



  
rainbow jews



# History is in your hands. Share it with us.

Are you sitting on a hidden Jewish history? Do you have LGBT items that need to come out of the closet?

Rainbow Jews is a landmark project that aims to record aspects of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Jewish history from the 1950s to the present day, and we are collecting materials that showcase the stories and experiences of LGBT Jewish individuals from across the UK. Get more information from [www.rainbowjews.com](http://www.rainbowjews.com) or [www.liberaljudaism.org](http://www.liberaljudaism.org).

Have you been involved in LGBT Jewish activity either now or in the past? Well, if you have, you could be sitting on a treasure trove of great historical importance.



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## What we are looking for

In partnership with London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) and Hall Carpenter Archives at the LSE Library, Rainbow Jews are looking to create an archive of the following items:

Photographs

Campaign Leaflets and other printed materials

Diaries

Minutes/Agendas/Meeting Papers from LGBT Jewish groups

Letters/emails

Badges/Banners/Posters/ephemera

Digital materials

Any other memorabilia items

If you have any of these things stored away, it's time for them to come out! Please fill out our memorabilia submission form ([www.rainbowjews.com/get-involved](http://www.rainbowjews.com/get-involved)), email it to us at [rainbowjews@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:rainbowjews@liberaljudaism.org) and a member of our team will contact you to suggest how we could put your material to best use.

## How Materials May Be Used

We are creating a collection based at LMA and the Hall Carpenter Archives/ LSE, and there are various options for archiving your items.





## Depositing

Your materials can be placed in an archive where they will be protected and cared for, and you retain overall ownership of the materials.



Alternatively, you may choose to gift your items directly to the archive, where they will be protected and cared for, and the archive retains overall ownership of the materials.

Whilst it is likely that your items would be stored either at LMA or Hall Carpenter Archives, it is possible that they may be better placed at another repository such as the Jewish Museum, Bishopsgate Institute, University of Southampton Anglo-Jewish Archives, or with local or regional archives. You can contact our partners at the Hall Carpenter Archives ([www.hallcarpenter.tripod.com](http://www.hallcarpenter.tripod.com)) or LMA ([ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk)) for advice on where might be the most appropriate home for your items - don't forget to mention you are collecting for the Rainbow Jews project when you call!

## Depositing or Donating

In an archive your items will be protected and preserved in a secure





environment, ensuring they can be accessed by academic researchers and members of the public both now and in the future.

Rainbow Jews is also looking to collect materials to display at our forthcoming exhibition during LGBT history month 2014. So, if you've got materials you'd be interested in contributing for this, please ensure your memorabilia forms reach us by 16th December 2013.

We look forward to hearing from you and, in the meantime, here are some handy hints from our archives experts about looking after your materials.

- Keep it in boxes
- Keep it away from heat and damp
- Keep it away from sunlight
- Ensure that insects and other animals cannot reach it
- Consider using an acid-free storage material to keep your pictures and documents in

