

THE ENGLISH JEWRY
UNDER ANGEVIN KINGS

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Although this book focusses more on the
13th century than 12th I think you
still want it. ~~It~~ Has many footnotes
suggesting additional sources.

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FOREWORD

THE PRESENT BOOK IS based upon three unpublished papers, which I have been privileged to read in recent years to the Jewish Historical Society of England, and upon some earlier contributions to the history of the English Jewry. Its purpose is to set in a clearer light the position of the Jewish community in England before the reign of Henry III, though I have on occasion overstepped the boundary of 1216. It has seemed desirable to print as appendices a number of unknown or little-known documents which illustrate important aspects of Jewish life and the relations between the Jewish community and the English society in which they lived. The texts available in print are not so numerous as to necessitate any apology for adding to them. With their aid, and by looking afresh at the original sources, not all of which have been used by others, some errors of long standing have, it is hoped, been dispersed and some fresh knowledge made available. The need for a corrective of current beliefs is manifest. I need but cite one sentence from Dr A. L. Poole's volume in the *Oxford History of England*.

The ostentation which possession of great wealth enabled the Jews to display, and their unconcealed contempt for the practices of Christianity, made them an object of universal dislike; as usurers, moreover, they had gained a strangle-hold on the recently founded monastic houses whose splendid buildings they had financed, and on many of the smaller aristocratic families. . . .¹

Mr Poole gives no references, but the ultimate sources are, without doubt, a few well-known picturesque monastic writers

¹ *From Domesday Book to Magna Carta* (1951), p. 353. The sentence remains unchanged in the second edition (1955).