Lecture & Book Signing

Feb 23, 2026
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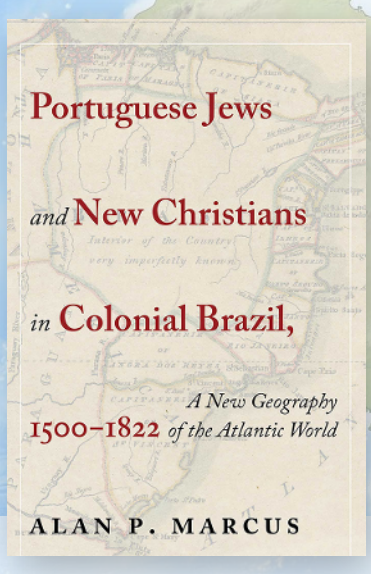
Portuguese Jews & New Christians in Colonial Brazil

A New Geography of the Atlantic World



What You'll Learn:

How Inquisition dossiers reveal a forgotten history

The roles of rabbis, poets, doctors, and merchants in colonial Brazil

How these communities connected Brazil to Amsterdam, Africa, New York, and beyond

Author & Professor:
Alan Marcus

Discover the Untold Story of a Global Diaspora

Join us for a riveting exploration of the largest European diaspora of the early modern period — the Gente da Nação, Portuguese Jews and New Christians who reshaped the Atlantic world.

From founding the first synagogues in Brazil to pioneering Jewish communities in Suriname, the Caribbean, and North America, these individuals were trailblazers in sugarcane, medicine, literature, and trade — yet their legacy remains largely hidden.

Don't miss this powerful journey through history, identity, and global connection.

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