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PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.
Abstract
Sam Fishman was born January 24, 1924 and spent the majority of his adult life involved with the labor movement in Michigan. He was originally an assembler and machinist for the Ford Motor Company and eventually became an official in UAW Local 400. He later was elected Vice-President of UAW Local 99 and then President of UAW Local 36 at the Ford Assembly Plant. Fishman would go on to serve as head of the UAW Community Action Program (CAP) for 12 years until his election as president of the Michigan State AFL-CIO in 1983. Fishman was heavily involved with the Democratic Party and was a dominant figure in not only Michigan, but also national politics during the late 1970s and 1980s. Fishman passed away in 1987.

The materials in the collection represent Fishman’s time in the UAW and AFL-CIO. There are also materials related to the Democratic Party in local, state and national elections. The bulk of the materials range from 1980 to 1984, when Fishman headed the UAW CAP and the MI AFL-CIO, and correspond to the 1980, 1982 and 1984 elections. Additionally there are materials related to Fishman’s interests in the Social Democrats and Israel.

Important Subjects:
- AFL-CIO
- Michigan AFL-CIO
- UAW
- UAW-AFL-CIO
- Democratic Party—Michigan
- Democratic Party
- Worker’s Compensation
- Labor History—20th Century
- Social Democrats USA
- Democratic National Committee

Important Names:
- Manatt, Charles T.
- Reagan, Ronald
- Fraser, Douglas
- Bieber, Owen
- Bluestone, Irving
- Kennedy, Ted
- Mondale, Walter F.
- Blanchard, Jim
- Levin, Carl
- Levin, Sander
- Kirkland, Lane
- Ferency, Zoltan A. (1922-1993)
- Riegle, Donald W., 1938-
- Milliken, William G., 1922-
Arrangement
Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

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3. Consumer; Social Services 1980
4-6. AFL-CIO Reports and correspondence; reports, 1982-1983
7. AFL-CIO Regional Conferences, 1983
9-10. Economic Reports, Reagan economic plans, 1982
11. Newsletters and Conferences, 1983
15. MI Politics; Correspondence and Elections, 1982
16. AFL-CIO; correspondence, 1982
17. Clippings, 1983
19. PSC Leadership, 1984
20. AFL-CIO National Political Positions, 1982
21. AFL-CIO Internal Memos and Policies, 1982
24. UAW Materials; Memos and Communication, 1983
25. Correspondences, personal and UAW, 1983

Box 2
1. Providence Hospital Advisory Board, 1981
2. Sam Fishman Honorary Dinner, 1984
3. Research Reports; finances, 1981
4. Michigan State Medical Society, 1983
5. Meeting Notes, 1980s
6. Asian Labor Articles, 1980s
7. Asian Labor Brochures and Programs, 1986
8. Asian American Free Labor Institute, 1986
9. UAW Materials; correspondence and reports, 1983-1986
10-12. Transcripts of Speeches by Fishman and Lane Kirkland, 1984-1986
13. Chinese Federation of Labor; Taiwan, 1986
17. Clippings and Newsletters, 1980s
18. Polls and Surveys, 1984
19. Solicitations and Special Interests, 1982
20. UAW Materials, 1983
22. State of Michigan Organizations, 1983
23. Clippings, 1980s
24. Fishman Correspondences, 1980s
25. Left-Wing Labor Organizations, 1983
27. AFL-CIO Conference on State Legislation, 1982
28. Library; Newsletters, 1980
29. Michigan AFL-CIO Convention; 1983

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2. Reports: special committees on Oil and Gas use, 1982
3. Democratic Party; National Level, 1982
4. Providence Hospital Advisory Board 1982
5. AFL-CIO; Newsletters and Reports, 1978
7-8. Reports and Journals; democracy, industry subjects, 1982-1983
9. UAW; Correspondences and Newsletters, 1982
11. Democratic National Committee (DNC); Reports, 1980s
12. Fishman Correspondences; personal and handwritten notes, 1983
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1. Correspondences; law firms and personal, 1983
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6. Middle East newsletters and issues, 1982
7. AFL-CIO; Middle East, Israel issues, 1982
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16. Clippings and Newsletters, 1980s
17. State of Michigan; Court Briefs, Senate Reports, 1982
18. National Politics; Newsletters, Flyers, Democratic Party, 1982
19. Correspondences; personal, 1982
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23. Democratic Party; Delegates and Ballots, 1980
24. UAW; Memos, Letters and Reports, 1982
25-26. Court Cases; Reports and Documents, 1982
27. Workers Compensation, 1982

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1. Citizen/Labor Energy Coalition
2. Civil Rights
4. Michigan Democratic Party, speeches and directories
5. Providence Hospital Advisory Board, 1982
6. Democratic National Committee, 1982-83
8. Democratic National Committee; Meeting Agenda and Correspondences, 1980s
9. Democratic National Committee Executive Committee; Minutes, 12-9-1980
10. Democratic National Committee Executive Committee; Minutes, 2-27-1981
11-12. Social Democrats newsletters and solicitations, 1981
17-20. Political interests; clippings, transcripts, reports, 1960s-1980s
22-23. Speech Notes and clippings related to speeches, 1981
24. 1980 Presidential Elections
27. Democratic National Committee Dispute materials, 1981

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25. Biographies of Sam Fishman, 1985
27. Clippings and Articles, 1980s
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39. UAW Materials; internal memos and correspondence, 1975
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7. Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Report, 1982
8. Union Songbooks, 1950s
9. Meeting Notes, circa 1980s
11. Industrialization Studies and Reports, 1982
12. UAW Reports and Newsletters, 1979
13. AFL-CIO Materials; Correspondence, Internal Memos, 1982
15. Clippings, 1982
17. Election, 1980
18. UAW Severance Pay, 1980
19. Workers Compensation Claims, 1982
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22. Burroughs Closing, 1981
25. Special Interests Groups, 1980
26. UAW; Newsletters and Memos, 1982
27-29. 1983 Budget Expenditure Committee
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31. Michigan House and Senate Reports, 1982
32-33. Comparisons of State Economics, 1972-73

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5. Democratic National Committee materials and correspondences, 1982
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23. AFL-CIO internal memos and reports, 1982
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28. UAW Memos and Correspondence, 1977
29. Economic Alliance of Michigan, 1982
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3. Solidarnosc bumper stickers and license plate
4. Posters and awards
5. Chinese labor ephemerae
6. Buttons

Box 15
1. 15 Audio Tapes
2. 2 Video Cassette Tapes
3. 1 box of slides