

# Guide to the Miriam Jaffe Papers Documenting Lesbian and Gay Student Life at Yale

MS 1945



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1945

**CREATOR:** Jaffe, Miriam

**TITLE:** Miriam Jaffe papers documenting lesbian and gay student life at Yale

**DATES:** 1979-1992

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers document Miriam Jaffe's participation in lesbian and gay student life at Yale and in New Haven, as well as her party production company, MJ Productions. The papers consist of advertisements, event calendars, programs, newsletters and playbills.

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f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Miriam Jaffe, 2009.

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## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Miriam Jaffe graduated from Yale College in 1982. She was active in feminist and gay and lesbian organizations at Yale, including the YaLesbians and the Gay Student Center, and in New Haven's lesbian and gay community. Jaffe produced parties under the name MJ Productions that were popular among gay men and lesbians on campus.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement**

The records are arranged alphabetically by organization name.

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### Yale related

b. 1, f. 1	Alliance Bi-weekly, newsletter	1987
b. 1, f. 2	Feminist Film Society, season passes	circa 1980s
b. 1, f. 3	Gay and Lesbian Alumni, newsletter	1985-1987
b. 1, f. 4	Gay Student's Center, event calendar	1984
b. 1, f. 5	Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days, event calendar	1984-1987
b. 2, f. 1	MJ Productions, posters	1983-1986
b. 2, f. 2	Pierson College Cabaret, posters	1981-1983
b. 1, f. 6	Undergraduate Women's Caucus, playbill	1983
b. 1, f. 7	Women's Center, newsletter	1983-1984
b. 1, f. 8	YaLesbians, flyer	circa 1979

### Non-Yale

b. 1, f. 9	Memorials of friends	1984-1992
b. 1, f. 10	New Haven organizations and activities Consists of posters, newsletters, publications, especially relevant for AIDS Project New Haven.	circa 1980s
b. 1, f. 11	New York, miscellaneous periodicals	circa 1983-1985

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

College students  
Gay men -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Lesbians -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
LGBTQ resource

### **Names**

Jaffe, Miriam

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- Students