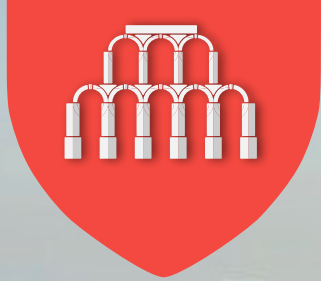


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In the first century B.C.E., Herod the Great built a fortified palace atop the mountain of Masada overlooking the Dead Sea. After Herod's death, Jewish rebels occupied Masada. According to the historian Flavius Josephus, Romans then besieged the mountain and the rebels committed mass suicide. This slide-illustrated lecture will survey the history and archaeology of Masada, including the results of excavations in the Roman siege works which Professor Magness co-directed in 1995. It will conclude by considering the current debates surrounding Josephus's mass suicide story.

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DR. JODI MAGNESS (www.JodiMagness.org) received her B.A. in archaeology and history from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1977), and her Ph.D. in classical archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania (1989). Her talk will be based on work she did for her most recent book: *Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth* (Princeton: Princeton University, 2019), which was selected as a finalist for the 2019 National Jewish Book Award in the category of History, the Gerrard and Ella Berman Memorial Award. She has written many other books, two of which have won awards, and dozens of articles. She is also a great teacher: in 2008, Dr. Magness received the Archaeological Institute of America's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Further recognition of her teaching prowess is having produced a 36-lecture course on "The Holy Land Revealed" and a 24-lecture course on "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" with The Teaching Company's Great Courses.



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