moonunit@MoonUnit ~ % -----The Media Preservation Unit at NYU Libraries is currently preserving over 800 audio recordings of Beyond the Pale: The Progressive Jewish Radio Hour. The program was broadcast on WBAI/New York from 1995-2014, and investigated local, national, and global issues from a leftist Jewish perspective. Files are currently undergoing quality control, and a number of intriguing recordings have surfaced.

Police Brutality, Immigration, and the Apocalypse: Experiments in Quality Control

-----Recorded on Digital Audio Tape, tam_718_0488 was broadcast two weeks following the acquittal of NYPD officers charged in the killing of Amadou Diallo in 1999.

-----tam_718_1003 is thought to be the original hand-spliced master of a sound collage with multiple voices reading Emma Lazarus' The New Colossus.

-----tam_272_001 discusses Jewish eschatology, and examines various interpretations of Biblical Apocalypse.

Perhaps the greatest reward in what may seem, at first glance, to be a tedious task, is the inevitable discovery of content. Through the din of fragmented words and music sometimes emerge patterns of meaning, and if one listens closely, there is sometimes a poetry to this arbitrary juxtaposition. A random factor is always fun!