

In The Beginning: Jewish Journeys in Nature
Specialty Track 1

Abraham

Genesis Chapter 12:1-4

1 Now the LORD said unto Abram: 'Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee.

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing.

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him; and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Jacob

Genesis Chapter 28:10-14

10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon the place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood beside him, and said: 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac. The land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed.

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Moses

Exodus Chapter 3:1-3, 10-1

1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the farthest end of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Horeb.

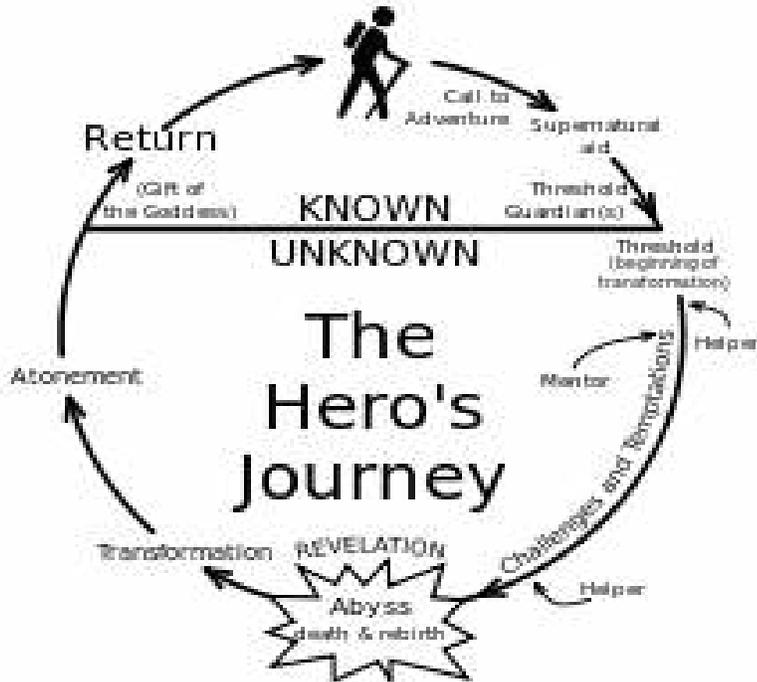
2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said: 'I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.'

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt.'

11 And Moses said unto God: 'Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?'

The Hero's Journey, Joseph Cambell



Let's talk about your campers journey Solo time

Answer these questions:

- Who is your camper?
- Literally, who is he/she?
- How old?
- Where are they from?
- What is their background?
- Can you relate to them?
- How long are they in camp?
- Have they ever spent time in nature?
- Do they like nature?
- Do they like being Jewish?
- Do they know how to be Jewish?
- Do they know there are

- connections to being Jewish and being in nature?
- What activities do they like?
- Have they ever slept outside before?
- Have they peed outside before?!
- Why will spending time with you, doing these activities, be good for them?

Now let's think about their journey:

- How did they get where they are now? Physically and psychologically.
- Is this their 1st year at camp?
- Are they happy? Sad? Nonchalant? Too cool for school?

After having read the stories of a few people's journeys (our ancestors), and having thought about your campers journey, can you write a short story of your camper's journey, from where they came and how they came to be, to how and why they are with you? Write from their perspective.

- What do they want from this summer (try to be more sophisticated than them!)?
- What will campers take away from meeting you?
- What will anybody take away from meeting you?