

May 1, 2016

What a wonderful April we had celebrating union, curiosity, collaboration and connection on the campus of Hebrew Union College. We celebrated the 18th year of the **Dr. Samuel S. Rockwern Passover Delivery of Jewish Family Service**. Kudos to Sandee and all the dedicated volunteers for their participation in this collaborative event.

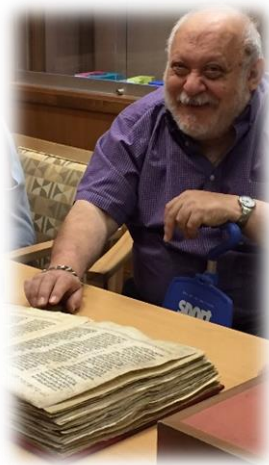
Our friend and curator Abby Schwartz hosted an interactive tour and luncheon at the **Skirball Museum**. We had great time discussing the oil painting **Sisters** by Susanna Levin-Fisher, which sparked a role-play and much discourse. At first glance, you might actually walk past this simple painting as not much seems to be going on. However, we all walked away with much more curiosity about the two women and the artist. Why were these two women in the painting standing apart? What is the significance of their clothing, hair styles and body language? What does the lack of detail in the background represent about their human condition? If this makes you just a little bit curious be sure to join us on our next scheduled tour.



Were you aware that April was National Poetry Month? We have printed the poem, "Keep Living for Love", which was written by one of our new participants' during our Share a Word group:

Keep Living for Love

Birth is anger
 Born with joy
 But it seems, I just annoy!
 Filled with sadness
 Hope it dissipates, in all this madness
 So many fears, I hold within
 Not to share them would be a sin
 Occasionally I shed tears that smother
 Simply when I feel the genuine love of others
 But the truth is always on my shelf
 Cause I'm still living
 But for, the love of self



David Gilner, Ph. D. provided a magnificently interesting tour of **Klau Library**. Participants enjoyed viewing many of the ancient scrolls and the Chinese manuscripts from the 17th century. Should you have the chance to stop by the library be sure to take a look at the display on the first floor this month which is centered around food, farming, sustainability and the, "The Jewish Farmer".

Speaking about food and farming you have the opportunity to assist with the **HUC Community Garden** by planting, harvesting or weeding. The next meeting on the schedule is **May 16, from 12:40 pm -1:40 pm**. Let our Pantry Manager Sandee know if you are interested in helping and being included on any email updates.

We hope to see you at our **After-Passover Seder on May 3rd, with Rebecca Ratner and Remembrance Day luncheon with Marc Ekstrand on May 12th**. Both Rebecca and Marc will be graduating ...help us celebrate their accomplishments!

Sincerely,







