Images of Jews in European art, examples from 13th – 16th centuries
Strasbourg Cathedral, France

The Church and the Synagogue

around 1230
Strasbourg Cathedral

Synagogue
always blindfolded
(blind to Christian truth)

Tables of The Law
drop from her hand

Broken spear
end of Jewish Kingdom
Strasbourg Cathedral

The Church (Ecclesia)

looking at Synagogue in a disapproving way
Church versus Synagogue
Giotto’s Nativity  1305  
showing the  
Dormition of Joseph  

Joseph portrayed asleep, to  
symbolize blindness of the  
Jews
Simon of Trent 1475

“The Blood Libel” = Accusation that Jews need blood of Christian child for Passover meal
Simon of Trent
with his alleged Jewish killers

Book by Ronnie Hsia
Simon of Trent
Kiss of Judas as betrayal of Christ
Kiss of Judas

Other Jews wear pointed hats
Jews taunting Christ on the way to Crucifixion

(pointed hats as Jewish)
Banner showing Devil as ally of the Jews (pointed hat as symbol)
Judensau, or the Jewish sow – Jewish as pigs

One interpretation is that since Jews won’t eat pork, it must mean that they are themselves pigs and are avoiding cannibalism, but they will drink milk from a sow (their mother by implication)
Anonymous woodcut of c. 1470 from the Kupferstichkabinett, Munich, depicting the infamous 'Judensau' stereotype - Jews suckling from a sow and eating its excrement.
Judensau of Wittenberg outside a parish church

Inscription:
*SchemHamephorash* means the "secret name of God" (as in the Jewish Kabbala)

Implication: Jews worship a pig
Simon of Trent 1475

Rabbis with Judensau
Interesting book about these issues

Claudine Fabre-Vassas,
The Singular Beast: Jews, Christians and the Pig (1997)

*The Singular Beast* is an academic study of the pig both as a farm animal and as a racist slur against Jews in European Christian culture. It is a challenging book, but useful for understanding traditional Christian anti-Semitism. It includes a lot about the raising of pigs in Christian peasant households, as well the pig as a symbolic boundary between Jews and Christians.