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Descriptive Summary
Title: Sami Hassid collection
Dates: 1932-1989
Bulk Dates: 1957-1985
Collection number: 2005-16
Creator: Hassid, Sami, 1912-
Collector: Environmental Design Archives
Collection Size: 1 manuscript box, 2 flat file drawers
Repository: Environmental Design Archives
College of Environmental Design
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Physical location: Environmental Design Archives
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Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
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Biographical Note
Sami Hassid was born in Cairo, Egypt on April 19, 1912. He holds degrees from universities in three countries, including a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of London, a Master’s degree in Architecture from the University of Cairo, and a Ph.D. in Architecture from Harvard University. While teaching in Egypt, mainly at the University of Cairo, he wrote three books, two of which became standard references in schools of architecture in the Middle East. Hassid was awarded a Fulbright grant for study in the United States, and in 1957 he joined the faculty of the Department of Architecture at the University of California at Berkeley. He actively participated in and influenced the evolution of the programs offered by the department, introduced research into the graduate curriculum, and was instrumental in the establishment in 1968 of a program of studies leading to the Ph.D. in Architecture. Hassid served as Associate Dean of the College of Environmental Design (1977-1983), as Academic Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Academic Services (1980-1985), and as
Chairman of the Buildings and Campus Development Committee (1983-1984) while at U.C. Berkeley. In these capacities he produced with others the “Berkeley Campus Space Plan 1981,” which is the most comprehensive grass roots effort of its kind in the history of the campus. In June of 1981, he received the Berkeley Citation of the University of California, Berkeley: Honors for Distinguished Achievement and for Notable Service to the University.

Dr. Hassid’s main lines of research were in architectural education, design evaluation, housing, and fire and life safety. He is known for his seminal work on design evaluation, and for his series of reports and articles on research in which jury deliberations, responses to simulated environments, and content analysis of the literature on architects, their buildings and prize designs are used to derive rational criteria for design evaluation. Important research projects on various topics in which Dr. Hassid was principal investigator were sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of the Navy, the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration, and the National Science Foundation. In 1966, he received the Building Research Institute Award for Service to the Building Industry.

Hassid's professional architectural career included practice as principal or partner in Egypt and in California. Singly, or in association with others, he won a substantial number of prizes in local, national, and international competitions. Buildings designed by him included the American Institute of Architect’s headquarters in San Francisco, a student hostel for the American University in Cairo, schools, houses, apartment buildings, shops, offices, cooperative housing, and industrial complexes. Hassid's designs have been praised for their simplicity and elegance, and for economy in the choice and expression of materials.

Source:
Collection file, Environmental Design Archives

Scope and Content of Collection
The Sami Hassid collection contains four series: Personal Papers, Professional Papers, Faculty Papers, and Project Records. The Personal Papers contain a detailed Personal History Documentation written by Hassid, many legal and financial papers relating to the Hassid family's immigration to the United States from Egypt, and presentation materials and photographs done during his doctoral studies. These latter materials include a presentation on the Acorn House in Massachusetts, an early model of prefabricated housing designed by Cambridge architect Carl Koch. The Project Records contain photographs, drawings, and files related to his architectural projects. Also included in these records are photographs and drawings of his award-winning design of the AIA headquarters in San Francisco. Much of the collection is made up of materials related to his career at the University of California, Berkeley, including research materials on architectural education and design evaluation, and administrative records pertaining to Hassid's academic career. These papers also contain information on Hassid's groundbreaking work with Berkeley's Campus Planning Office.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Architects--California.
Architecture--California.
Architects -- Egypt.
Architecture -- Study and teaching.

Genres and Forms of Material
Architectural records.
Architectural drawings.
Architectural photographs.

Project Index
The following is a list of architectural projects from the Sami Hassid Collection. For instructions on interpreting the Project Index, see The Guide to the Project Index at http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/cedarchives/pindex/guide.htm.

The Project Index list is arranged alphabetically by Project/Client Name and contains information, where available, about the location, date, project type, architect, collaborators, photographers, and formats for each project in the collection.

