

This system of cantillation is done in a solemn and sympathetic manner in keeping with the serious character of the High Holyday season.

9. Megillath "Esther" Cantillation

The Scroll of "Esther" is read on the Feast of Purim which occurs on the 15th day of Adar. It is read at the evening service of the eve before, as well as that of the morning.¹

Benedictions Preceding the Reading

Hurriedly

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 Baw-ruch a-taw a-do-noy e-lo-hē-nu
 me-lech haw-o-lom a-she-ri-ki-de-shaw-nu be-mitz-vo-sov
 ve-tsi-vaw-nu al mik-raw me-gi-law Baw-ruch
 a-taw a-do-noy e-lo-hē-nu me-lech haw-o-lom
 She-aw-saw ni-sim la-a-vo-se-nu ba-yaw-mim haw-hēm baz-
 man ha-zeh Baw-ruch a-taw a-do-noy
 e-lo-hē-nu me-lech haw-o-lom she-he-che-yaw-nu

1. See "Purim in Music," A. W. Binder, in *Purim Anthology*. Edited by Philip Goodman. Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, 1949.

