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1. Rashi's 902nd Yartziet- 29th of Tammuz.

Rashi is the best known commentary on the Tanach and on most of Talmud.

Q. Why is Rashi more popular than all other commentaries?



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2. The Three weeks:

The Rebbe encouraged study about the Holy Temple's construction during this time.

Midrash: Study it is tantamount to actually building it.

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3. An interesting Law:

While every Jew is obligated to help build the Temple, children's Torah study may not be disturbed.



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4. Why?

The world exists in the merit of children's Torah study.

R' Papa: "What about our Torah study?"

Abaye: "You can't compare our sin stained words to the words of innocent children."



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5. A sin creates a barrier between man and G-d and no man is free of sin.

Children are not obligated to keep the mitzvos, so they can't sin!

Hence nothing that stands between a child and G-d.



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6. That's why Mordechai gathered children to pray and study.

Their sweet prayers aroused His mercy.



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7. Children's prayers have such power that:

Family members ask Cheder children to pray on a sick man's behalf.

Children pray for the baby's safety on the night before a bris.

Before the Yom Kippur War the Rebbe had his Chassidim gather children at the Kotel to pray.



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8. "Remember that man for good!" – Talmud

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Gamla, a High Priest sent teachers to every Jewish city.

Elementary schools are his invention!



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9. It is now Jewish law that every community must support a teacher for it's children!

10. This is the secret to Rashi's popularity: concern for the education of children.

Rashi wrote his commentary so that every child should be able to understand Chumash like a scholar.



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10. The lesson:

We must ensure that our children and that all Jewish children receive a proper Torah education.

If you concern yourself with Jewish children's education you too will be "Remembered for good".

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