

Wizard of Persian

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Cast

Jodie Lane	Esther
Sharon DeLevie	Vasthti
Steve Rothkin	King
Dave Greenspoon	Haman
Scott Berliner	Mordechai
Felise Milan	Bigton
Pam Barkley	Teresh
Sharon Kirschner	Scarecrow
Roberta Rothkin	Tinman
Roy Solomon	Lion

Ozians

Melissa Bear, Liza Karsten, Rick Misrok, Victoria Ritter and Marc Solomon

Royal Gatekeepers

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Munchkins

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Musical Director

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## **Wizard and I**

*The Wizard and I [Wicked]*

Did I really just read that?  
Have I actually understood?  
This Haman tried to destroy my tribe  
But Esther was good  
She was brave and willing  
Did what she should  
Did what she could.....

You'll soon meet queen Vashti  
She refused to dance  
So King held a pageant  
Looking for a new romance  
And the spies, Bigton and Teresh  
Set their sights on wizard's power  
But Mordy used his brain  
Ended up 'man of the hour '  
Yes!  
The Wiz asked how he could reward such a mensch  
Who made certain the wiz didn't die  
So Haman vowed to kill  
Our friend Mordechai

And you'll love Queen Esther  
Once you hear her tale  
She had the nerve to speak up  
You'll know she could not dare -  
Dare fail  
And the King he almost blew it  
By Haman he was so blinded  
That Haman he was so dumb  
And like Pharaoh narrow minded  
No!  
We would not bow down  
Yes we stood our ground  
To Haman we would not comply  
Oh, Esther saves the day  
With her Mordechai...

### **We're Off to Shushan Palace**

*We're Off to See the Wizard [The Wizard of Oz]*

We're off to Shushan palace  
The wizard rules over us all  
We hear he has a bit of dim wit  
And throws a really fun ball.

He's having one now  
He wants Vashti to dance  
In front of the princes  
Without any pants

No pants, no pants, no pants, no pants  
At all!  
So sit back and see how she handles his gall

We're off to Shushan Palace  
The Wizard rules over us all.

### **Ease on Down Your Clothes**

*Ease on Down the Road [The Wiz]*

You've got to ease on down, ease on down your clothes  
You've got to ease on down, ease on down your clothes  
When you dance for us  
You won't be needing those  
Come on and ease on down, ease on down your clothes

### **Somewhere Over the Desert**

*Over the Rainbow [The Wizard of Oz]*

Somewhere over the desert far away  
There's a land where an exiled queen has a place to stay  
Somewhere over the desert, I'll be free  
Let the King go find some new girl, glad it won't be me.

This morning I had gold and jewels  
But I won't dance before those fools so sue me.  
I had a choice and so I chose  
To lose my crown but keep my clothes  
And that's the true me.

Somewhere over the desert camels roam  
They roam over the desert that's where I'll make my home  
If happy little camels roam beyond the desert. Surely I'll find home.

### **Ease on Down the Road**

*Ease on Down the Road [The Wiz]*

You've got to ease on down, ease on down the road  
You've got to ease on down, ease on down the road  
You embarrassed me in my own abode  
Now you must ease on down, ease on down the road!

### **If He Only Had A Queen**

*If I Only Had a Brain [The Wizard of Oz]*

Well the King is sad and lonely  
He needs a "one and only"  
Someone who's cute and keen

No more life of a bachelor  
Matrimony's what he's after  
If he only had a queen

She'll be modest, and be pretty  
And chosen by committee  
And over age eighteen

If she makes a mean brisket  
She could help rule the district  
If he only had a queen

Picture me, his Majesty

Searching high and low  
“Let’s have all the girls put on a show?”  
Now there’s a thought, why not?

So proclaim it through the nation, come to this location,  
And then you will be seen  
For our Wiz is on a mission  
To be his bride you audition

If I/he only had a queen

### **Secular**

*Popular [Wicked]*

Dear Esther you are someone  
Who has a chance to fly  
And let’s face it, who wouldn’t, just want a chance to fly?  
A girl like you had better take the lead.  
And with just a little makeover  
Your future life will takeover  
I know, I know, exactly what you need  
And even in this case -though it’s a bitter case you have to face  
Don’t worry – I’m determined you’ll succeed  
We will proceed  
And yes, indeed  
You. Will. BE

### **Secular**

You’re gonna be secular  
I’ll teach you the proper poise when you talk to goys  
Little ways to flirt and flounce (oh!)  
I’ll show you what clothes to wear  
How to hide your prayer  
Everything that really counts

To be secular  
I’ll help you be secular  
I’ll teach you what sports to play  
Not to say “Oy Vey”

Set aside the kiddish cup  
So get set  
Cause you'll need the chutzpah to ham it up.

