

Criteria needed—

We are seeking missing issues to complete *The Jewish Criterion* collection online. The newspapers were variously identified by date and/or number.

Year	Need
1895-1901	all issues
1902	#5 (Jan) #17 (Apr) #22 (May)
1903	Jan-May 15
1906-1910	all issues
1911	#22
1913	#1-26 (Jan-Aug)
1914	#48-52 (Jan)
1916	Sep 11
1917	Jan-Mar Jun-Aug Oct-Dec
1920	all issues
1921	January 2
1931	#19 (Mar)
1946	#15 (Feb)
1947	Jul-Dec
1952	#12-13 (Jan)
1959	#13 (Jan)

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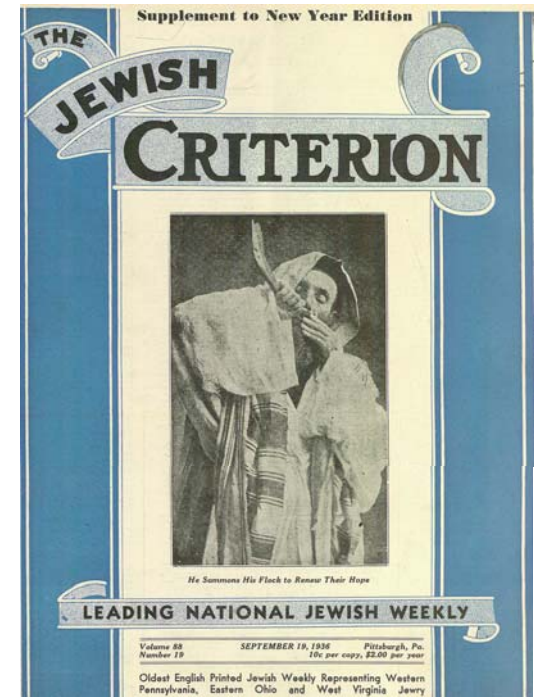
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The Pittsburgh Jewish Newspaper Project

The Jewish Criterion (1902-1962)

is now online in full text.

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The Jewish community—

The history of Jews in Pittsburgh began in the 1840s with a small community of primarily German immigrants, whose first communal action was the establishment of a burial society. By the end of the Civil War, there were two congregations, Rodef Shalom and Tree of Life.

The German-Jewish community was already quite prosperous when Jews from Eastern Europe and the Russian Empire began to arrive in large numbers in the 1890s. The influx of Yiddish-speaking Jews lasted until 1920 when immigration laws became more restrictive. During that 30-year period, the number of Jews in Pittsburgh and the region grew dramatically.

The newspapers—

In 1895, the first English-language Jewish newspaper, *The Jewish Criterion*, was established. The *Criterion* was a weekly newspaper about and for the Jewish community in Pittsburgh. In it were recorded life-cycle events (births, weddings, obituaries); local, national, and international news; reviews of literary and theatrical productions; activities of regional congregations and philanthropic organizations; editorials; and advertising.

In 1934, *The American Jewish Outlook*, which had similar offerings to the *Criterion*, began publication. Both newspapers were published until 1962, when they were acquired by the United Jewish Federation and closed.

At that time, the Pittsburgh Jewish Publication and Education Foundation, was chartered to publish a new weekly newspaper, *The Jewish Chronicle*.

About this project—

The Pittsburgh Jewish Newspapers Project is a collaboration of Carnegie Mellon University Libraries, the Rodef Shalom Congregation Archives, the Rauh Jewish Archives at the Senator John Heinz History Center, and the Jewish Chronicle of Pittsburgh, with help from the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh.

When completed, the digital library will include *The Jewish Criterion* (1895-1962), *The American Jewish Outlook* (1934-1962) and *The Jewish Chronicle* (1962-present).