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How to Use the Interactive Megillas Esther Bulletin Board

This interactive Shushan scene is designed to help make your Purim lessons come alive in your classroom. The bulletin board clearly depicts the following places: בית המלך, בית המלכה, בית המדרש, בית המן.

Listed below are different ways that this interactive Shushan scene can be used to make your megillah lessons come alive to your students.

- **Phrases from the Megillah:** The key phrases of the Megillah are boldly printed on 11x17 strips. Display the appropriate strips on the palace scene as you approach that part of the Purim story. (Example: When discussing Vashti refusing to attend the party, hang up the "ותמאן המלכה ושתי לבוא...") Doing this will help your students to become comfortable and well versed with the לשון of the Megillah. Note: Limit the amount of phrases according to grade.
- Use the gates that are included in the bulletin board packet as pockets for storing the strips of the Megillah phrases on the bulletin board.
- **Megillah Characters:** Connect the storyline to the Purim characters by placing the different characters in the right place for that part of the Purim story.

Example: 1) Take Vashti and put her near the palace when you are teaching about her refusing to come to the party.

2) Put Bigsan and Seresh at the gates of the palace when teaching that part of the Megillah.

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- **Scene Variation:** This bulletin board comes with additional picture scenes that can be inserted into the palace doors by cutting the four different doors along the dotted red lines, around each side except at the top so that each door can be lifted open. You can then place a relevant picture inside, using velcro or funtak.

Examples: 1) Place the Aron Kodesh scene inside the Bais Medrash.

2) Place the royal set table inside the palace doors.

3) Place the bedroom scene inside the palace doors when talking about 'בלילה ההוא נדדה שנת המלך'.

4) Place the gallows near בית המן.

- **Student Interaction:** Engage your students in the Megillah lessons by having them come up to the bulletin board to appropriately move around the pieces. They can also be the ones to come up and choose the appropriate Megillah phrases to display on the bulletin board.

Your students are guaranteed to truly enjoy learning Megillas Esther when your lessons are accompanied by this bulletin board. You, as the Morah, will enjoy the teaching as well!

Hatzlacha!