Inventory for FOIA Request 2009-0322-F

Records on the Lubavitch Movement

Extent
111 folders

Access
Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Bush Presidential Records is governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552 as amended) and the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance
Official records of George Bush's presidency are housed at the George Bush Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By
Staff Archivists, January 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content
The materials listed in this finding aid are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to several Bush Presidential Library FOIA requests regarding The Lubavitch Movement, Rabbi Schneerson, Abraham Shemtov, Chabad, and Education Day. This collection contains Bush Presidential Records and Bush Vice Presidential Records from a variety of White House offices.

The Bush Presidential materials consist of correspondence, printed material, presidential messages, and presidential proclamations. The correspondence between White House staff, National Security Council staff, Congressmen, Rabbis, and Chabad houses around the country requests that President Bush urge Gorbachev to encourage the completion of the Lubavitch Movement project to restore the historical town of Lubavitch in Russia and convince the Lenin Library in Moscow to return Rabbi Schneerson’s
library collection confiscated during the Revolution, invites President and Barbara Bush to attend or send messages for various events at Chabad Houses, and announces Education Day in honor of Rabbi Schneerson and the Lubavitch Movement. The printed material includes magazines and pamphlets published by Chabad houses. The presidential messages were prepared for Chabad house dinners, conventions, and events. The presidential proclamations announce Education Day 1989, 1990, and 1991 on Rabbi Schneerson’s birthday to honor Schneerson and the Lubavitch Movement’s commitment to moral and ethical education.

The Bush Vice President materials consist of correspondence and printed material. The correspondence between Office of the Vice President staff, Rabbis, and Chabad houses around the country requests vice-presidential messages for several annual international conventions of the Lubavitch Youth Organization, and invites Vice President Bush to address symposia, dedications, and important events of Chabad Houses around the country. The printed material contains a press clipping regarding Vice President Bush’s meeting with Rabbi Feller and an article on a Lubavitcher senator.

System of Arrangement
Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in five collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; and Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Files. As policy, WHORM Alphabetical Files and WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level. Staff and Office Files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. Staff and Office Files are arranged alphabetically by office.

The WHORM Subject File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a subject category. A complete listing of the subject categories including a detailed description of each category is available in our research room and on our website at http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html.

Please note that a single asterisk "*" indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.

The following is a list of folders processed in response to FOIA 2009-0322-F:

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Chabad
Lubavitch
Schneerson
Shemtov, Abraham

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

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Jeavons, Kathy, Files

Rabbi Guarary Lubavitch [OA/ID 06272]
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Lubavitch: Rabbi Schneerson Anniversary [OA/ID 06274]
Lubavitch: Hanukkah Celebration [OA/ID 06274]
Lubavitch: Lubavitcher Rebbe Rabbi Menachem Mendel [Schneerson] - April 13 [OA/ID 06274]

White, Windy, Files

Material from Rabbi Gurary - Lubavitch Community [OA/ID 06893]

Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files
Chabad
Feller, Rabbi Moshe
Lubavitch
Shemtov, Abraham

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