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Norman Sandfield Collection, 1981 - 1998

Accession Number: 2006-3

Fonds/Provenance: **Norman Sandfield**

Series Number: -

Title: Norman Sandfield Collection

Date Range: 1981 - 1998

Extent: 47 linear feet (56 boxes)

Location: E2C (Row E, Bay 2, Shelf C) - E4D (Row E, Bay 4, Shelf C)

Collection History:

For decades, Norman Sandfield has served as an organizer of gay and lesbian Jewish activities and AIDS programs in Chicago and internationally as part of his membership in Chicago's Congregation Or Chadash. He notably co-founded the Jewish AIDS Network and was a delegate from the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations to the Lesbian/Gay Interfaith Alliance. Throughout his extensive activist career Sandfield worked to support relations between Jews and persons of other religions in Chicago's gay and lesbian communities, to foster those communities' growth and welfare, to strengthen Congregation Or Chadash as a center for gay and lesbian Jews in Chicago, and to maintain liaison with the larger Jewish community.

Custodial History:

The Norman Sandfield Collection was donated by Norman Sandfield on November 17th, 2006 with a note that read "assorted LGBT literature + mailings + clippings over the last 20+ years."

Scope and Content:

The Sandfield collection includes newsletters, flyers, pamphlets, periodicals, catalogs, programs, buttons, t-shirts and other textiles, and press clippings, all from various Chicago-based and national religious and AIDS advocacy organizations as well as events/campaigns such as Gay Games, AIDS Ride, Rainbow Run, and the Red Ribbon AIDS Awareness Campaign. Some notable collection inclusions are Red Ribbon AIDS Awareness (RRAA) stained glass panels, PRIDE and RRAA Hard Rock Cafe pins, and documentation relating to Norman Sandfield's induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

Arrangement:

The collection is partially processed and currently arranged into 56 total boxes. Processed documents and artifacts have been sorted into 10 series (thus far) which include broad themes (like “personal items” or “miscellaneous documents”), but also more specific series that encompass documents and artifacts from campaigns/organizations (like “Congregation Or Chadash” or “Gay Games”). When the collection is completely processed, researchers can expect to see information such as series’ contents, date ranges, separations, and linear feet totals to be updated.

Series:

- 1 Personal | Date Range: TBD
- 2 Physical Artifacts | Date Range: TBD
- 3 Documents (Miscellaneous) | Date Range: TBD
- 4 Organizations | Date Range: TBD
- 5 Gay Games | Date Range: TBD
- 6 Red Ribbon Aids Awareness (RRAA) | Date Range: TBD
- 7 Judaism (General) | Date Range: TBD
- 8 Congregation Or Chadash | Date Range: TBD
- 9 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame | Date Range: TBD
- 10 Duplicates | Date Range: TBD

Container List:

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. PERSONAL

1.01 —

2. PHYSICAL ARTIFACTS

2.01 “[5] T-Shirts”

2.02 “[7] PRIDE wearables (Hats, accessories)”

2.03 “[8] Decorative items (stickers, cards, mugs, etc.)”

2.04 “[9] Hard Rock Cafe Pints (PRIDE, Red Ribbon)”

3. DOCUMENTS (MISCELLANEOUS)

3.01 —

4. ORGANIZATIONS

- 4.01 “[16] Rainbow Run”
- 4.02 “[17] Aids Ride (Textiles)”
- 4.03 “[18] Jewish Aids Network Chicago (JAN-C)”

5. GAY GAMES

- 5.01 “[1] Gay Games I - IV”
- 5.02 “[2] Gay Games V - IX | Outgames I”
- 5.03 “[3] Gay Games VII 1 of 2”
- 5.04 “[4] Gay Games VII 2 of 2”
- 5.05 [To be processed] “Gay Games”

6. RED RIBBON AIDS AWARENESS (RRAA)

- 6.01 “[11] RRAA Textiles”
- 6.02 “[12] RRAA Pins and Jewelry”
- 6.03 [Oversized] “Stained Glass”
- 6.04 “[13] RRAA Stamps and Phone Cards”
- 6.05 “[14] [RRAA Miscellaneous Documents]
- 6.06 “[15] RRAA (Miscellaneous)”

7. JUDAISM (GENERAL)

- 7.01 “[19] LGBTQ - Jewish”

8. CONGREGATION OR CHADASH

- 8.01 “[20] Or Chadash”
- 8.02 “[21] Or Chadash Newsletters”
- 8.03 “[22] Or Chadash Textiles”
- 8.04 “[34] Or Chadash – Archives”

9. GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME

- 9.01 “[46] Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame”

10. Duplicates

- 10.01 “Pins (Duplicates)”
- 10.02 “Buttons (Duplicates) [1 of 2]”

10.03 "Buttons (Duplicates) [2 of 2]"
10.03 "T-Shirts (Duplicates)"
10.04 "Duplicates (General) [1 of 2]"
10.05 "Duplicates (General) [2 of 2]"

Separations:
None.

Restrictions:
No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H "Confidentiality Agreement" for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:
Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame records
Congregation Or Chadash records

Subject Headings:
AIDS activists
Homosexuality--Religious aspects--Judaism
Homosexuality--Social aspects
Homosexuality--Societies, etc
Judaism and international relations
Judaism--Reform movement
Judaism--Social aspects
Judaism--Societies, etc.
LGBT pride celebrations

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Note(s): *The Norman Sandfield Collection is one of the largest holdings at Gerber/Hart. This Finding Aid is being published in an effort to allow for a higher level of immediate accessibility towards this vastly important and diverse collection. The Finding Aid is in flux as of January,*

2022, and will be updated as holdings are further processed and cataloged. If you have any questions regarding the content of this collection, please reach out to Gerber/Hart via email at info@gerberhart.org.