If you want to spend your life in the palaces  
Never pour the Manischewitz in the chalices  
Later you can whine about it in analysis  
Have no trepidation  
It's just assimilation

And when it comes to secular  
I know about secular

And with an assist from me  
To be who you'll be  
Instead of simply who you were (well, ARE)  
They won't even check you  
Cause you will be secular. (LAR)

La, la, la la we're gonna make you Secular.

### **If I Only Had His Heart**

*If I Only Had A Heart [The Wizard of OZ]*

I am tender, I am gentle  
I'm never temperamental  
My looks set me apart!

My background could not be better  
I'll be glad to hold your scepter!  
If I only had your heart

Why should you have to settle?  
When I can fill your kettle?  
You'll find I'm very smart!

I'll impress with my acumen  
My approach is much more human  
If I only had your heart

Picture me upon your knee  
We could turn the lights down low

I hear you're quite the, Romeo  
I feel a beat, how sweet!

I could rub you with some lotion,  
I'm filled with such devotion  
Just tell me where to start

You will feel young and chipper  
But never on Yom Kippur  
If we only had your heart!

**This Palace is Like a Spa**

*Merry Old Land of Oz [The Wizard of Oz]*

Ha ha ha  
Ho ho ho  
And a couple of tra la las  
That's how you'll laugh the day away  
This palace is like a spa

Come on in,  
This is your home  
You'll like it here because,  
We're all here to pamper you  
The palace is like a spa!

You'll get up at twelve and do your nails at one  
Take an hour massage and then lay in the sun  
Jolly good fun!

Ha ha ha  
Ho ho ho  
And a couple of la de das

It's fun to live here in Shushan  
The palace is like a spa!

### **Those Bad Jews**

*Don't Nobody Bring No Bad News [The Wiz]*

When I strut around old Shushan town,  
Which it pleases me to do.  
It's everywhere I see them-Those Bad Jews  
Now I never see them bowing down  
Which really lights my fuse  
But soon they're gonna bow to me--Those Bad Jews

Soon I will be the Wizard.  
You better bone up on the rules  
Can't have nobody act like Those Bad Jews  
I'm gonna make them kneel right down  
And they can kiss my shoes  
Soon they will all bow to me--Those Bad Jews

Those Bad Jews--Those Bad Jews  
Soon they're gonna pray to me, Those Bad Jews  
I will take away their yarmulkes  
And burn down all their shuls  
I'll hang them from the gallows, Those Bad Jews

When I'm done with those Heb's  
They'll be cryin' the blues  
'Cause they must bow down to me--Those Bad Jews  
They can verbalize and vocalize  
But there's nothing they can do,  
I'll hang them from the gallows, Those Bad Jews

Those Bad Jews--Those Bad Jews  
Soon they're gonna pray to me, Those Bad Jews  
I will take away their yarmulkes  
And burn down all their shuls

I'll hang them from the gallows, Those Bad Jews

I'll hang them from the gallows, Those Bad Jews

### **Kill the Wizard**

*He's the Wizard [The Wiz]*

Sweet thing, let me tell you 'bout  
The world and the way things are.  
You and I deserve a place  
Where we're worshipped from afar.  
Now that I've told you how it is,  
We're gonna hafta kill the Wiz!

He's the man; he's the only one  
Who impedes our way to glory.  
But I see a different end  
To this fairytale story  
I want the power that is his.  
It's time to begin our killing biz...  
Kill the Wiz and his crown is ours!

There's a way to get whatever we want  
And I'm willing to kill to do it!  
Just grab your cloak and knife,  
And let's go and get the Wizard.  
We'll fix him a drink  
That'll bubble and foam.  
And in a flash, he'll be dethroned!

