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> the subtly different ways Jews, Christians, and Muslims perceive themselves, and he demonstrates how these distinctive self

conceptions shape ideas about religious foreigners and communal boundaries. This work, the first to analyze change over time across the legal literatures of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, makes pathbreaking contributions to the history of interreligious intolerance and to the comparative study of religion.