



The Tension Between Jewishness and Americanization : the Development of American Jewish Communist Intellectuals in the 1930s to the 1950s

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The American left-wing Intellectuals contained a lot of Jewish communist intellectuals whose scale and influence peaked in the 1930s. One of the motives which urged them into communist movement is the tension between Jewishness and Americanization during the progress of their assimilation. Therefore, the WWII within series of events not only shocked their beliefs in CPUSA and USSR, but also enhanced the declining awareness of their Jewishness. After the war, with the waning of the tension between Jewishness and Americanization, Cold War Liberalism became a new stand which could reconcile Jewishness and Americanization, and finally the American Jewish communist intellectuals declined.

***The Spinoza of Market Street and The Ethics :* An Intertextual Reading**

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An intertextual reading of Isaac Bashevis Singer's masterpiece, *The Spinoza of Market Street* and Baruch de Spinoza's *Ethics*, reveals Singer's teasing of a Spinozist's dogmatic interpretation of the philosopher and an indirect criticism of the defect of the Spinozism, i. e. resorting to empty rationality by cutting off from secular life would end in nihilism. It also reveals Singer's lifelong ambivalence toward Spinoza's philosophy.