

Jewish Dream Interpretation from the Bible to Freud



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Dreams have attracted the curiosity of humankind for millennia. The course will explore the role of dreams and dream interpretation in the biblical world of the Ancient Near East, the rabbinic literature of Late Antiquity, the mystical and philosophical treatises of the Middle Ages and early modernity, and the psychoanalytic approach of Freud. Topics to be discussed include the role of the imagination and the paradox of the true fiction, the nature of time in the dreamscape, the textual nature of the dream and the unconscious, and the phenomenon of lucid dreaming. All texts will be read in translation.