



HIDDEN LIVES OF CRYPTO/ SECRET JEWS



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Born into the Catholic faith, Julie was innately drawn to Judaism without any rational explanation. She began a search without knowing what she was searching for or why she was searching. The answer revealed itself to her over a period of three decades. Historically many Jews publicly converted to Catholicism at the time of the Edict of Expulsion in 1492, yet many continued to practice Judaism in secrecy. This discussion looks beneath the veil concealing the lives of the Crypto Jewish community and explores its implications today.



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