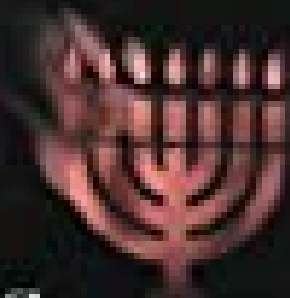


Secrecy and Deceit

The Religion
of the
Crypto-Jews

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absolutely no reference to crypto-Jews prior to the 14th century, despite the fact that they existed all through the entire background of the Roman Catholic church from another Century on. There is absolutely no research of the crypto-Jews among the Protestants. He does not define just what a "Jew" is or talk about that disputed concern. He only devoted 2 web pages on the Talmud. The primary resources are from the inquisition records and contemporary docs. I don't examine Spanish and I'm sure many other people don't either. There are theological complications a Christian could have against the Roman Catholic needs for conversions that are also not really addressed, as regeneration is usually a act of God and not man based on the Bible. So next time have the reader become ware and let us know that we won't have a straightforward time of reading the commentaries!

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