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c. 910-c. 970

Spanish Jewish poet and lexicographer who compiled the *Mahberet,* the first dictionary of Hebrew. Menahem, secretary to Hisdai ibn Shaprut (c. 915-c. 975), helped spawn a golden age in Hebrew philology.