



Where do you find the concept in the Torah?

Calling a woman by her first name: The Gemara (*Sotah 2a*) relates, “Forty days before a child is born, they declare in Heaven ‘*Bas Ploni L’Ploni*, the daughter of So-and-so will marry So-and-so.” The *mefarshim* ask, why do they only mention the names of the males, not the female? Wouldn’t it make more sense to declare ‘*Plonis L’Ploni*’, thus calling the girl by her name? Several *mefarshim* answer that this teaches us that it is not appropriate to refer to a woman by her first name. (*Ben Yehoyada 2a; Igra D’Kallah, Lech Lecha 17:15*)

