Sanford Lowe papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Sanford Lowe papers
Dates: 1953-1995
Collection Number: 2008-33
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 1.1 linear feet
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Abstract: Dr. Sanford “Sandy” Lowe (1935-2005) was a rabbi, biblical scholar and instructor of religious studies at Santa Rosa Junior College. His Bay Area Reporter obituary describes him as a rabbi without a temple and a gay liberationist. Lowe also won medals in swimming at the Gay Games. The bulk of the collection consists of black and white photographs taken by Lowe after 1981.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
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Acquisition Information
Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
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