



SAUL AND YAKOV KANTOR PAPERS

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Saul and Yakov Kantor Papers

Creator

Kantor, Yakov David, 1952-2007

Extent

Number of containers: 1 flat archive box
Linear feet: 0.25 linear foot

Date

Circa 1941-circa 2005

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

The collection consists of the Star of David “Jude” patch said to have belonged to Saul Kantor (1912-1976); two drawings by his son, Yakov Kantor (1952-2007), a graphic artist and member of the Portland, Oregon, Jewish LGBT community, inspired by the 2005 Hungarian film *Sorstalanság* (*Fateless*); and two photographs, 2000 and 2003, of Yakov Kantor.

Administrative Information

Access

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Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

Gay Artists
Holocaust, Jewish (1933-1945)—Gays
Jewish Gays—Germany
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Kantor, Saul, 1912-1976
Kantor, Yakov David, 1952-2007
Sorstalanság (Fateless)

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Biography

Saul Kantor was born in Germany in 1912. He maintained a flourishing business as a cabinetmaker until the Nazi rise to power in 1935. After the Nazis instituted increasingly severe restrictions against Jews he fled Germany in 1939, and emigrated to the United States. He died in 1976.

Yakov David Kantor, Saul Kantor's son, was born on November 28, 1952. A sign-painter and graphic artist, his artistic passion was illustrations and drawings of characters from films, television, and comics, with a special fondness for the original *Star Trek* television series. A member of the Portland, Oregon, Jewish LGBT community, he was also committed to social justice, providing his artistic services to organizations and efforts related to HIV/AIDS and affordable housing. In 1991, he was recognized by the State of Washington for his work with HIV/AIDS organizations, and in 2005 he became involved with Affordable Housing NOW!, in Portland, making most of the signs carried by AHN members at the 2005 and 2006 Housing Justice Day rallies. He died in Portland on April 18, 2007, of the effects of cryptogenic idiopathic neuropathy, a rare neurological disorder with which he was diagnosed in 1993.

Source: Biographical materials for Saul and Yakov Kantor, Saul and Yakov Kantor Papers, Coll2008-027, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives.

Scope and Content and Container List

The collection consists of the Star of David “Jude” patch said to have belonged to Saul Kantor[1]; two drawings by Yakov Kantor inspired by the 2005 Hungarian film *Sorstalanság* (*Fateless*), about the coming of age of a 14-year-old Hungarian Jew at Buchenwald during World War II; and two photographs, 2000 and 2003, of Yakov Kantor.

Box Item

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| 1 | 1 | Star of David “Jude” patch. circa 1941. |
| 1 | 2 | 2 drawings by Yakov Kantor of Marcell Nagy as György Köves in <i>Sorstalanság</i> (<i>Fateless</i>), sealed back to back in two-sided plexiglass frame. circa 2005 |
| 1 | 3 | Folder containing 2 color photographs of Yakov Kantor. June 25, 2000 and October 2003. |
| 1 | 4 | Folder containing biographical information on Saul and Yakov David Kantor. |

[1] Information from box 1, item 4. Note that the patch was first required in 1939, in the Warthegau area of Poland, and was extended to Jews living within Germany only in September 1941. If Saul Kantor emigrated in 1939, from Germany, it is unlikely that the patch, although genuine, was his.