**OHH! Bereshit – “In the Beginning”**

**Introduction**:

Hebrew letter:

* א – aleph = 1
* Meaning: Ox, Strength, Master, Leader

Hebrew names and meanings:

* Abba = Father
* Adom = Adam = Red
* Havah = Eve = Mother

Hebrew Words:

* Bereshit = In the beginning
* Etz Chaim = Tree of Life
* Etz Da’at = Tree of Knowledge
* Mayim = Waters
* Shamayim = Heavens

Fun Factoid:

* Bagels have been around since the 1300’s and were brought to the United States by immigrant Polish Jews.

**Body**:

Torah Portion summation (Genesis 1:1-6:8):

* The Beginning
  + The natural laws are established by God during creation.
  + The 7th day (Shabbat) comes after the act of creation and after the giving of food.
* Adam & Eve
* Adam & Eve Fall into Sin
* Cain & Abel
* The Family Line of Adam
* The Sins of Everyone on Earth

Torah Portion Theme:

* Creation
* Our Actions show from which tree we are eating.
* Exile and East

**Conclusion**:

So What?!! Application section:

1. Why is understanding the Hebrew perspective of Genesis important?
2. Can we return to the garden?