The Project?


Historical Jewish Press

- All the Newspapers
- Languages

Sections

- The 19th Century Hebrew Press Section (16)
- The Jewish Press in Arab Lands Section (6)
- The Jewish Press in the USA (7)
- The Yiddish Press Section (5)
- The Yishuv and State of Israel Press Section (18)

Proceedings of the 50th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries
Scoping report on what resources in digital form were needed for research and instruction.

The most requested resources were:

Digitized, searchable versions of American Yiddish newspapers, such as Der Forverts, Morgn Zhurnal, Der Tog, Yidishes Togeblatt.
Non-Subject Criteria

- Titles are not already available in digital format
- Titles are not included in other digitization plans
- Title microfilm master negatives are owned by the New York Public Library Research Collections
- Titles are in public domain
User-Driven Criteria

In addition to the information we received from the **Scoping Report**, we looked at the following:

- Informally collected **usage data** of the top requested newspapers at the **New York Public Library**

- List of **Top Ten American Jewish English-language newspapers** compiled by Professor **Jonathan Sarna**, a member of the **Historical Jewish Press Academic Commission**

- Informal conversations with faculty/scholars from our 3 institutions
Subject-Specific Criteria

- Focus on an important period in American Jewish history, namely the late 19th- and early 20th century
- Aim for balanced representation
Titles Selected

La Amérika
- Frequency: Weekly
- Language: Judaeo-Spanish
- Section: The Jewish Press in the USA
- Country: United States
- Period: 1910 - 1925

The Jewish Morning Journal
- Frequency: Daily
- Language: Yiddish
- Section: The Jewish Press in the USA
- Country: United States
- Period: 1901 - 1971

B'nai B'rith Messenger
- Frequency: Bi-monthly, became a weekly circa 1920
- Language: English
- Section: The Jewish Press in the USA
- Country: United States
- Period: 1897 - 1995
- Publication Place: Los Angeles (USA)
 Memorandum of Agreement

 Phase Two of Project
The Importance of Primary Source Materials for Research and Teaching

New yardsticks by which to measure institutional success
Future Developments

✧ Expanding the partnership by inviting other institutions with rich Jewish newspaper holdings to join the project

✧ Broadening the selection of newspaper titles into different genres

✧ Researching copyright past 1922 for the titles digitized during the pilot phase

✧ Integrating newspapers from other digitization projects into the Historical Jewish Press gateway

✧ Planning an academic conference on the American Jewish Press

✧ Identifying a US hosting site that would mirror the “Jewish Press in the USA” section for preservation purposes
The End

Thank you!

Questions?