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Rohr, Isabelle. *The Spanish Right and the Jews, 1898-1945: Antisemitism and Opportunism*. Brighton: Sussex Academic Press, 2007. 211 p. \$62.50 cloth (ISBN 978-1-84519-181-1); \$35.00 pbk. (ISBN 978-1-84519-182-5).

This careful history traces the determinants of Spanish right-wing policy towards the Jews, traditional Christian antiJudaism, the role of the Reconquista in the national mythos, and the conspiratorial fantasies of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Indeed the last morphed into Judeo-Bolshevik and Judeo-French conspiracy theories, the former especially during the Civil War, when the nationalists fought the Soviet-supported republic and the latter because of French-Spanish imperial rivalry in North Africa. These Spanish imperial designs were partly the inspiration for what Ms. Rohr calls philosephardism. Practically, it meant, for the Spanish right, an attempt to make use of Spanish Jews in North Africa to further Spanish imperial ambitions. The author maintains that the Franco regime's attitude to the rescue of Jews was opportunistic rather than philanthropic, and changed as the tides of the Second World War turned in favor of the allies. One consistent concern of the regime was to avoid the reestablishment of a permanent Jewish community in Spain. Recommended for larger academic collections and collections of Sephardic history.

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