

**ONE POINT** from

לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, שיחה א לפרשת בראשית

**Use these words to fill in the blanks:**\* **ב** \* **בראשית** \* **connect** \* **1<sup>st</sup>** \* **2<sup>nd</sup>** \***IN THE PARSHA:**

This week we once again begin to read the תורה from the beginning.

The 1<sup>st</sup> word in the תורה is \_\_\_\_\_.

The 1<sup>st</sup> letter in the תורה is the letter \_\_\_\_.

**QUESTION:**

Since the letter א is the \_\_\_\_\_ letter in the א-ב, why does the תורה begin with the letter ב which is the \_\_\_\_\_ letter of the א-ב?

**ANSWER:**

The reason that the תורה begins with the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of the א-ב is because there is something that comes first, before we begin to read the written words.

Even before we begin to learn and understand the words of the תורה, there is something else we need to remember and know.

We first need to remember that we are learning Hashem's תורה, and when we learn his תורה we connect to Him, the ה'.

This is why the תורה begins with the second letter of the א-ב.

When we see that the תורה begins with the **second** letter of the א-ב, it reminds us that there is something else that comes **first**. First we must know that we are learning Hashem's תורה, and connecting with Him.

**Further discussion:**

- *Based on the above, why was the תורה translated for תלמי המלך as if it actually began with the letter א? (See שיחה א in the סיחה)*