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Guide to the

**Jonathan Ned Katz papers on Coming Out!**

1972-1973

\*T-Mss 1993-051

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## Summary

**Creator:** Katz, Jonathan, 1938-

**Title:** Jonathan Ned Katz papers on Coming Out!

**Date:** 1972-1973

**Size:** .42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by Jonathan Ned Katz, 1993.

**Abstract:** Jonathan Ned Katz (b. 1938) is an American playwright, historian, and gay rights advocate. His papers on his play, *Coming Out! A Documentary Play About Gay Life and Liberation in the USA*, date from 1972 to 1973 and include programs, fliers, posters, clippings, photographs, correspondence, and records of production expenses. The collection contains two copies of the script: an early version, which is unmarked, and a heavily annotated version used in the June 1972 production. The papers primarily document productions in New York and Boston.

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## Creator History

Jonathan Ned Katz (1938- ), author, playwright, historian, teacher, gay rights advocate, and textile designer, is a leading authority on homosexuality and gay and lesbian history. During the 1960s Katz worked in New York City as a free-lance textile designer. His writing career began in the late 1960s with the production of his plays about fugitive slaves and the publication of studies in black history. He became a founding member of the Gay Academic Union; wrote books, articles, reviews, and essays on gay and lesbian issues; and lectured and taught courses on gay and lesbian history.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Dramatists

### **Subjects**

Gay liberation movement