

RECIPE OREJAS DE HAMAN (HAMAN'S EARS)

Orejas de Haman are a classic Sephardic treat made especially for Purim! These sweet dough-balls are fried in oil and drizzled with honey and syrup formed in the shape of a ear, a reference to the ears of Haman, the evil persecutor of the Jews in the story of Purim.

Ingredients

3 Eggs

Pinch of Salt

4 Tblsp Fresh Orange Juice

2 Tblsp Confectioners Sugar

1/4 Cup Almonds, Finely Chopped

2 Cups Flour

3 Cups Olive Oil



Beat eggs until frothy in a large bowl. Add a pinch of salt and the orange juice. Add the sugar and almonds. Add the flour, while stirring rapidly with a wooden spoon, and beat until a flexible dough has formed. Turn out on a floured surface and knead for 5-10 minutes. Roll out to a 1/3-inch thickness and cut into 4-inch circles with a biscuit cutter. Cut each circle in half. At the midpoint of the radius, pinch with your forefinger and thumb to draw the two pointed ends in slightly and make a hump or buckle in the center. They should resemble ears with pointed tips.

Heat about 3 cups of olive oil almost to the smoking point. Carefully drop in the ears, one by one, and fry until golden brown. Do not overcrowd or you will damage the shapes. Remove, drain, and stack them, or arrange on a large platter.

Source: Recipe originally from Salonika and researched by Nikos Stavroulakis zt"L - Cookbook of the Jews of Greece

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WHAT ARE MISHLOAH MANOT?

Mishloah Manot (lit. Sending of Portions) are gifts of food or drink that are sent to family and friends to help celebrate the holiday of Purim. Sending these gifts are actually one of the four misvot (commandments) of Purim, and typically include at least two different edible foods/drinks in order to fulfill the obligations. In Sephardic communities, these gifts have historically taken many forms of different sweets and treats, such as Biscochos, a type of Sephardic cookie, or Bombonieres, small bags of Jordan almonds. These wonderful gifts are also known as **Purimlikes** or **Platikos** in Ladino (Judeo-Spanish).



KOPLAS DE PURIM LADINO PURIM SONGS

There are many unique Purim songs from the Jewish communities of the former Ottoman Empire, including in Ladino, Hebrew, and even in Judeo-Greco (among the Romaniote Jews of Greece). Among them is Empesar Kero Kontar, along with others you can find through our online database of Sephardic and Romaniote liturgy at Zemirots.org.

EMPESAR KERO KONTAR LADINO SONG

Empesar kero kontar, Echas del Dio Alto, De lo ke kero enmentar, Nada yo no falto,

Kon bayles i saltos, I kon gran plazer, Porke Aman el mamzer, Mos kijo matarmos, Tambien atemarmos, ey...

Oye lo ke akontesio, En tiempo avante, De lo ke se rekresio, Kon un rey djigante,

Es koza de enkante, El Ahashverosh, Kantare kon grande boz, I kon alegria, Esta maraviya, ey...

Izo mandar a traer, Adientro sus kortes, Djoyas ke eran de Israel, I sus sansidortes, Mil modo de sortes, D'el Koen Gadol, Kuando tenia valor, El se los metia, I al Dio servia el,

Diolo la su entision, Azer un kombite, Siendo ansi su entision, No ay ken se lo kite, El su appetite, I su voluntad,

Vinivos i adjuntad, Prensipes mios, Kondes i djentios, ey...

To start I wish to recount, deeds of the Almighty G-d, From what I wish to describe, nothing will be left out,

With dancing and jumping, and with great pleasure, Because Aman the illegitimate one, He wanted to kill us, and also to terrify us.

Listen to what occurred, in the times of old, and what transpired, with a great king,

It is something of wonder, With Ahashverosh, I will sing with a loud voice, And with joy, this very wonder,

He had sent to bring, from within his court, Jewels that belong to the Jews, and of the priesthood, all sorts of goods, belonging to the High Priest, when he was courageous, he would wear them, and worship before G-d,

He had the desire, to make a great feast, since it was his will, no one could counter his appetite, and his will,

Come and get together, My princesses, counts and many people

Source: Ty Alhadeff & Rabbi Nissim Elnecavé

LOS LEYES DE PURIM

En Purim ay kuatro misvot ke estamos ovligados de azer i ay uzansas ermozas ke azemos en las komunitades Sefaradis.

1. Megila - Ombres i mujeres son ovligados de sentir la Megila de Ester, noche i dia de Purim.
2. Seuda - Es misva de ordenar pranso en Purim, de komer i beber vino.
3. Sedaka - Son ovligados de dar a lo manko dos regalos a dos proves en komida o afilu en moneda.
4. Mishloah Manot - Son ovligados de enviar a sus amigo dos porsyones de komer.

El dia antes de Purim, ay tambien ovligado azen Taanit Ester - el 13 de Adar.

THE LAWS OF PURIM

According to discussions in the Talmud, there are four core commandments regarding the holiday of Purim, with additional customs and traditions in the Sephardic Community.

1. Megila - Men and women are obligated to listen to the Megila of Esther (The Book of Esther) fully in Hebrew on the night and day of Purim.
2. Seuda - We are obligated to have a festive meal on Purim, including drinking wine.
3. Sedaka - We are obligated to give at least two gifts to two different poor people in food or in an amount of money that would be enough to purchase food.
4. Mishloah Manot - We are obligated to send two kinds of food to a friend or family member as a gift.

The day before Purim, there is also an obligation to fast for the 13th of Adar, the Fast of Esther.