

Early History of the Amalgamated Housing Cooperative 1926-1932

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**Amalgamated/Park Reservoir Co-op History Reading and
Discussion Group**

<http://www.columbia.edu/~hauben/amalgamated/history/>



Frank Schonfeld 1916-2011



Kitchen of two room tenement flat



Abraham Kazan 1898-1971

New York State Housing Law 1926

In 1926, New York State passed a new housing law.

Lower taxes and lower mortgage interest if the sponsor of a housing project would:

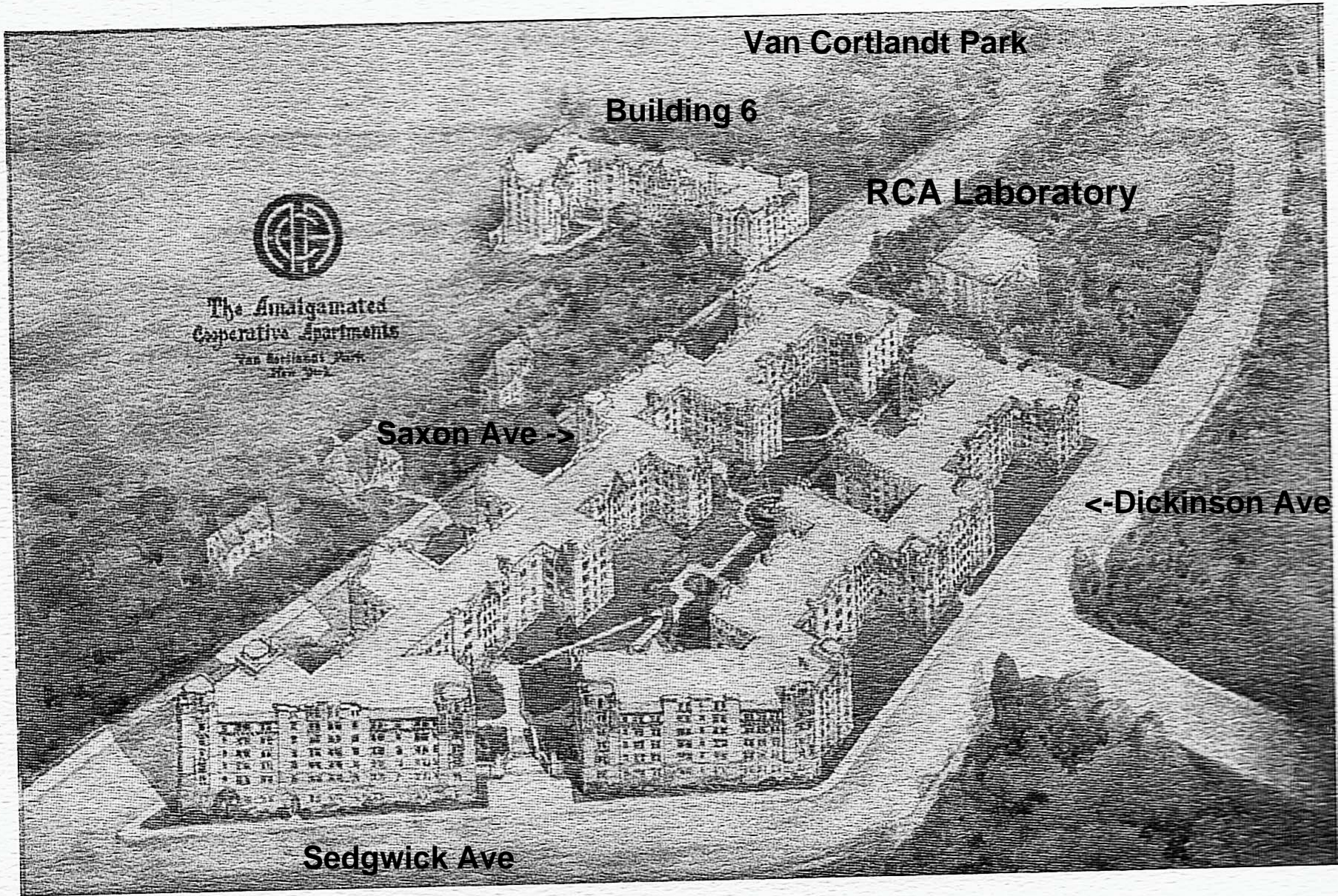
- 1) provide one third of the money needed for the project.
- 2) agree to keep the rent low for 20 years
- 3) accept state oversight and regulation of the project



