

**The 10 RashiYomi Rules**  
*Their presence in Rashis on MeTZoRaH*  
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**GOALS**

*The goal of the Weekly Rashi Digest is to use the weekly Torah portion to expose students at all levels to the ten major methods of Rashi's commentary. Continual weekly exposure to these ten major methods facilitate the acquisition, familiarity, and facility with the major exegetical methods.*

\*Thanx to all who responded. Most people wanted continuation; some were OK either way; a few wanted occasionally.

So: I will continue with Rashis from current Parshah. I will also continue with the spreadsheets.

Today I have ONE Rashi from Tzav; I also have 10 Rashis from VaYaylech. I chose Vayaylech because it only has 25 Rashis so we can complete whole parshahs.

*As usual, when making transitions in the Rashi Newsletter we welcome positive and negative comments as*

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**Meaning Daily Rashi** Thur Apr 14th 2016, Lv14-14a,  
Ex29-20a

### **Biblical Texts: Lv14-14a**

[Bible is discussing the lepor purification ceremony] The priest takes the blood of the guilt offering and the priest places on the *tnuch* of the right ear of the puriffee

### **Current Rashi text:**

The word *tnuch* refers to the inside of the ear. I don't know what the word *tnuch* means; the interpreters explain it to mean what is called in French the *tondrus*.

### **Contribution of Yosef Hallel:**

Yosef Hallel brings in several sources on the old French

- Rashi on Ex29-20: *tondrus*
- **First Printed Rashi Text:** *tondrum*
- **Becoroth 37a:** *Tendrin*

### **Contribution of Rashi NewsLetter:**

The Rashi Newsletter is not text-based but reason-based. The Rashi Newsletter classifies this Rashi comment as the **meaning** method. In this case we use the *root-etymology* submethod.

It is well known that Tauv-Caph means *inside*.

It is also known that adding a **nun** to a word indicates a smaller, lighter or minor instance of it. For example, a prefix nun before a verb indicates a passive which is *lighter* than the active.

In this case, **Tauv-Caph + Nun**, means a *lighter* instance of middle. We have translated **Tauv-Nun-Caph** as the *inside of the ear* and indeed *inside the ear* is *lighter* than say *inside a box* since *inside-box* is a three dimensional inside while *inside-ear* is two-dimensional.

In summary, the Rashi Newsletter's contribution relates the word *tenuch* referring to the inside of the ear to the word *toch*, *box-inside*, with a lightening **nun**.

As indicated, this shows the difference between a text based approach to Rashi and a reason-based approach to Rashi.

### **Daily Rashi Spreadsheet Vayaylech**

We start here the spreadsheet on KeDoShim which we intend to finish by Parshath Kedoshim. We bring some complex parallelism Rashis.

**Parallelism *Daily Rashi* Sat Sun Mon Apr 16,17,18,19  
Lv19-04a,b,c Ex20-03**

<b>RASHI COMMENT S on Lv19-04</b>	<b>Lv19-04</b>	<b>Ex20-03</b>	<b>RASHI COMMENTS on Ex20-03</b>
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Prohibition of (social) turning – participation in <u>worship</u> activities	Don't TURN to <u>idols</u> <sup>1</sup>	Do not HAVE gods of others...	Prohibition of <u>Possession</u> and worship activities
Prohibition of <u>acceptance</u> of Deities	Molten <u>gods</u> <sup>1</sup> don't MAKE FOR YOURSELF	Do not MAKE carved and picture (gods)	Prohibition of <u>manufacture</u> for others

**NOTES:**

1) Rashi also sees the parallelism in the progression of terms *idols, gods*

- *Idols* in Hebrew comes from the word *don't*: In other words the idols belittle their worshippers and place constraints and prohibitions on them.
- Rashi sees the parallelism as indicating
  - First you accept the prohibitions and constraints of them
  - You will then end up accepting them fully as gods.

