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One of the most prominent stories of modern Jewish life has focused on Jews' adoption of liberal middle-class values. This talk deals with an equally powerful, if largely unexplored, aspect of Jewish modernity by illuminating the extent to which French and German Jews made use of the liberal catalog of villains in their attempts to express themselves politically. It shows how Jews used Catholicism and the Catholic Church as a foil that helped them define what it meant to be good citizens and practice a respectable religion.

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