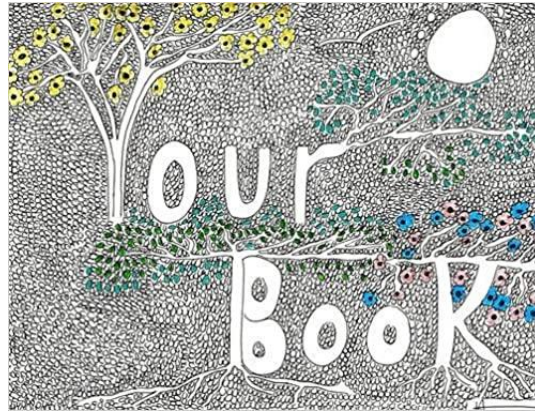


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*Your Book* by Kay Hare

“Even if you don’t remember it in the morning, you were exploring many beautiful and colorful works in your sleep.”

### MAKING THE JOURNEY PERSONAL

1. It is worth noting that the previous three books of Torah begin with the letter *vav*, meaning “and,” whereas Deuteronomy begins without it. This indicates that Deuteronomy is not tied to the past, although the past nonetheless belongs to it. (Rabbi Elie Munk)

2. ... וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל... (Exodus 1:1)  
... וַיִּקְרָא אֶל־מֹשֶׁה... (Leviticus 1:1)  
... וַיִּדְבֹּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה... (Numbers 1:1)  
... אֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר מֹשֶׁה... (Deuteronomy 1:1)

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

3. “Every Jew is shown from afar a vision of the future Beit HaMikdash.” (Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev)

A father once prepared a beautiful suit of clothes for his son. But the child neglected his father's gift and soon the suit was in tatters. The father gave the child a second suit of clothes; this one, too, was ruined by the child's carelessness. So the father made a third suit. This time, however, he withholds it from his son. Every once in a while, on special and opportune times, he shows the suit to the child, explaining that when the child learns to appreciate and properly care for the gift, it will be given to him. This induces the child to improve his behavior, until it gradually becomes second nature to him -- at which time he will be worthy of his father's gift. (Rabbi Levi Yitzchak)

4. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, but the people with me did not see it; yet a great terror befell them, and they fled into hiding. (Daniel 10:7)

But if they did not see the vision, why were they terrified? Because though they themselves did not see, their souls saw. ~ Talmud, Megillah 3a

5. Learn to do good.

Devote yourselves to justice.

Aid the wronged.

Uphold the rights of the orphan.

Defend the cause of the widow.

(Isaiah 1:17)

6. Scripture says: “Drink from your own cistern, running water from your own well” (Proverbs 5:15). God placed a holy point into the very nature of each creature: a holy soul. It is called “your cistern” for it is attached to the body. The more you take this soul-light upon yourself, drawing your deeds to follow this light, the more the spirit and higher soul is added to you. This opens the wellspring that flows without end; this is “flowing from your well.” (Sefat Emet)