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Becca Thomas: Erica's source sheet for today is available here:

https://www.wexnerfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2-10_Exodus-3-Wonder.pdf

Angie Atkins: I am dedicating the learning to my close friend's dad, Mel Blum, z"l, from Chicago, who died 2 days ago and whose funeral is right now (in Chicago)...I told my friend I could either zoom in or learn Torah in his memory, and my friend said to learn Torah. <3

Angie Atkins: Before revelation (laundry) after revelation (laundry)...

Lisa Lisser: God kinda looks like Jesus?

Judy Oberlander: Zig zag organization of the figures and the northern landscape;

Goldie Lansky: Does not look like the desert...houses and trees in distance

Susan Borison: Moshe looks afraid

Vanessa Ressler: Why exactly is he taking off his shoes? Did I miss this explanation in an earlier class? 😊

Nina Butler: There's a staff at his feet... isn't it early for the staff to appear?

Susie: There are no other people around

Lisa Lisser: What about the colors in his clothes?

Lisa Lisser: It's odd

Tali Zerkowicz (she/her): Superman colors!

Lisa Lisser: Yup!

Angie Atkins: God is purple and Moshe has fractals of divine (red and blue)

Angie Atkins: But looks stronger more vibrant than God! (Kind of like Jesus as an embodiment being the more primary (as in primary colors) —

James C: Is this God appearing or the angel, where it's only the voice of God that he hears?

Tali Zerkowicz (she/her): Odd to "look aside" to look at the marvelous sight, one might assume he was facing it?

Jeffrey Spear: Keep your distance, Moses! I'm in charge here.

Tali Zerkowicz (she/her): Ah, turn aside... too bright, too marvelous to take in directly?

Goldie Lansky: Loneliness at the top

Vanessa Ressler: I read it as if he were about to pass it by, then he stops and turns his head aside to really notice?

Carrie Harris: Maybe his driving into the wilderness -- a place unknown and perhaps barren - indicates he was open to something new, so he turned

Susie: Exodus is replete with "seeing" - the midwives, Pharaoh, Pharaoh's daughter

Judy Neuman: The first time I was at the Kotel was an intense and holy moment

Vanessa Ressler: Upon the birth of my 3 daughters I asked my husband to remind me to take a quiet pause and recite the shechechyanu together. It was incredibly powerful and felt very holy - every time!

Joan Laguatan: Nursing my baby for 2 years...feeling primal tenderness, bonding, and an overwhelming sense of connection to all other mothers and the greater desire to protect and nurture people

Tali Zelkowicz (she/her): So interesting to think about outrage and wonder being in tension

Nina Butler: Back to your earlier point about Moshe hearing the call- there's an incredible interpretation that the bush was actually broadcasting to /ANYONE/EVERYONE. Moshe's leadership moment was hearing and reacting rather than walking on. Leaders recognize opportunity and take risks to follow through - not knowing where it might take them

- Orli Garti Seroussi: It's the same with me every time I'm in the Hotel, and also at the synagogue on Yom Kippur

Sue BK (she/her): Maybe all leadership is the ability to get out of the "driving" mode of the everyday and see the bigger picture

Susie: In light of Elka's dedication to Dr. Lipstadt - I had a profound experience at Wexner when Dr. Lipstadt led services with Debbie Friedman and Debbie sang mishabarach TO us

Tali Zelkowicz (she/her): "While Moshe is doing one thing, he has the capacity to entertain something else in his peripheral view, that can get larger if we look at it. Or we can choose to ignore it."

- Dr. Erica Brown on radical amazement

This could be our revolution: to love what is plentiful as much as what is scarce. - Alice Walker

Jackie Shelton-Miller: Just thinking about when we first see trees blossoming in the spring, rainbows and all kinds of things like that and we have special prayers to say for those moments

Susan Borison: Bankruptcy of Wonder - WOW!

Vanessa Ressler: Here here! Thank you!!

Joan Laguatan: let's pull wonder out of bankruptcy!

Susan Borison: Thank you