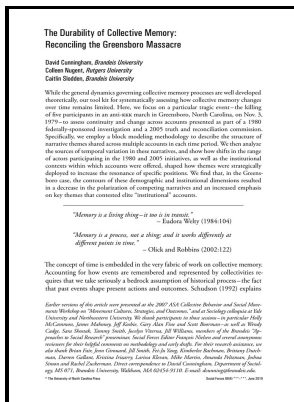


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Scholar presents evidence that the heroes of the Jewish Great Revolt were not heroes at all. Our concern is to understand why, after almost two thousand years of obscurity, this event was suddenly remembered and commemorated by Palestinian Jews.

### Readings

As compared to Josephus, the Masada mythical narrative constitutes a significant deviation from the historical account. First, the fortresses of Herodium and Machaerus were conquered, and then Lucilius Bassus who was sent to Judea as legate died and was replaced in command by Flavius Silva who succeeded him as procurator of Judea. Freely browse and use OCW materials at your own pace.

### The Masada Myth

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### The Masada Myth

The last term - following Josephus - is simply inaccurate. The creation of the myth then, no doubt, was justified from a functional point of view as it helped many members of the Yishuv to face some truly formidable historical challenges.

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