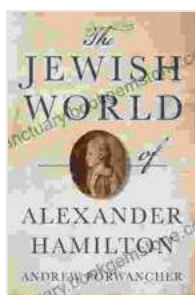


The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton: A Hidden History

Alexander Hamilton, one of the most influential founding fathers of the United States, is not typically associated with the Jewish community. However, a closer examination of his life and writings reveals a surprising and deep connection to Jews and Jewish culture.



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Hamilton's Early Life and Education

Hamilton was born in 1755 on the Caribbean island of Nevis. His mother, Rachel Fawcett, was a Christian of Scottish descent. His father, James Hamilton, was a Scottish merchant who had converted to Judaism. Hamilton's parents never married, and he was raised by his mother and maternal grandparents.

As a young man, Hamilton attended King's College in New York City (now Columbia University). During his time at King's College, he studied Hebrew

and the Old Testament, and he became friends with several Jewish students. He also attended synagogue services regularly.

Hamilton's Views on Religious Tolerance

Hamilton was a strong advocate for religious tolerance. He believed that all people, regardless of their religious beliefs, should be treated with respect and equality. In his writings, he argued that religious freedom was essential for a free and just society. He also supported the separation of church and state, believing that government should not interfere in the affairs of religion.

Hamilton's views on religious tolerance were influenced by his own experiences as a Jew. He had faced discrimination and prejudice from Christians because of his Jewish heritage. This experience taught him the importance of religious freedom and tolerance.

Hamilton's Relationship with Jews

Hamilton had a number of close relationships with Jews throughout his life. One of his closest friends was Haym Salomon, a Jewish merchant who provided financial support to the American Revolution. Hamilton also had a close relationship with Moses Mordecai Noah, a Jewish journalist and playwright. Noah was one of the founders of the first Jewish congregation in New York City.

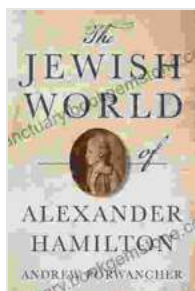
Hamilton's relationship with Jews extended beyond his personal friendships. He was also a strong supporter of Jewish causes. He helped to establish the first Jewish orphanage in New York City, and he donated money to Jewish charities. He also spoke out against anti-Semitism and discrimination against Jews.

Hamilton's Legacy on Jewish Life in America

Hamilton's legacy on Jewish life in America is still felt today. His strong support for religious tolerance and equality helped to create a welcoming environment for Jews in the United States. He also helped to establish Jewish institutions and organizations that have played a vital role in Jewish life in America.

Hamilton's Jewish heritage is a reminder of the diversity of the founding fathers. He was a man who embraced religious tolerance and equality, and he made a significant contribution to the establishment of a free and just society for all Americans.

Alexander Hamilton was a complex and fascinating figure who played a major role in the founding of the United States. His Jewish heritage and his commitment to religious tolerance had a profound impact on his life and work. He was a man who believed that all people, regardless of their religious beliefs, should be treated with respect and equality. His legacy continues to inspire and guide us today.



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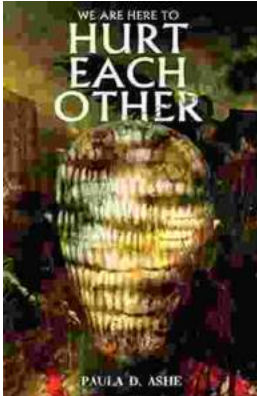
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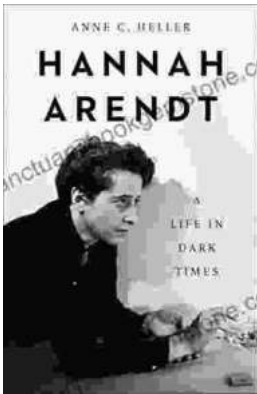
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