**THE 10 RASHI RULE CATEGORIES / THE 30 RASHI RULES**

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**I-REFERENCE:** Dt26-05d *We went down to Egypt with a few people* explained by Gn46-27: with 70 people

**II-MEANING / Lexicography / Dictionary:** EXAMPLE (Connectives) KI means

IF, PERHAPS, RATHER, BECAUSE, WHEN, THAT (Rashi on Gn18-15a Gn24-33a ) EXAMPLE (Nuances): YDA means FAMILIAR, not KNOW (eg Dt34-10a) eg Gn04-01 Adam was FAMILIAR with his wife EXAMPLE (Idioms) ON THE FACE OF means DURING THE LIFETIME (Rashi on Nu03-04a Gn11-28a Ex20-03c Dt05-07a) EXAMPLE (Synonyms) *Marchesheth* means pot; *Machavath* means frying pan (Lv02-05a, 07a) EXAMPLE (Hononyms) SHAMAH can mean listen, hear, understand: (Gn42-23a) *They didn't appreciate that Joseph understood them* (Note: They knew he was listening) EXAMPLE (Metonymy) (Lv02-11a) *Don't offer ...any honey as sacrifices* RASHI: *honey* includes any sweet fruit juice

**III-GRAMMAR: EXAMPLE:** BA-ah means CAME;ba-AH means COMING(Gn46-26a)  
**EXAMPLE:** Hitpael conjugation has different rules if 1st root letter is Tzade (Gn44-16a)

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**IV-PARALLELISM:** (Ex20-04) Dont **POSSESS** the gods of others Dont **MAKE** idols RASHI: So both **POSSESSion & MAKING** of idols are prohibited

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**V-CONTRADICTION:** (Nu04-03, Nu08-24a)Levites start Temple work at 25; Levites start temple work at 30.  
RASHI: They apprentice at 25 but start actual service at 30.

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**VI-STYLE: RABBI ISHMAEL RULES: EXAMPLE:** (Simple verses should be generalized): (Rashi Pesachim 6)  
(Dt25-04a) Dont **MUZZLE an OX while THRESHING** RASHI: Dont **STOP** any **WORKING ANIMAL** from eating

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**VII-FORMATting: EXAMPLE (BOLD indicated by Repetition):** Ex12-09c) **COOK COOK** it in water (So **COOKED-COOKED** is understood the same way bold is understood by modern reader) RASHI: Preferred to **COOK** it in water; But **COOK** it at all costs(Even if you don't have water) **EXAMPLE: (BULLETS indicated by Repeating keywords)** (Ex03-11a) Who am I - **THAT** I should go to Pharaoh - **THAT** I should take the Jews out of Egypt  
RASHI: Repeated word **THAT** creates **BULLET** effect - Pharaoh was a difficult king (Bullet one) - Jews were not yet ready for freedom (Bullet two) **EXAMPLE (Climax assumed in any Biblical list):** (Dt19-11a) *If a man HATES, SPIES, CONFRONTS & KILLS.* RASHI: Bible identifies 4 stages to murder(indicated by capped words)

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**VIII-DATABASE: EXAMPLE:** *God spoke to Moses to say over* introduces about 7 dozen biblical commandments; *God spoke to Aaron to say over* only introduces 2 commandments. RASHI: (Lv10-03b) Aaron was silent when his sons died because they served in the Temple drunk; hence he merited that the commandment prohibiting priests to work in the Temple drunk, was given to him

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**IX-NON VERSE: EXAMPLE:** (Use of Algebra)(Ex38-26b) *Temple donations of silver were 100 Kikar and 1775 Shekel from 630,550 half-shekels* RASHI: So one Kikar of silver = 3000 Shekel.

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**X: SYMBOLISM: EXAMPLE:** (Use of puns) Moses made a copper snake for people to look up to when bitten by snakes (so they should pray and recover) RASHI: (Nu21-09a) The Hebrew root for copper and snake are identical (Cf. The English *copperhead*) Moses made the metal snake copper colored to symbolize the snake