Purim memories can help you both better understand why you feel certain ways about different aspects of Purim. You may also decide together about creating new family traditions and experiences.



#### Prepare for the date:

Before the date, think about your Purim experiences as a child and young adult. Think about some of your more recent Purims. Find the old albums. Print pictures from your phone. (If you were introduced to Purim as an adult, think about your first Purim and subsequent ones.)

#### Setting for the date:

Get yourself in the Purim mode. Go to a place that makes you think about Purim (candy store, bakery, costume store, Judaica store). Purchase something or just browse. Then, building on that experience have your conversations about Purim celebrations.

#### The date:

- Listen to each other's stories about Purim. With genuine, open curiosity; no judgment.
- **IMPORTANT:** This conversation should not be about creating plans or budgets for Purim.

#### Conversation starters:

**What are your earliest Purim memories?** Did you do anything interesting/ crazy during high school/yeshiva years? Have you ever spent Purim in a culture different from your own? Did you celebrate Purim as a community; what were celebrations like?

**How far in advance did you prepare for or begin to celebrate Purim?** What did you do?

**What is a favorite costume that you wore as a child?** A cute or funny costume you have seen? As a child, did you enjoy getting dressed up? What do you think about that now?

**What are your thoughts about the way your family celebrated Purim?** What traditions would you like to continue? What might you tweak? What might you want to not do?

**Are there Purim customs that you would like to learn more about or experience?** What about those are intriguing?

**What are some Purim songs you remember singing as a child?** What are some Purim songs you sang at the Purim seuda?

**What are your memories about the type of Mishloach Manos you gave to your friends as a child?** What are your thoughts around that now?

**What are your memories about the type of Mishloach Manos your family gave?** What are your thoughts around that now?

**Where did you usually hear the Megillah?** What was the setting and experience? Any unusual experiences?

**Where did you celebrate the Purim Seuda as a child?** Were there any signature Purim foods or drinks? Any memorable incidents?

**What are some Purim experiences in married life that stand out?** What was so memorable about those?

**What Purim experiences and memories do you want your children to have?** What can you do to make that happen?