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### Overflow Crowd Hears Maurice Samuel Discuss Dr. Zhivago

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the FIFTH ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE

in the Series

"A HISTORICAL PORTRAIT OF THE JEW"

This Wednesday evening, March 4th at 9 o'clock in the Social Hall



RABBI HARRY I. WOHLBERG

Scholar, Spiritual Leader Professor of Bible and Homiletics at Yeshiva University

will speak on

"EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWRY — JUDAISM AS MIND AND SPIRIT"

Refreshments will be served

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.

"HOW GREAT IS THE GREAT COMPROMISER?"

Reflections On A Golden Calf

An illuminating lecture in Jewish self-hatred was offered by Mr. Maurice Samuel to over two hundred persons attending last week's meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club.

The distinguished lecturer and author presented a Jewish view of "Dr. Zhivago", the current best seller by Boris Pasternack. The speaker, in a forty-five minute address, quoted profusely from and commented, at times bitterly, on the Nobel prize-winning work.

Mr. Samuel's criticism of the author's neglect of the Jewish scene, his deprecation of the quality of the novelist's writing, and his prediction that the novel will shortly be forgotten in the same manner as other Nobel prizewinning efforts produced a lively discussion at the lecture's conclusion.

Only the lateness of the hour and the enticing fragrance of the waiting refreshments caused the chairman to close this most stimulating meeting.

This was certainly "A Night to Remember".

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL YOUTHS FINALISTS IN BIBLE CONTEST

Two students of the Park East Religious School have qualified for the finals in the Bible contest sponsored by the Metropolitan Association of Talmud Torahs.

Perry Bernstein and John Van Praag are the two youths who have achieved these honors. In addition to these winners, local prizes were won by Carole Frant, Deborah Frant, Norman Hellman, Robert Krulwich, Harold Nussenfeld, Minia Tamboryin and Marilyn Wasserberg.

Our congratulations to the winners and our best wishes to the finalists. We know they will prove worthy representatives of our school.

#### MIZRACHI HATZAIR SENIORS

A meeting will be held this Sunday evening at 7:30 in the social hall. The topic under discussion will be: "On Settling in Israel — the Religious Zionist View."

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will present the theoretical position of Religious Zionism on this question. He will be followed by Avram Reichman, National President of Mizrachi Hatzair, and a representative of B'nai Akivah who will discuss the practical viewpoint of their respective organizations.

All young people ages 17-26 are cordially invited.

# K-J Arrhitten WERE WE A CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION?

In the Jewish Messenger September 28, 1883 there appeared the following item.

"Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun -- The residents of Yorkville have an opportunity to worship in a "conservative" congregation which has been organized on 82nd Street near Lexington Avenue. There is a large Jewish population in the neighborhood and an orderly, consistent service will doubtless be appreciated. The Consecration of the synagogue will be deferred until Hanukah."

The use of the term "conservative" here appears in its historical sense. Conservative Judaism was organized shortly after the promulgation of Reform Judaism's platform in Pittsburgh in the year 1885. The term conservative was used vis-a-vis Reform, i.e. this branch of Judaism strove to hold on to tradition in the face of the increasing tendency to discard it.

In those days conservative Judaism was what modern Orthodox, or Traditional Judaism is today; the acceptance of Jewish law and the commitment to Torah, combined with an attempt to make the synagogue and its ritual meaningful to the American Jew.



Planning the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon at the Savoy Hilton Hotel on April 8th are: (Left to Right) Mrs. Reuben Popkin, Luncheon co-Chairman, Mrs. Meyer Texon, Sisterhood President, Mrs. Joseph Gershman, Luncheon Chairman and Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Chairman of Arrangements.

#### YEAR BOOK EFFORT AIDED BY JULES PODELL

With the receipt of another group of advertisements for the 1959 Year Book, Mr. Jules Podell's total is approaching \$6000.

We are indeed pleased with his excellent results to date and we would like to congratulate him on his efforts in behalf of the Educational Scholarship Fund.

This response was not the only good news on the Year Book front. We are happy to note the addition of several new members to the ranks of Year Book supporters. Each of our members should endeavor to contact friends and business associates for an advertisement for this campaign. The goal of twenty-five thousand dollars can be attained only if we receive support from the entire congregational family. Co

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At this time we remind our members of the motion passed at our last Board of Trustees meeting recommending that each trustee assume a moral responsibility to obtain a minimum of \$100.00 in ads and each member a minimum of \$25.00.

Our office staff is at your disposal. Do not hesitate to contact us for any assistance needed in obtaining ads.

#### SABBATH SEUDAH SEMINAR

Saturday, February 28th, at 5:20 P.M.

