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descendants in the Early Modern Portuguese world. The Imaginary

Synagogue seeks to identify which Jews and which 'synagogue' those authors constructed in their texts and their reasons for doing so, and offers conclusions on the self-affirmed Catholic importance of this literary current.