

# The Life Of רש"י

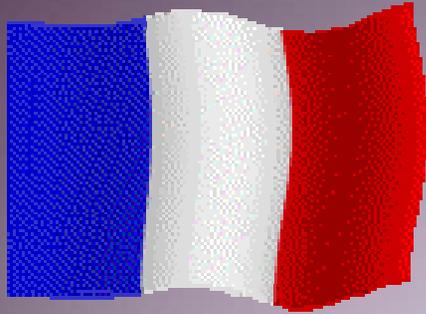


**WHO WAS רש"י?**

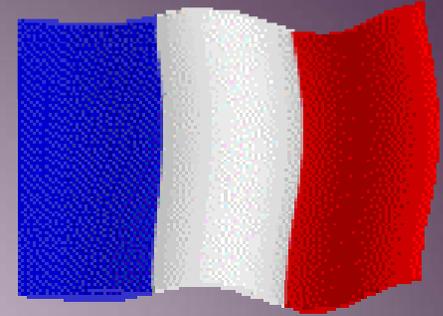
**WHEN WAS HE BORN?**

**WHERE DID HE LIVE?**





רש"י...



- His full name was – רב שלמה צחקי
- He was born in year 1040, which was around 973 years ago!
- *He was born in Troyes, in France*



# *There is a wonderful story...*

- **Rabbi Yitzchak, Rashi's father was extremely poor, but he never complained**
- **He once found a rare diamond, and thought that he'd sell the diamond and become rich** 
- **He tried to sell to a jeweler, but the jeweler didn't have enough money to pay for such a diamond**
- **The bishop had been looking for a gem for his statue's left eye, and he offered LOTS of money for the diamond, but Rabbi Yitzchak refused to sell it**



- They told Rabbi Yitzchak that if he refuses to sell the stone, then his life would be bitter
- Rabbi Yitzchak traveled on a ship to take the stone to the bishop
- He had an idea – ‘by mistake’ the diamond fell into the water and sunk to the bottom of the sea
- *During the journey home, אליהו הנביא appeared to Rabbi Yitzchak*
- Telling him that ‘ה has decided to reward him with a child



"י was really young when he left his home town and went to all different places to learn תורה and תלמוד.



Soon he became known as a big חכם and "י was appointed as רב of his town of Troyes.



רש"י began to write his famous commentary... The תורה was very difficult to understand properly and the תלמוד was even more difficult.

So רש"י decided to write a commentary in simple language that would make it easy for everyone to learn and understand the תורה.



רש"י was modest,

**He would write his commentaries in a pamphlet – called a “kuntres” where he would explain and make the discussions and statements of the Gemarah clear and simple**



Once רש"י's commentary was shared  
between the Talmeidai Chachamim

רש"י's name  
became known  
throughout the  
world!

