

Jewish Life From the Enlightenment: The 200 years that brought us where we are

The French Sanhedrin

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1. Polygamy is forbidden to the Israelites. (Remember R. Gershom.)
2. Divorce by Jewish law is valid only after civil divorce.
3. Religious marriage is valid only after civil marriage.
4. Marriages between Israelites and Christians are binding, but they cannot be Jewishly celebrated.
5. Every Israelite is religiously bound to consider his non-Jewish fellow citizens as brethren, and to aid, protect, and love them as though they were Jews.
6. Israelites are required to consider the land of their birth or adoption as their fatherland, and to love it and defend it is called upon to do so.
7. Judaism does not forbid any kind of handicraft or occupation.
8. It is commendable for Israelites to engage in agriculture, manual labor, and the arts, as their ancestors in Palestine used to do.
9. Israelites are forbidden to exact usury from Jews or Christians.