

April 1, 2017

Dear Friend,

In March we took advantage of the gifts on campus at HUC. We attended two morning services at Scheuer Chapel and for Purim, Rabbinic Fellow Simon Stratford invited us to see the Megillah exhibit at Klau Library. Our guide, Jordan Finkin, was very knowledgeable about these beautiful scrolls in the library's collection. The Megillot represent a special opportunity for gorgeous illustrations not routinely seen in other Judaic scrolls.



The authors of the scrolls and their benefactors are often highlighted in the individual megillah, unlike the custom for Torah or Midrashim. We saw the worn edges and stains of celebration and repeated use like the stains on our Haggadahs at Passover. The differences in technique and style represent the countries where scrolls had been created, from Italy and Morocco to North Africa and Europe.

The Purim lunch table was decorated with masks, party favors and graggers. The meal included rainbow slaw, rice and lentil casserole, eggplant dip (lots of garlic and sour cream!) and, yes, hamantaschen of all kinds for dessert.

This month's movie, *Inside Out*, was a kaleidoscope of color. The film provided an opportunity to reflect on the emotions of anger, disgust, fear, sadness and joy. We were reminded how each emotion has a role to play in our lives and particularly how sadness isn't a negative emotion. This movie is one worth a second viewing.



Our glazed bowls came back this month from Ann at Starglazer's. Those that missed this glazing event will have another opportunity this year. Our friends Melissa and Richard are sharing pictures of their bowls.

Wishing you Peace, Good Health, and Happiness on Passover and always!

Sincerely,