B Charney Vladeck (1886–1938)



Jewish Daily Forward



Van Cortlandt Park

Building 6

RCA Laboratory

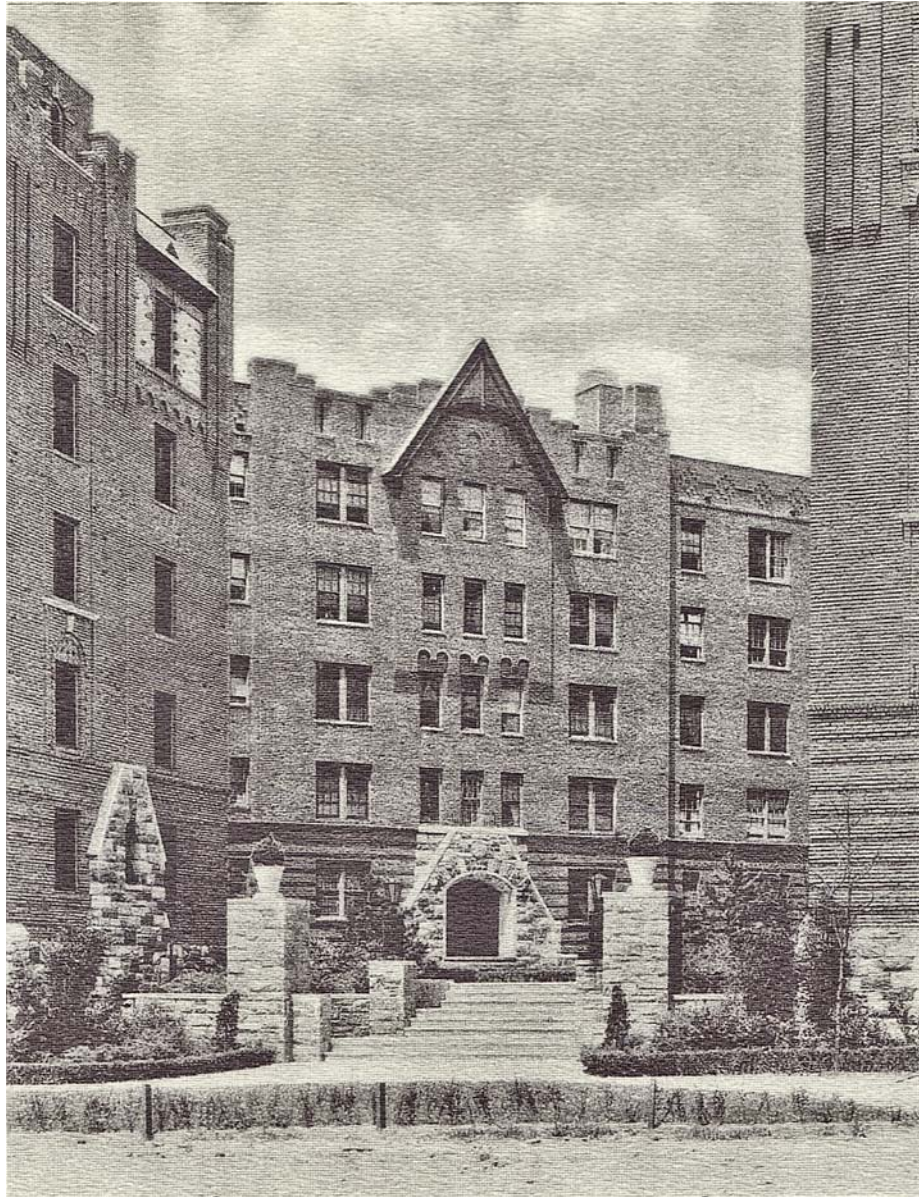

The Amalgamated
Cooperative Apartments
Van Cortlandt Park
New York

Saxon Ave ->

<- Dickinson Ave

Sedgwick Ave

Sketch of the Original Building 1-5 (1927)



