

Finding Aid to the Steve Ginsburg Papers, 1972-1974 (1990-17)

Extent:

2 folders (.1 linear feet)

Access:

The collection is open for research.

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Creator:

Ginsburg, Steve

Scope and Content of Collection

The Steve Ginsburg Papers are divided into three series. The first series contains materials on Achvah (Brotherhood). Achvah was formed in 1972 under the name Chutzpah, having as its goal to educate the Jewish and gay communities about Jewish gay persons. Achvah also sought to “instill Jewish consciousness in ourselves.” Included are flyers on the Purim Dance held by the group. Achvah’s newsletter has information on the group’s other events: the project to encourage Bay Area rabbis to participate and support the Council on Religion and the Homosexual (CRH) and the project to march in the “1973 Christopher Street West Parade scheduled for June 24.”

The second series contains materials (bar flyers, newspaper articles) on the 1973 Gay Freedom Day Committee, of which Steve Ginsburg was Parade chairperson. There are issues of the Parade Committee’s newsletter and a Directory of Western Gay Organizations published by the Parade Committee. It also includes Ginsburg’s letter of resignation from the Committee.

The third series contains 9 photos (6 color, 3 b/w) of the 1973 and 1974 Gay Freedom Day Parade. The 1974 photos document the Gay Liberation Alliance a ‘non-group’ formed for a parade appearance as an anti-Imperial Court group. No negatives. Photographs are located in the Photo room.

In addition to his activism in San Francisco, Ginsburg founded P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Rights in Defense of Education) in Los Angeles in May 1966 in response to a police raid on a gay bar. Ginsburg died in 2007.