



## Megillat Esther - Purim

March 2023

Blog

### The Energies of Purim: Jews are People in Resonance

As we read the many plot twists and turns of Megillat Esther, while sitting in a crowded environment of noise-makers, we may lose sight of the "big picture" aspects of Megillat Esther. And the biggest is the definition of who we, Yehudim, are as a people.

Who we are starts with the word itself that labels us, Yehudim, which is the plural of Yehudah (Judah). Judah, a son of Jacob and Leah, gives his name not only to us as a people - Jews - but also to the tribe of Judah and the land of Judea.

And what is the basic meaning of this name Yehודה? It is the same root as and is a grammatical variant of the word Tehודה תהודה which means Resonance. Yes our very name, the definition of who we are, radiates that we are an Energies people, a people in Resonance! We may have many different frequencies among us, but what makes us special is that we know how to Resonate among ourselves, how to be the Am Segula the Chosen People, how to take the differences of red and blue to create the beautiful color Segol purple - such is our understanding and our abilities as Yehudim the People of Resonance. Our energies-nature as a people is described in many places such as Isaiah Chapter 42 לאור גוים a Light unto the nations.

Megillat Esther not only tells us our definition as the People of Resonance but in Esther 8:16 tells us the energies we Resonate with as the result of the Esther story ליהודים לשמחה אורה והיתה אורה the Jews Resonate with light and joy. The Esther story is about the flow of energies among various people at a certain time and place, and more importantly it is about how we Jews see and feel ourselves, and understand and undertake our role in the world. Chag Purim sameach to all of us.