





Purim

Ref: *Sefer Zemanim, Hilchot Megilah Vechanukah, Chapters 1 and 2*

	Fulfils obligation	Explanation
 Everyone obligated to either read or listen to <i>megilah</i>	✓	Children should be trained into this practice
Entire <i>megilah</i> must be read	✓	
Read at night and during day	✓	
Blessings recited before and after	✓	
Walled cities, and <i>Shushan</i> itself read <i>megilah</i> on 15th Adar	✓	
Other cities read on 14th <i>Adar</i>	✓	
<i>Megilah</i> not read on <i>Shabbat</i>		

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Reads <i>megilah</i> in improper sequence	✗	One may pause and continue if necessary but not to change sequence
Reads <i>megilah</i> by heart	✗	
Reads with incorrect intention	✗	e.g. he reads <i>megilah</i> to check it
Makes mistakes while reading	✓	
Reads while standing or sitting	✓	However out of respect, the main reader should stand
Written with ink on <i>gvil</i> or <i>klaf</i> (i.e. <i>megilah</i>)	✓	Same as <i>Sefer Torah</i>
Parchment should be ruled	✓	Same as <i>Sefer Torah</i>
Parchment processed without intent	✓	 Reminder: Comparison in Writing of Torah, Tefillin and Mezuzah Ref: <i>Sefer Ahavah, Hilchot Tefillin, Chapter 1.</i> Comparison of Torah, Tefillin and Mezuzah Ref: <i>Sefer Ahavah Hilchot Tefillin, Chapters 2-10</i> 
Written on paper	✗	
Written on unprocessed parchment	✗	
Written by gentile	✗	
Some letters rubbed out or missing	✓	As long as most letters in scroll are whole

Parchment sewn together as single scroll	✓	Only animal sinews allowed
Sewn with thread	✗	Only animal sinews allowed
When reading, <i>megilah</i> should be folded like a document	✓	
Names of <i>Haman's</i> sons and following word <i>aseret</i> are read in one breath	✓	To show they were all killed together
Forbidden to mourn on <i>Purim</i>		
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"> Reminder: Pack on Mourning </div>  </div>	✓	<i>Purim</i> is a day of happiness and festivity
Works on <i>Purim</i>	✓	However, one should not work on <i>Purim</i>
 Conducts <i>Purim</i> feast at night (<i>seudat Purim</i>)	✗	If started during the day, one may continue into the night
Becomes intoxicated on <i>Purim</i>	✓	
 <i>Mishloach manot</i> sends gifts of food to friends	✓	
 <i>Matanot Laevyonim</i> . Distribute charity to the poor	✓	