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# The Tsountas House Shrine, Early Greek Religion & the Cult Center of Mycenae



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Late Bronze Age Greece is marked by impressive palaces and fortifications, but identifying and interpreting religious structures and ritual spaces has been a challenge to archaeologists and scholars. The Cult Center in the citadel at Mycenae is a foundation for our understanding of Mycenaean religious architecture and ritual, and the speaker examines its evolution from possible origins through multiple phases of construction, use and destruction. Attention is given to the Tsountas House Shrine, with its unique and fascinating finds, and to evidence for the early development of Greek religion that can be traced through elements of ritual, votive artifacts and the role of the nearby palace.

**This lecture is free and open to the public. Light reception at 5:30.**  
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