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Between the French Revolution and World War II, hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe and America became Christians. Endelman argues that religious conviction was rarely their motive. Those who left the Jewish fold were driven above all by pragmatic concerns, especially the desire to escape the stigma of Jewishness and its social, occupational, and emotional burdens.

Todd M. Endelman is professor emeritus of history and Judaic studies at the University of Michigan. His numerous books include: *The Jews of Britain* (2002), *Broadening Jewish History: Towards a Social History of Ordinary Jews* (2002), and most recently, *Leaving the Jewish Fold: Conversion and Radical Assimilation* (2015).

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