

# THE RENEE & CHAIM GROSS FOUNDATION



**New Exhibit**  
*Home Away from Home*  
opens November 10, 2016  
at the Educational Alliance's  
historic East Broadway  
Headquarters

New York City, September 1, 2016—The Renee and Chaim Gross Foundation is pleased to announce the exhibit "Home Away from Home: Chaim Gross and 70 Years at the Educational Alliance," opening on November 10, 2016 at the Educational Alliance's Manny Cantor Center on the Lower East Side.

The exhibit, curated by Sasha Davis, Curator of Collections at the Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation, explores how the Alliance functioned as a second home for Gross, an immigrant who came from Eastern Europe to America in 1921 to pursue his dream to be a modern artist. It traces the rich 70-year history that Gross shared with the Alliance, first as a student in the early 1920s, and then from the late 1920s onward as a faculty member for over 50 years. In his later years, Gross and his wife Renee were generous supporters of the Alliance's community and educational activities through the Renee and Chaim Gross Foundation.

The exhibit will feature wood and bronze sculptures, as well as prints and drawings by Gross. A focused section on self-portraits by Gross, exhibited with archival photographs and materials from the Foundation's archive, will help tell the rich story of Gross's artistic evolution as an immigrant artist within the Lower East Side community in the early 20th century. The exhibit will also include paintings and drawings by other artists whom Gross met early on at the Alliance, including Raphael and Moses Soyer. A special feature of the exhibit will be a selection of historic African sculptures from Gross's personal art collection that he began to collect in the 1930s, a passion he shared with fellow Educational Alliance student Adolph Gottlieb.

## **About the Manny Cantor Center**

The Manny Cantor Center, formerly the Educational Alliance's historic East Broadway headquarters, is a settlement house of yesterday and a community center for today, and tomorrow. It offers exciting events, award-winning programs, and critical services for people ages 0 to 100+, and is a hub of diversity and inclusivity, of health and fitness, of education and of excellence. It provides a space for growth, achievement, enjoyment and connection for all Lower East Siders today.

## **About the Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation**

The Foundation is located in the historic Greenwich Village townhouse and studio of American sculptor Chaim Gross (1904-91) at 526 LaGuardia Place. The Foundation stewards an extensive collection of over 10,000 objects that includes Gross's sculptures, drawings, prints, and sketchbooks; a photographic archive; and Gross's personal collection of African, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, American, and European art.

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