

And awesome power that Moshe performed before the eyes of all Yisrael...In the beginning of G-d's creations. (1:1)

The first letter of the Torah is the *bais*. The last letter of the Torah is the *lamed*. Considering that the Torah is of Divine origin, the choice of these two letters is clearly not happenstance. Hashem teaches us, conveys a message to us, with the selection of these two words. The commentators, each in his own inimitable manner, address this selection. The *Kli Yakar* presents an inspiring thought. The *bais* and the *lamed* are the only two letters of the entire Hebrew Alphabet to which, if one were to attach any letter of Hashem's Name, *Yud Kay Vov Kay* – each one would make a completed word. For example: *Bais* with a *hay* is *bah*; *bais* with a *yud* is *bi*; *bais* with a *vov* is *bo*. Likewise, *lamed* with a *yud* is *li*; *lamed* with a *vov* is *lo*; *lamed* with a *hay* is *lah*. Of the entire *Aleph Bais*, this is possible only with the letters *bais/lamed*.

The lesson is: The beginning and end of the Torah are both inextricably linked with the Name of Hashem, an indication that the beginning and the end are His Alone. Man can search the meaning, to question what lies in between the beginning and the end, but he will be unable to go beyond the beginning to reach the *aleph*, and, likewise, the end is beyond his grasp.