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Summary Information

Repository:	Brandeis University
Creator:	Butler, Sandra, 1938-
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Title:	Sandra Butler papers
ID:	11.MWalB02732
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1980 - 2006, undated
Physical Description:	3.5 Linear Feet 2 record center boxes, 2 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize manuscript box
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Sandra Butler papers, circa 1980 - 2006, undated, Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections Department, Brandeis University.

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Biographical Note

Sandra Butler was born April 19, 1938 in Massachusetts. In 1976 she received an B.A from Goddard College in San Francisco, California and an M.A. in 1978. She is the author of the following three works: "Conspiracy of Silence: The Trauma of Incest" (1978), "Feminist Groupwork," with Claire Wintram (1991), and "Cancer in Two Voices" (1996). The last work was co-written with her partner, Barbara Rosenblum, after Rosenblum was diagnosed with breast cancer and was published in 1988, the year of Rosenblum's death. During the 1980s and 1990s, Butler worked on issues relating to women, violence against women, and cancer. This work included writing essays, articles and reviews, giving talks, and holding workshops. Butler was co-founder of the Bay Area Women in Black, a chapter of the international peace network, Women in Black, which formed in Israel 1988 in response to the first Palestinian intifadah. In 2005, she was the keynote speaker at the Women in Black's International Conference in Jerusalem and made subsequent trips to Israel in the 2006. In 2010, her essay "The Heart of the Matter" was published in the work "Shifting Sands: Jewish Women Confront the Israeli Occupation." In 2017, Butler completed her fourth work, "It Never Ends: Mothering Middle-Aged Daughters," with Nan Gefen.

Sources: Sandra (Ada) Butler in Contemporary Authors Online, 2001, retrieved July 2017; "About Sandra Butler" in sandrabutler.net.(<http://sandrabutler.net/about-me/>), retrieved July 2017.

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Scope and Contents

This collection documents the activities of Sandra Butler, Jewish feminist author and activist from the San Francisco Bay Area. It is comprised of photographs, correspondence, journals, workshop, posters and audiovisual materials illustrating Butler's work on issues relating to violence against women, breast cancer, and the Israeli–Palestinian peace movement. Of note are the items documenting the Bay Area Women in Black (BAWIB), a chapter of the international peace organization, Women in Black, whose focus is to promote peace among Israelis and Palestinians. Butler was a co-founder of Bay Area chapter and these materials include clippings, newsletters, pamphlets, photographs and buttons. There are also journals from her trips to Yugoslavia (1998) and Israel (2004) and correspondence, itineraries, and subject files from various speaking engagements in the 1980s and 1990s. In addition, the collection contains a significant amount of audio and video recordings of Butler's talks, interviews, and workshops, mainly about cancer and sexual abuse, from around 1985 to 1995. These recordings are a mix of cassette tapes (approximately 45) and VHS tapes (approximately 20). The collection is unprocessed.

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Arrangement

The collection is not arranged according to any arrangement or scheme. Materials are primarily in the folders and order in which they were received.

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Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Acquisitions Note

The collection was donated by Sandra Butler, June 2017.

Processing Information

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