



## **Guide to the JCA: Detroit Jewish Newspapers Microfilm Collection UR001743**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Walter P. Reuther Library
<b>Creator:</b>	The Jewish American
<b>Creator:</b>	The Jewish Chronicle
<b>Title:</b>	JCA: Detroit Jewish Newspapers Microfilm Collection
<b>ID:</b>	UR001743
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1901-1951
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear Feet 1 OS (23 reels) Microfilm Box 29
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	The microfilm 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.

### Citation Style

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## History

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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.

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## Scope and Content

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23 microfilm reels. Three reels of The Jewish American, 1901-1911. Twenty reels of The Jewish Chronicle, 1916-1951.

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## Arrangement

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Microfilms are arranged in chronological order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised and updated by Aimee Ergas 2016-02-23

## Acquisition

Acquired from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit in 2000.

## Processing History

Finding aid written by Aimee Egas on February 23, 2016.

## Access

Collection is open for research.

## Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

## Other Copies

Digital copies of the Jewish Chronicle are available at the website of the Detroit Jewish News Foundation: <https://djnfoundation.org>.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Jewish Community Archives at the Reuther Library, including the Philip Slomovitz papers.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Jewish culture: arts, media and heritage
- Jewish press

- Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
- Franklin, Leo M. (Leo Morris), 1870-1948
- Slomovitz, Philip

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Jewish American, October 18, 1901-January 27, 1905	Reel 1
Jewish American, February 3, 1905-March 27, 1908	Reel 2
Jewish American, April 3, 1908-May 12, 1911	Reel 3
Jewish Chronicle, March 3, 1916-December 6, 1918	Reel 4
Jewish Chronicle, December 13, 1918-March 18, 1921	Reel 5
Jewish Chronicle, March 18, 1921-March 16, 1923	Reel 6
Jewish Chronicle, March 16, 1923-October 10, 1924	Reel 7
Jewish Chronicle, October 10, 1924-May 28, 1926	Reel 8
Jewish Chronicle, June 4, 1926-January 13, 1928	Reel 9
Jewish Chronicle, January 20, 1928-October 4, 1929	Reel 10
Jewish Chronicle, October 4, 1929-November 20, 1931	Reel 11
Jewish Chronicle, November 20, 1931-May 25, 1934	Reel 12
Jewish Chronicle, June 1, 1934-May 22, 1936	Reel 13
Jewish Chronicle, May 29, 1936-May 20, 1938	Reel 14
Jewish Chronicle, May 27, 1938-May 24, 1940	Reel 15
Jewish Chronicle, May 24, 1940-September 12, 1941	Reel 16
Jewish Chronicle, September 12, 1941-February 26, 1943	Reel 17
Jewish Chronicle, February 26, 1943-October 6, 1944	Reel 18
Jewish Chronicle, October 6, 1944-February 15, 1946	Reel 19
Jewish Chronicle, February 15, 1946-May 23, 1947	Reel 20
Jewish Chronicle, May 23, 1947-October 8, 1948	Reel 21
Jewish Chronicle, October 8, 1948-March 23, 1950	Reel 22
Jewish Chronicle, March 23, 1950-July 13, 1951	Reel 23