



The Elephant and the Purim Crown

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In this moving picture book, Rachel is looking forward to the Purim festival, hoping that her elaborate costume will help her win the coveted Purim crown. On the way to the synagogue, her cousin sees a man offering elephant rides. Rachel feels like Queen Esther on the elephant's back—until she notices its injured feet. After winning the crown, Rachel returns, offering it as payment for the elephant; her kindness influences its owner.

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