Original Building Front Gate



Court Yard of the First Building 1-5



Fountain in the Court Yard of the First Building



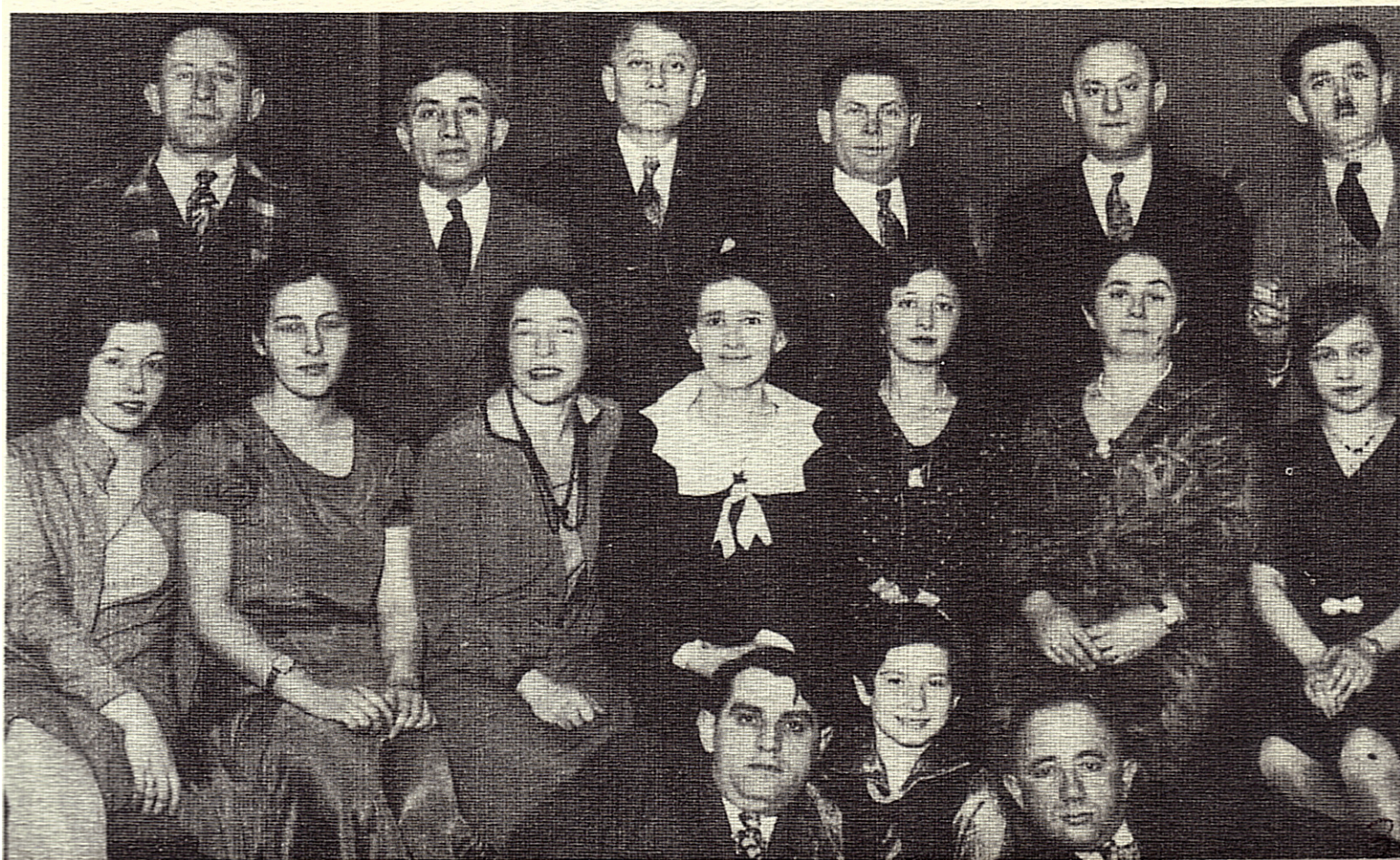
Co-op Food Store in Building 1



The Co-op Supermarket around 1951



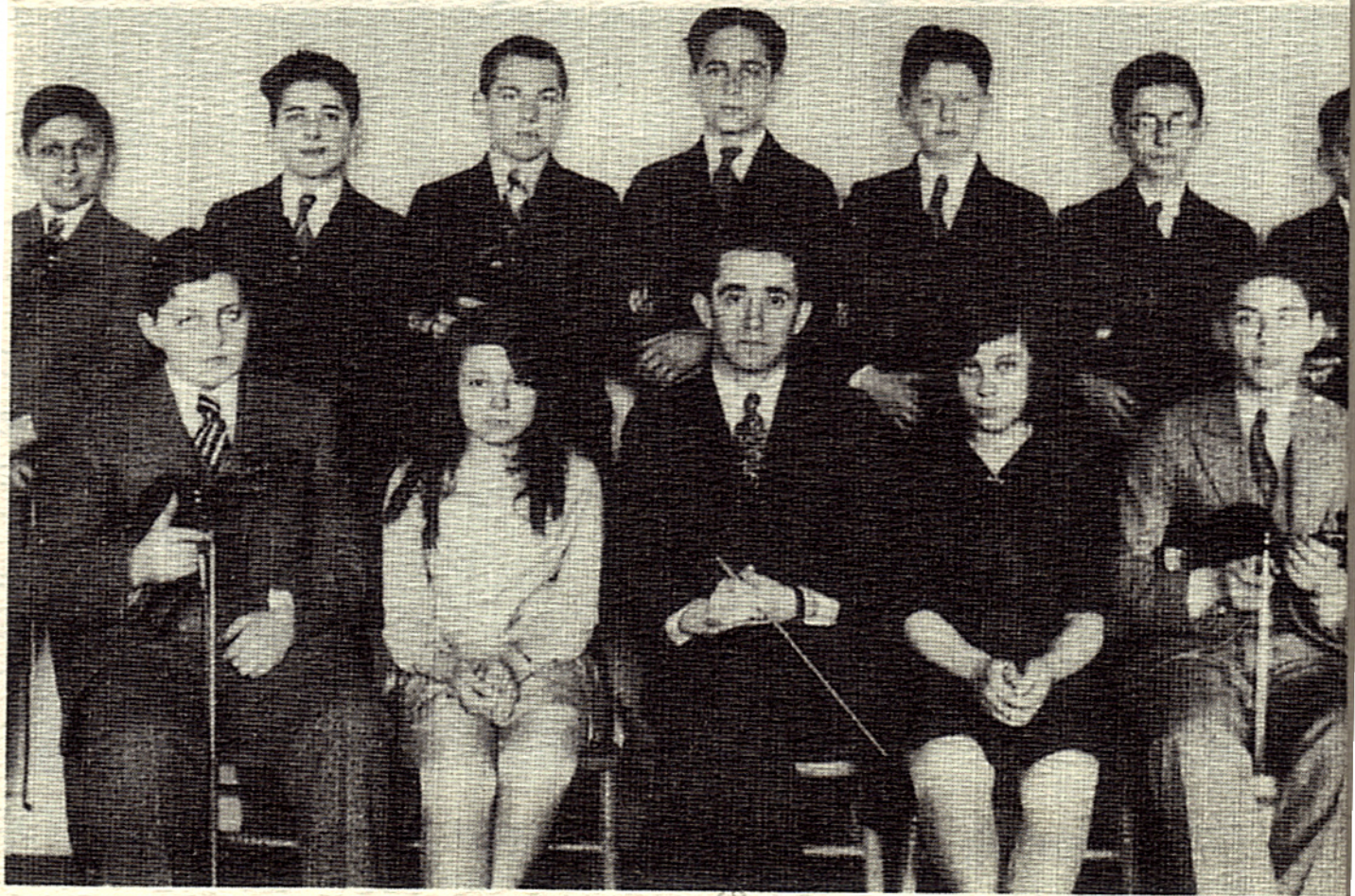
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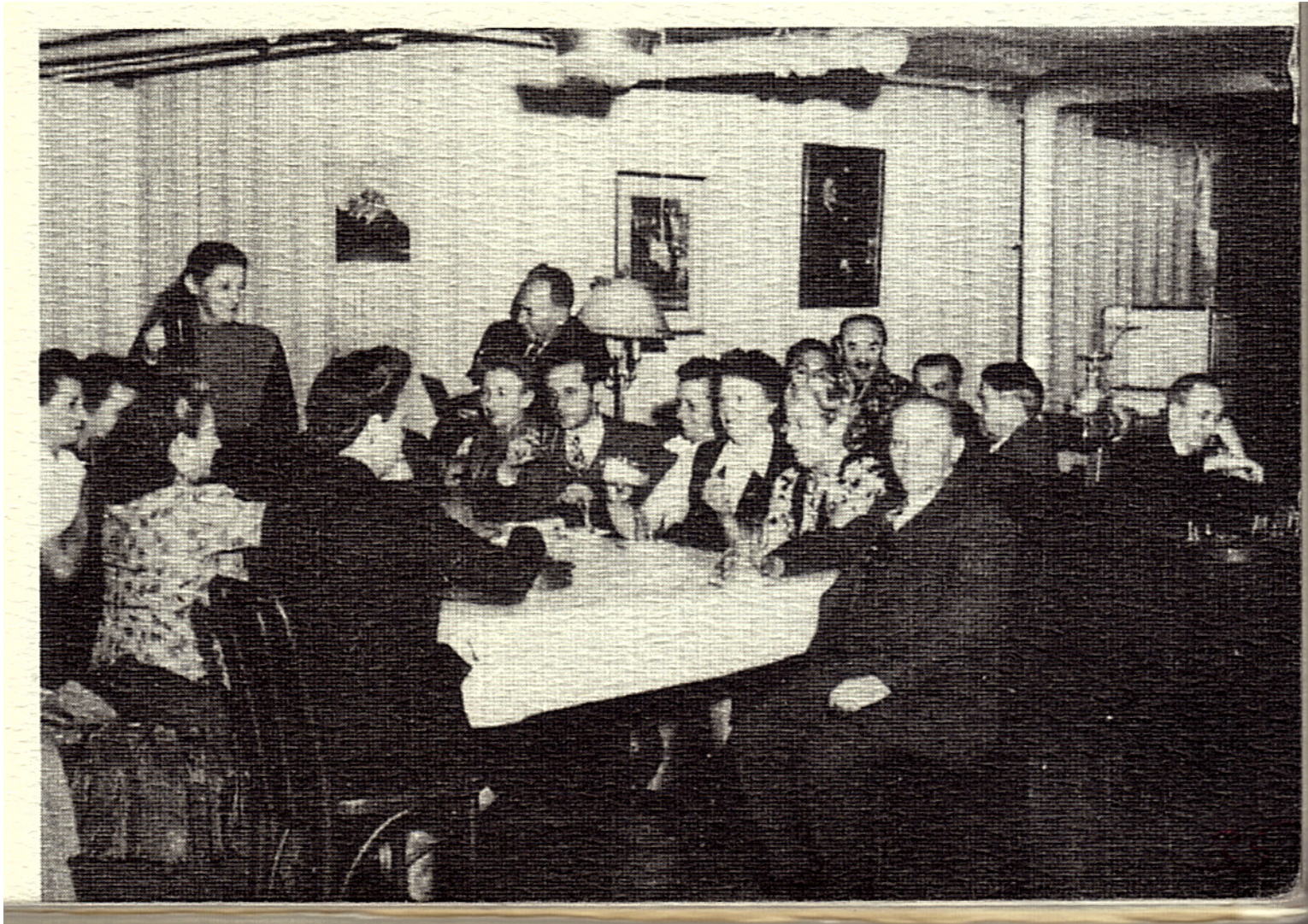
Yiddish Dramatic Group
First Cultural Group Organized



Listening to a speaker at a Sunday Forum



Local 'Synfonietta' conducted by Mr. Liebman-1930-33



Older Folks Social Club, Bldg 9

Our WOMEN'S CLUB on one of their educational trips.





“During a recession, who buys a new suit?”

Kazan asked in the *Community News*,

“Shall we let those who are weakened in the economic struggle to go under and suffer want after we have lived and enjoyed the same surroundings for a number of years?”



Abraham Kazan

Herman Liebman Michael Shallin

Thank You

It is your turn.
Now the floor is open for discussion,
questions, other opinions, etc.



Does anyone recognize this building?

The Bronx cooperative community has expanded. It now includes the Amalgamated Housing Corporation 1,435 units, Mutual Housing Association 123 units and the Park Reservoir Housing Corporation with 275 units.

