

Who Was Rashi?

The Rashi School is named for **Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchak** (1040-1105), the eleventh century Rabbinic scholar of France whose Biblical commentaries are noted for their clarity, insight and accessibility. Perhaps the greatest teacher of all time, Rashi anticipated the questions of his students and answered them. Like our namesake, the Rashi School offers its students inspiring teachers and opens pathways for learning.

Rashi's commentary on the Bible was unique. His concern was for every word in the text which needed elaboration or explanation – and he used the fewest words possible in his commentaries.

Rashi's commentary on the Talmud made it understandable to the non-scholar, as he explained all the phrases, principles, and concepts in simple, brief language. Today on every page of Talmud you can find Rashi's commentary surrounding the text on the inside of the page. To honor this placement, The Rashi School newsletter is titled "On the Inside."

For more information on Rashi, go to:

www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/rashi.html