Project/Client Name (location, date, project type, architect) Collaborator (role), Photographer [Format - Ms=Manuscripts, Dr=Drawings, Ph=Photographs]
- Albery, Inc., condominiums ( Burlingame , CA ; 1981 ; residential-multi ) [ Dr ]
- AIA American Institute of Architects, Northern California Chapter: Headquarters, remodel and expansion ( San Francisco , CA ; 1963-1964 ; commercial ) [ Dr, Ph ]
• American University at Cairo: Student Hostel "Hill House" (Cairo, Egypt; 1952; educational) Collaborator: Shafik, Yousef (architect) [Dr]
• Binyamin, Jurji (Cairo, Egypt; 1951; residential) Collaborator: Shafik, Yousef (architect) [Dr]
• Blake House, apartments (Berkeley, CA; 1963-1964; residential-multi) Collaborator: Keleman, Frank (architect) [Dr]
• Callan Drive-Carter Drive-King Drive Condominium Units (South San Francisco, CA; 1979; residential-multi) [Dr]
• Competition: American Institute of Architects: Octagon Building-Headquarters (Washington, D.C.; 1967?; commercial) [Dr]
• Competition: Boston City Hall (Boston, MA; 1962; governmental) [Dr]
• Competition: Fairfield Civic Center City Hall (Fairfield, CA; n.d.; governmental) [Dr]
• Competition: Santa Rosa City Hall (Santa Rosa, CA; n.d.; governmental) [Dr]
• Competition: University of California-University Arts Center (Berkeley, CA; 1964; educational) [Dr]
• Congregation B'nai Sholom, remodel, and expansion (Walnut Creek, CA; 1977-1979; religious) [Dr]
• Congregation Ner Tamid, remodel (San Francisco, CA; 1980; religious) [Dr]
• Design: medical center (unknown; n.d.; medical) [Dr]
• Design: California-Governor's Mansion (Sacramento, CA; n.d.; governmental) [Dr]
• Design: Pan-American Health Organization (unknown; n.d.; medical) [Dr]
• Diamond Heights Red Rock Hill Development (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; residential-multi) [Dr]
• Dwight Way, apartments, proposed (Berkeley, CA; 1965; residential-multi) [Dr]
• Gani, Margaret (Cairo, Egypt; n.d.; residential-multi) Collaborator: Shafik, Yousef (architect) [Dr]
• Hassid, Albert (Sydney, Australia; 1973; residential) [Dr]
• Heliopolis Police Cooperative (Cairo, Egypt; 1956; residential-multi) Collaborator: Shafik, Yousef (architect) [Dr]
• Kabbani and Siyufi (Cairo, Egypt; 1954; residential-multi) Collaborator: Shafik, Yousef (architect) [Dr]
• Lakeside Greens (Davis, CA; 1977; residential-multi) Collaborator: Unger, Dean F. (architect) [Dr]
• Lakkah, Antwan (Cairo, Egypt; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: Shafik, Yousef (architect) [Dr]
• Mizrahi and Associates, apartments (see Silvana) (Oakland, CA; 1959; residential-multi)
• Mizrahi and Hassid, Juliette, apartments (Berkeley, CA; 1959; residential-multi) [Dr]
• Silvana, Mizrahi and Associates, apartments (Oakland, CA; 1959-1960; residential-multi) [Dr]
• Sutter-Scott Medical Center (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; medical) [Dr, Ph]
• Temple Beth-El, remodel (1967) and additions (1985) (Berkeley, CA; 1967, 1985; religious) [Dr]
• Unidentified 4-story building (unknown) [Dr]
• Western Jewish History Center: Judah L. Magnes Memorial Museum, remodel (Berkeley, CA; 1973-1974; cultural) [Dr]
• Western Jewish History Center: Judah L. Magnes Memorial Museum, remodel and expansion (Berkeley, CA; 1978-1979; cultural) [Dr]

I. Personal Papers 1932-1985
Series Scope and Content Summary
Contain personal correspondence and materials related to the Hassid family's emigration from Egypt to the United States. Include doctoral research and presentation materials, as well as diplomas from the Giza Royal School of Engineering and Harvard University.

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**B. Correspondence 1968-1985**

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**II. Professional Papers 1956-1976**

Series Scope and Content Summary

Contain presentation materials and writings related to several research projects and publications. Among these are his writings and research materials on architectural design evaluation.

**A. Correspondence 1961-1983**

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**III. Faculty Papers 1957-1985**

Series Scope and Content Summary

Contain materials related to Hassid’s career at the University of California, Berkeley, including presentation and research materials for Fire Safety in Buildings. Include departmental files and information on the Campus Planning Office.

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B. Course Materials 1966-1976

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Pamphlets, schedules, descriptions 1966-1976

C. Correspondence-Students 1959-1983

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Letters 1959-1983

IV. Project Records 1962-1985

Series Scope and Content Summary

Contain records and drawings, with notations in Arabic, for several buildings in Cairo, Egypt. Also contain records for numerous projects in the United States, the majority of which are residential buildings in California. Include files, drawings, and photographs of Hassid's award-winning design for the AIA Headquarters in San Francisco, California.

A. Project Lists 1962-1985

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**See Project Index

B. Files 1962-1985

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C. Photographs 1962-1985

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D. Drawings 1962-1985

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