

Purim, the Number 14 and G-d's Hand

Letters and Numbers of the Festivals – Purim

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Why is Purim on the 14th of Adar?

Explore the fascinating significance of the number 14,
and the different hands of G-d.

In the Megillah the word Yad (יָד) which means Hand (single tense) is stated 15 times.

- 1) 1:7
- 2) 1:12
- 3) 1:16
- 4) 2:3
- 5) 2:8
- 6) Again in 2:8
- 7) 2:14
- 8) 2:18
- 9) 2:21
- 10) 3:6
- 11) 6:2
- 12) 6:9
- 13) 8:7
- 14) 8:10
- 15) 9:2

[Note: Yadayim or hands in plural is stated twice, 9:11 & 9:15]