The French Revolution and the Life of Zalkind Hourwitz

Zalkind Hourwitz lived during one of the most pivotal periods in history. A Polish Jew born in 1752, Hourwitz moved to France in 1774 and entered the intellectual and political life of the French Enlightenment. His life spanned a time of great social and political upheaval, including the French Revolution, which fundamentally transformed the status of Jews in France.

Despite the challenges of the time, Hourwitz became a prominent figure in intellectual and cultural circles, engaging with key figures such as Voltaire, d'Holbach, Diderot, and Marat. He was active in the French philosophical movement that prefigured the Revolution, and his involvement with these luminaries provided him with a unique perspective on the developing political climate.

With the outbreak of the Revolution in 1789, Hourwitz found himself at the center of a rapidly changing world. He supported the revolutionary ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity, and he used his influence to promote the interests of French Jewry. His support for the Revolution placed him in a position of political danger, however, and he faced opposition from both conservative and radical factions.

In this tumultuous era, Hourwitz continued to pursue his intellectual and artistic endeavors, with a particular focus on art. He founded the leading French Jewish art magazine, La Revue des Arts, and he was prominent in the intellectual circles that gathered around the Camondo family, who were patrons of the arts and cultural leaders.

The Revolution had a profound impact on the status of Jews in France, leading to a significant increase in their social mobility and cultural influence. Hourwitz played a key role in this process, using his position and connections to advocate for the rights of French Jewry.

The legacy of Zalkind Hourwitz lives on today, reminding us of the resilience and ingenuity of those who faced the challenges of the past. His story is a testament to the power of education, culture, and intellectual engagement to overcome adversity and create a better future for all.

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Europe—that anti-Semitism plays any role in Arab-Israeli conflicts, for example, or that philo-Semitism doesn’t in itself embody an oppressive position; that feminism or European Left from an indigenous anti-colonial perspective, reflecting on Frantz Fanon’s political legacy, the republican pact, the Shoah, the creation of Israel, answer: peace. There is only one way: revolutionary love. —from Whites, Jews, and Us

Whites, Jews, and Us Houria Bouteldja

Reading back what I wrote was more difficult and upsetting and not at all as when I can tell whether my paintings are good or not. My Bible was Strunk and White, and I was keenly aware of the reasons why they were written and why we would use them. My parents had a lot of wisdom and I wanted to learn from them. I was concerned that I could not recapture the feelings I had as a child. Then I realized I would have to write about my parents and all the people in my life. I was concerned that I would not be able to put down my experiences even if my experiences were light in comparison to the horrors that went on in the concentration camps. Not one day goes by that I don’t think about the Holocaust in Germany, Poland, and other countries, and about the silent people who let it happen. I feel as though the Holocaust had happened that I decided to put down my experiences even if my experiences were light in comparison to the horrors that went on in the concentration camps.

Also aged into midlife and personal scrutiny, the history of the Jewish community, its ideals and possibilities they associated with emancipation came to nothing. The Jewish experience exposed many of the weaknesses and failings of the liberal multicultural state, and demonstrated that its survival cannot be taken for granted but is dependent on vigilance and struggle. By focusing on Jewish patriotism from 1789-1939, this book explores the nature of the liberal state, how it can fail, and the conditions needed for its survival.

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But following World War II, a number of prominent French philosophers recast the maligned figure in positive terms, and in so doing transformed the concepts of public and private identity. Bouteldja examines this figure of the Jew from proponent to iconoclast to icon in her book. Houria Bouteldja – the question of the white immune system. At this transitional moment in the history of the West—which is to say, at a level where we can no longer say that the West is not what it used to be. Hence my question: what can we offer white people in exchange for their decline and for the wars that will ensue? There is only one answer: peace. There is only one way: revolutionary love. —from Whites, Jews, and Us

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