

JCA: Detroit Jewish Newspapers Microfilm Collection

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1901-1951

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Creator: *The Jewish American* newspaper and *The Jewish Chronicle* newspaper.

Acquisition: Microfilms were acquired from Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit in 2000.

Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Copies: Digital access to *The Jewish Chronicle* is available at the website of the Detroit Jewish News Foundation (<https://dijnfoundation.org>).

Related Material: Jewish Community Archives at the Reuther Library, including the Philip Slomovitz papers. Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Abstract

The collection is comprised of *The Jewish American* (1901-1911), official organ of Temple Beth El in Detroit, and *The Jewish Chronicle* (1916-1951), forerunner of *The Jewish News* and *The Detroit Jewish News*.

Detroit's first English-language Jewish newspaper began with the October 5, 1900, issue of *The Jewish American*, a weekly publication. Emanuel T. Berger was the editor, and it was published by *The Jewish Review and Observer* of Cleveland, Ohio. On October 18, 1901, after being purchased by Solomon Goldsmith, *The Jewish American* became the official organ of Temple Beth El in Detroit. Beth El's rabbi, Leo M. Franklin, served as editor, and Goldsmith was publisher. In 1904, Franklin relinquished the role of editor, but the paper continued as the voice of the temple. Goldsmith died in 1908, and as of 1910 the paper was no longer the official voice of Temple Beth El. The last issue appeared on May 12, 1911.

There were several short-lived attempts at other Detroit Jewish papers, but the most successful did not begin until March 16, 1916, with the publication of *The Jewish Chronicle*. That paper's first editor was Samuel J. Rhodes, but its best known was Philip Slomovitz, who remained as the editor and a prominent voice in the Detroit Jewish community until his death in 1993. The *Chronicle* was published until July 20, 1951, when it was incorporated with *The Jewish News*.

Important Subjects:

Franklin, Leo M. (Leo Morris), 1870-1948
Jewish culture: arts, media and heritage
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
Jewish press—United States
Slomovitz, Philip

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- 1 Jewish American, October 18, 1901-January 27, 1905
- 2 Jewish American, February 3, 1905-March 27, 1908
- 3 Jewish American, April 3, 1908-May 12, 1911
- 4 Jewish Chronicle, March 3, 1916-December 6, 1918
- 5 Jewish Chronicle, December 13, 1918-March 18, 1921
- 6 Jewish Chronicle, March 18, 1921-March 16, 1923
- 7 Jewish Chronicle, March 16, 1923-October 10, 1924
- 8 Jewish Chronicle, October 10, 1924-May 28, 1926
- 9 Jewish Chronicle, June 4, 1926-January 13, 1928
- 10 Jewish Chronicle, January 20, 1928-October 4, 1929
- 11 Jewish Chronicle, October 4, 1929-November 20, 1931
- 12 Jewish Chronicle, November 20, 1931-May 25, 1934
- 13 Jewish Chronicle, June 1, 1934-May 22, 1936
- 14 Jewish Chronicle, May 29, 1936-May 20, 1938
- 15 Jewish Chronicle, May 27, 1938-May 24, 1940
- 16 Jewish Chronicle, May 24, 1940-September 12, 1941
- 17 Jewish Chronicle, September 12, 1941-February 26, 1943
- 18 Jewish Chronicle, February 26, 1943-October 6, 1944
- 19 Jewish Chronicle, October 6, 1944-February 15, 1946
- 20 Jewish Chronicle, February 15, 1946-May 23, 1947
- 22 Jewish Chronicle, October 8, 1948-March 23, 1950
- 23 Jewish Chronicle, March 23, 1950-July 13, 1951