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OVERVIEW OF HILIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE (C) Dr Hendel, Jan-04	
Whats new and hot in this issue?	
ITEM	WHATS NEW & HOT IN THIS ISSUE
COMING SOON	The FAQ will be posted on website soon
Happy Nu Year	Happy New Year to all who learn Rashi*1
COMMENTS	
<i>*1 Hi. Instead of writing personally & individually to each of my friends, most of which are on Rashi is Simple, I am simply wishing you all a very....*10</i>	
LONGER FOOTNOTES	
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LIGHTNING SUMMARIES
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Lightning summary of Rashis with emphasis on Rashi rules*10

#	LIST	BRIEF SUMMARY OF RASHI EMPHASIZING USE OF RASHI RULES
26	107a	Sun-moon (A) FOR TIME: 2)holidays 3)days 4)year (B)FOR LIGHT

COMMENTS

LONGER FOOTNOTES

**10 The explanation of the list should be clear*
- The first column gives the NUMBER of the RASHI RULE used
All Rashi rules may be found with examples at
<http://www.Rashiyomi.com/workbook.htm>

- The second column gives the LIST ID (eg LIST210z) which contains many examples of a particular Rashi technique and includes the example presented in the third column

- The third column gives a lightning summary of the Rashi with particular emphasis on the Rashi rule used.

Rashis covered in this issue
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VERSE	RULE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
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Gn01-14d	BULLETS	Sun-Moon for a) Time b) Light
Gn01-14e	BULLETS	Sun-Moon for a) Time b) Light
Gn01-14f	BULLETS	Sun-Moon for a) Time b) Light
Gn01-14g	BULLETS	Sun-Moon for a) Time b) Light
Gn01-15a	BULLETS	Sun-Moon for a) Time b) Light
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 VERSE: Gn01-14d
 RASHIS COVERED: Gn01-14d Gn01-14e Gn01-14f Gn01-14g Gn01-15a

Gn01-14d
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SUCCINCT SUMMARY

 Rashi sometimes makes inferences from WORD MEANINGS and GRAMMAR

However Rashi can equally make inferences from OVERALL PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE. Rashi frequently uses REPEATING KEYWORDS

to emphasize a BULLET-LIKE affect which hilights structure.

EXAMPLE Gn01-14:15 Gn01-14d Gn01-14e Gn01-14f Gn01-14g Gn01-15a

These 2 Biblical sentences discuss the creation of the sun, moon and stars. By skillfully using the repeating keywords, THEY-WILL-BE and FOR the Biblical Author creates the effect of a double bulleted list

THEY WILL BE [FOR TIME]

FOR	Signs
FOR	Holidays
FOR	Days
FOR	Years

THEY WILL BE FOR LIGHT

Note the elegance with which the modern effect of a doubly bulleted list is created! The Rashi comments clearly reflect not comments on meaning, nor comments on OTHER VERSES, which do support his interpretation; rather the Rashi comments reflect the clear statement of the BULLETED STRUCTURE.

Here are the Rashi comments

The SUN and MOON determine TIME RELATED ITEMS:

- The revolution of the EARTH around the sun determines YEARS
- The revolution of the EARTH on its axis determines DAYS
- The revolution of the EARTH around the sun determines HOLIDAYS

- The HOLIDAYS SYMBOLically affirm values such as BLOOM, GROWTH, etc.

The SUN and MOON provide LIGHTING (So eg thieves are more likely to strike at night when people cant see; building and commerce is facilitated by daylight etc.)

Note the Divine brevity and punchiness of the Bullet method.

ITEM	DETAIL
RASHI RULE CLASS:	BULLETS
RASHI SUBRULE CLASS	BULLETING
RASHI WORKBOOK PRINCIPLE	#26
SEE BELOW	LIST107a
List of clauses in	Gn01-14:15:SUN/MOON:FOR a)TIME(days..b)LIGHT

LIST107a
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List of clauses in Gn01-14:15:SUN/MOON:FOR
a)TIME(days..b)LIGHT

KEYWORD-1	MAIN THEME	KEYWORD-2	SECONDARY THEME	Explanation
THEY WILL BE	[FOR TIME]			*1
		FOR	Signs	*2
		FOR	Holidays	*3
		FOR	Days	*4
		FOR	Years	*5
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THEY WILL BE	FOR LIGHT			*6

COMMENTS

**1 The two keywords THEY-WILL-BE vs FOR define two levels of*

explanation.

*- THEY WILL BE defines the two main themes: TIME and LIGHT
Note that LIGHT is explicitly stated while TIME is inferred
from the examples*10*

*- FOR defines the subthemes: Types of time: Day, Year,
holidays and symbolic occasions.*11*

**2 Since the BULLET structure shows that the general theme
is*

*TIME*11 therefore we must interpret the word SYMBOL as
meaning SYMBOLIC OCCASIONS. This is consistent with Jewish
HOLIDAYS: Thus PASSOVER the holiday of FREEDOM occurs in
the SPRING. The Jewish NEW YEAR occurs in SEPTEMBER, in
the so called FALL when leaves and nature FALL and KNEEL
before the sovereignty of God. Shavuoth the holiday of
receipt of the Torah -- the holiday of SPIRITUAL GROWTH
thru learning occurs on the 6th of the month when the
moon grows towards fullness. In all cases the times of
the Jewish holidays symbolically affirm the occasions
they celebrate*

**3 Holidays are determined by the SEASONS of the year:*

Passover

*BY LAW must occur in the SPRING; Jewish New Year must occur
at the time of the falling of leaves, etc.*12*

**4 The DAY and NIGHT are determined by the revolution of the
earth on its axis*

**5 YEARS are determined by the revolution of the earth
around
the sun.*

**6 The second major theme is that the SUN provides LIGHT.*

Thus

*e.g. the Bible in Job refers to Thieves as the SONS OF
DARKNESS since LIGHT prevents or deters crime. Similarly
LIGHT facilitates commerce and building.*

LONGER FOOTNOTES

**10 Such inferences are justified by the Rabbi Ishmael rule of GENERALIZATION FROM EXAMPLES. Here we generalize HOLIDAYS, DAYS and YEARS to the general concept of TIME*

**11 The fact that we interpret the Hebrew OTH which is translated as SYMBOL to refer to SYMBOLIC OCCASIONS, this fact, is justified by the BULLET STRUCTURE which includes SYMBOL with DAYS, YEARS and HOLIDAYS. Thus the LIST of the BULLETED STRUCTURE justifies the inference that all items are speaking about TIME RELATED EVENTS.*

**12 Rashi cites OTHER VERSES to support that eg PASSOVER must occur in the Spring. But this is a SUPPORTIVE proof--the major argument proving Rashi is the bulleted structure.*

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