

The 10 RashiYomi Rules
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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.

Special Shavuoth Issue and Special Homeschooling issue. Although Shavuoth is 2 weeks away I am sending something for Shavuoth this week and next week.

Also: Yesterday was the 7th Torah homeschooling conference. As a result of discussions I present some tips on how to use the 10 commentaries to homeschool.

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**Parallelism *Daily Rashi* Monday May 30th 2016,
Ex20-03a**

Ex20-03a	Do not	<i>Have</i>	gods of others
Ex20-04	Do not	<i>Make</i>	Idols, any image..

Rashi: Difference of *have* and *make*

- Homeschool tips: How can you *have* without *making*? How can you *make* without *having*.
- Simple answer: You can have in your house even though you didn't make it. You can make in store and sell to others and not have
- Sophisticated answer: There is a prohibition of both *possession* (have) and *production* (making) of idols.

Parallelism *Daily Rashi* Tue-Wed 5/31-6/1 2016, Ex20-07a,b Lv19-12a

Ex20-07a,b	Do not bear	<i>The name of God your Lord</i>	<i>Falsely</i>
Lv19-12a	Do not swear	<i>By My name</i>	<i>For nought</i>

Rashi: Difference of *falsely* and *for nought*.

- Homeschool tips: How can you swear for nought even though true? How can you swear falsely on something not nought? Needed?
- Simple answer: I swear a tree is a tree. This is true but for nought. I swear the green paper is a dollar. This is needed (money, not for nought) but false
- Sophisticated answer: Don't lie (False) and don't swear on the obvious (nought).

Parallelism *Daily Rashi* Wed June 1st 2016, Lv19-12a

Rashi: Difference of *the name of God* and *by my name*

- Homeschooling tip: How can something be God's name but not God your Lord
- Simple answer: (Many answers) The Almighty; All merciful;....
- Sophisticated answer: False oaths are prohibited whether you use God's proper name, God, or any of his special attributes like the Almighty, All merciful.

Parallelism *Daily Rashi* Thur-Fri Jun 2,3 2016, Ex20-08a Dt05-12b

Ex20-08a	<i>Remember</i>	the Sabbath day to sanctify it	
Dt05-12b	<i>Watch</i>	The Sabbath day to sanctify it	<i>As God Commanded you</i>

Rashi: Difference between *Remember* and *Watch*

- Homeschooling tip: What is an example of *watching* without *remembering*? Of *remembering* without *watching*?
- Simple answer: Saying Kiddush *remembers* the Sabbath; not wetting a rag when you clean it lest you ring it out is *watching* the Sabbath
- Sophisticated answer: *Remember* means commemorate means *positive* acts of commemorating; *Watch* refers to *prophylactic* acts of prevention

Parallelism *Daily Rashi* Fri Jun 3 2016, Dt05-12b

Rashi: Extra phrase *As God commanded you*

- Homeschooling tip: Did God command the Sabbath before the 10 commandments? If so where?
- Simple / Sophisticated answer: **Ex16-25:28**. When Jews left Egypt they started receiving the miraculous manna and God ordered them to rest on the Sabbath.

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)

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

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.

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

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)

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

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.

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