My Purim Service

A Social Story

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Congregation Rodeph Sholom

11:00am-12:00pm

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I am going to a Purim service at Rodeph Sholom on Saturday!
The service will be in a big room called the “Schafler Forum.”
Rabbi Ben will lead the service, and Louie will play his guitar.
I will do good sitting, and I will listen to Rabbi Ben and Louie. I will sing along if I want to.
I will hear a Purim story.
We will sing a special prayer called the “Shema.”

Some people close their eyes for this prayer.
Purim is a holiday when we celebrate how special it is to be Jewish.

It is a good time to be happy together.
Rabbi Ben will take the Torah out of the ark for dancing and singing.

Rabbi Ben will chant from a special scroll we read from on Purim, called the *megillah*. 
I can play a tambourine, play a drum, or use a shaker if I want.
I can help make a special *megillah* to tell the story of Purim.

Then we will sing a Purim song.
On Purim we eat special cookies called hamentaschen!

There will be tasty hamentaschen and healthy snacks to eat at the end of the service.