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Jewish Divination

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Divination is very relevant to our understanding of some specific manifestations of culture. Some of the divinatory practices still in use were introduced or re-introduced in the West by Semitic peoples, and Jews played an important role in their preservation and diffusion. This workshop is focused on the Jewish contribution to divinatory practices since the Bible to modern times. Astrology, oneiromancy, geomancy, palmistry, medical prognosis, etc. are going to be considered, as well as parallel practices in Christian and Muslim cultures. The purpose is to explore the different forms of divination among Jews, its distinctive character, and any original contribution.