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The American Turkish Society Presents a Film Screening and Discussion

Queen of the Mountain: Theresa Goell's Work in Turkey

Martha Goell Lubell
Producer/Director

Donald H. Sanders, Ph.D.
President, Learning Sites, Inc.

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Following registration at 6:00pm, program will start promptly at 6:30pm.

Temple Emanu-El

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New York City

Theresa Goell abandoned the comfortable lifestyle of her conservative Jewish family in Brooklyn to study archeology. Beginning in 1953, Goell excavated the spectacular burial site of King Antiochus I on Nemrud Dađı, a 7,000-foot-high mountain three days' walk from the nearest post office. The virtually unknown mountaintop site in Southeastern Turkey became her life's passion. Struggling with a hearing disability, her work was nothing short of extraordinary, bringing roads, tourists and employment to the impoverished local population.

In the film "**Queen of the Mountain**," Theresa Goell's saga comes to life through breathtaking National Geographic archival footage of the excavations, hundreds of family photographs and finally Goell's stunning oral history and letters, read by acclaimed actress Tovah Feldshuh. The screening will be followed by a discussion on Goell's life and the archeological site of Nemrud Dađı, with her niece Martha Goell Lubell, who produced and directed the film in 2005, and Dr. Donald H. Sanders, who coordinated the full publication of Goell's excavation report following her passing in 1985.

The Sanctuary of Nemrud Dađı is one of the most remarkable, best preserved, but least known monuments of Asia Minor. The site, called by its builder a hierothesion, or "common dwelling place of all the gods next to the heavenly thrones," is situated 2150m above sea level, atop one of the highest peaks in the Anti-Taurus Mountains of southeastern Turkey near the banks of the Euphrates River. The monument is one of the premier sites of the Late Hellenistic period. It was constructed by King Antiochus I of Commagene in the mid-1st century BC to command a 360° view of the ranges, plains, and towns that comprised his ancient kingdom.

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