Reader: Jonathan Wouk Cantor: Joseph Friedman

Discussant: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Topic: "What Will Thee Egyptians Think?"
Moses Before The Highest Court of Appeals

A discussion of Moses' argument before God as it touches upon a reciprocal relationship existing between God and the Jewish people.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birth-

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Kommel upon the birth of a son to their children Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gabriel.

#### Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Irving Angel, Mrs. Al Feiner. William B. Fischberg, Leon Gronowitz, Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Kahn and Eugene R. Sarezky.

#### Anniversary -

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz.

#### MAX J. ETRA IN FLORIDA FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Mr. Max J. Etra, president of the Congregation, is in Florida on a mission in behalf of Yeshiva University, of which he is Chariman of the Board of Trustees.

We wish him much success in this campaign.

#### KIDDUSH HOST

This coming Saturday morning our devoted Secretary Mr. Joseph Roth and Mrs. Roth will sponsor the Kiddush in honor of the birth of a grandson.

#### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to our esteemed members Mr. David Joseph upon the loss of his beloved father; to Mrs. Rose Kolker upon the loss of her beloved son and to Mr. Seppy I. Silberman upon the loss of his beloved brother.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to members of the bereaved families and pray that Almighty may spare them further grief for many years to come.

#### IS ANYBODY HOME?

A child is knocking on your door. He is a Jewish child, his own home temporarily broken by misfortune, who needs the warmth and protection of a loving family atmosphere until his own parents can take him back.

Perhaps he is Sammy, age 6, whose mother is in a hospital where she will need care for a long time . . . or Joseph, age 9 and his 7-year-old sister, Sarah who are afraid of being separated now that they have lost their mother . . . or six-month-old Marta, who has never known a parent's love.

The Jewish Child Care Association of New York is urgently seeking foster homes today for Sammy, Joseph,

Sarah, Marta and 97 other Jewish Children of all ages who are currently on a waiting list.

How long will these children remain in foster care? Some for many years, others for only a few months. These children are not for adoption. Foster parents are paid a monthly board rate, medical and dental care. Clothing, special schooling and certain other extras are also provided.

Won't you answer the knock on your door?

Help erase the sorrow and the suspense on the faces of these waiting children. Telephone TEmpleton 8-4500 and ask for Miss Berger.

#### YOUNG MARRIEDS

A fine group of young married couples from the congregation met last Saturday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Blumenthal. The discussion of the group centered around the question of the separation of Church and State.

Thanks to the efforts of Martin Markson the Young Marrieds were able to deepen their insight in this area. Among the applications of this principle which were explored were Blue Laws, Religious programs in the Public Schools, federal aid to Parochial

Schools, and the right of certain re-

ligious groups to refuse medical assistance in critical diseases.

The most interesting single fact which was presented by the discussant was the discrepancy on this question which exists between the Federal and State constitutions. In this connection the proposed Asch-Marro amendment to the New York State Sabbath Law was reviewed and examined.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Saturday evening, April 11th at which time the subject of a theocratic state in Israel will be explored. Remember the date, April 11th.



Over one hundred men and women, as seen in this partial view, attended the fourth Adult Institute Lecture in February. Dr. Irving Agus of Yeshiva University was the lecturer. For details of the March Lecture, see page one.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Lighting of Candles ...... 5:25

#### FRIDAY

Evening	5:30
ATURDAY	
Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15
Weekly Portion: Ki Tissa	
(Exodus 30:11-34:35)	
Haftorah: I Kings 18:1-30	
Evening	5:20
Conclusion of Sabbath	6:20

#### SUNDAY

Morning		8:30
Father-and-Son	Minyan	9:30

#### DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Evening	5:30

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#### **February**

28-LESTER NIGHTINGALE

#### March

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#### JEWRY DUTY

We wish to thank the following "Jewrors" who served during the past week: Benjamin Kaufman and Edward Lebowitz.

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is located in our community
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#### K-J CALENDAR

Saturday, 3:30 P.M.—K. J. Juniors Meeting in Auditorium.

Sunday, 7:30 P.M. — Mizrachi, Hatzair Seniors Meeting in Social Hall.

Wednesday, 8:00 o'clock—Talmud Class; Elementary Hebrew; Intermediate Hebrew.

9:00 o'clock—Fifth Adult Institute Lecture. Lecturer: Rabbi Harry I. Wohlberg.

Monday, March 2nd, 12:00 noon—Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting at home of Mrs. Joseph Roth.

#### Reserve Now

### SISTERHOOD DONOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 8th, 1959

SAVOY HILTON HOTEL

AND FASHION SHOW

#### MINYAN NOTE

The following cantors officiated at our services last Sunday: Bruce Linzer, Richard Cohen, Jonathan Helfand and Jimmy Torczyner.

Our thanks to Mr. Oscar Perlberger for a donation towards the breakfast.

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