Kill the Wiz; Kill the Wizard of Oz.  
We've got daggers up our sleeves  
And, you know, without him dead  
T'would be impossible to lead

Fantastic powers at our command!  
Come my friend, it's time to make our stand.

Kill the Wiz and his crown is ours!  
Kill the Wizard  
Kill the Wizard  
Kill the Wizard

### **Loathing**

*What is This Feeling [Wicked]*

What is this feeling so sudden and new?  
Felt as soon as I knew you're a Jew!  
My pulse is rushing  
My head is reeling  
My face is flushing  
What is this feeling?  
Fervid as a flame, does it have a name:  
Yes! Yeessss!  
Loathing! Unadulterated loathing!

For your Chai  
Your hat  
Your gloating

Let's just say, I loathe it all!  
Every single time you won't bow down!  
Every time you boss us Jews around!

With simple utter loathing  
There's a strange exhilaration in such total detestation  
It's so pure so strong  
Though I do admit it came on fast  
Still I do believe that it can last  
And I will be loathing  
Loathing you my whole life long!

### **Defying Royalty**

*Defying Gravity [Wicked]*

Something has changed within me  
My people call my name  
I'm through with hiding what I am  
So I can play this game  
Too late for second guessing  
Too late to go back to sleep  
It's time to trust in prayer  
Close my eyes and leap!

It's time to try  
Defying Royalty  
I think I'll try  
Defying Royalty  
And they can't pull me down!

I cannot compromise here  
I cannot let this go  
His scepter may not rise  
But till I try, I'll never know!  
Too long I've been pretending  
That I'm someone that I'm not  
Well now it's time  
To claim the life that I forgot.

I'll live or die defying royalty  
I have to try I'm defying Royalty  
And they can't pull me down

And nobody in all Shushan  
Can turn me from this path I'm on.  
They're never gonna bring me down!

### **Leave the Jews Alone**

*Ease on Down the Road [The Wiz]*

It's time to  
Leave the Jews, leave the Jews alone  
You got to leave the Jews, leave the Jews alone  
Mordy won tonight  
And now your cover's blown

You've got to leave the Jews, leave the Jews alone

Pack your bags all up  
Take your gal-lows down  
The King's disapprovin'  
You're a royal clown  
You can go start weeping  
While we sit here and schmooze  
Don't you try to best us  
Haman, we're the JEWS!

It's time to  
Leave the Jews, leave the Jews alone  
You've got to, leave the Jews, leave the Jews alone  
Esther's come out Jewish  
She spins *sivivon*  
Got to leave the Jews leave the Jews alone

### **Finale**

*Munchkinland [The Wizard of Oz]*

Come out, come out wherever you are  
And meet the brave lady: Es-ther, our star

We almost got killed, we know it's bizarre  
But now we rejoice on this day in Adar.

Now we rejoice on this day in Adar.

She went to the Wiz, she made herself heard  
And Shushan's the place where this miracle occurred!

It really was no miracle  
What happened was just this:

The King he had a ball; Vashti did call  
She wouldn't dance without her pants to please them all.

The King, he tried, to search both high and wide,  
We're glad he found Queen Esther to be his lovely bride

And then the King he almost died.

The spies they made a plot. We're thankful they got caught.  
And Haman told the Jews to bow, but Mordechai would not.  
But, Haman and Mordy fought, Haman drew lots -- our lives were fraught

Es-ther approached the King. He said Haman would swing  
And Mordy and the Jews rejoiced, it's why we dance and sing  
If you liked our shpiel sing with us as we deal our final reel

Show us how you feel, applaud with zeal, then have a meal,  
As we conclude our Purim shpeil

### **Ding Dong, Haman's Dead**

*Ding Dong the Witch is Dead [The Wizard of Oz]*

He's wrong, noose round his head  
Baruch haShem Haman is dead  
So long, the wicked shnook is dead

Stand up, all you Jews  
Sing out loud, from chairs and pews  
We're glad, the wicked shnook is dead

Our tale it has now been told  
Go home, go home, go home  
But stop and nosh your hamentosh'  
And, leave your 'groggers' (air quotes around groggers)

Pick up your schlach manot  
It's full of stuff  
And a special note  
Have some fun  
Our Purim shpiel is done.