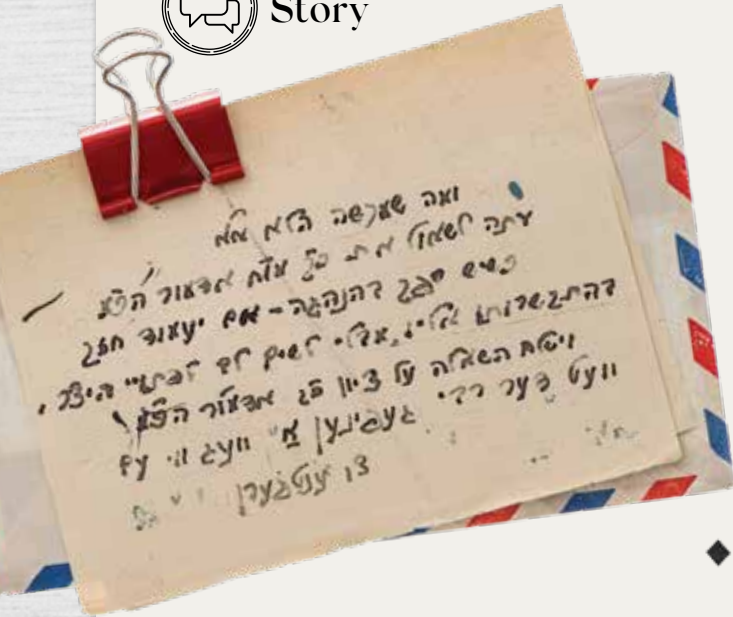




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Learning Rashi Sichos



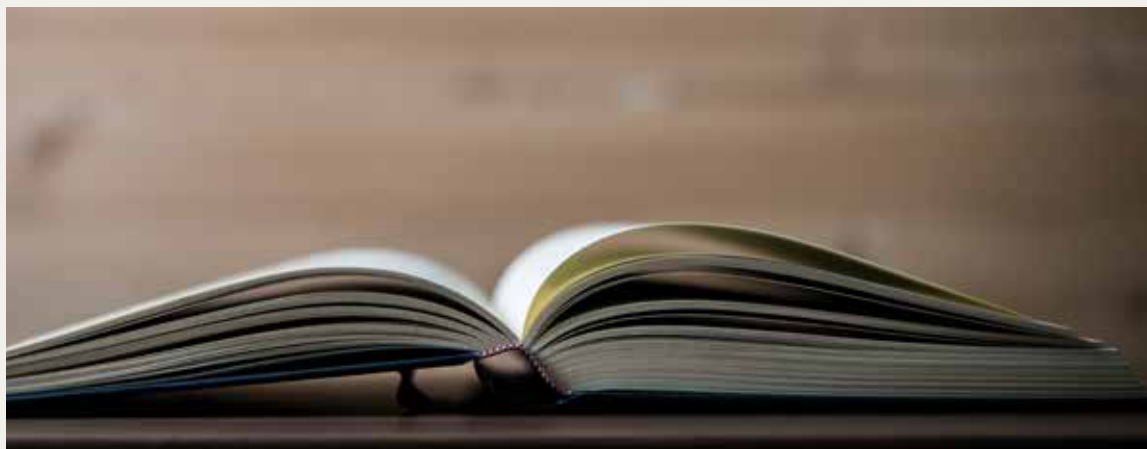
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My family is from a chassidische background. When I was twelve years old, my father took me to the Rebbe's farbrengen on Motzei Shabbos Yud Shevat 5733 and from then on I started coming to farbrengens regularly. When one of my Lubavitcher friends showed me a Rashi *sicha* in Likkutei Sichos Chelek Yud, I became “hooked” on the Rebbe’s *sichos*. Although I never learned in Lubavitcher Yeshivos and don’t keep Chabad *minhagim*, I am a passionate chossid of the Rebbe, especially involved in learning

the Rebbe’s Torah.

After my marriage I continued coming to farbrengens and was pleased to discover that my father-in-law was very involved in learning the Rebbe’s *sichos* as well, especially on Rashi.

To my chagrin, one of my sons was negatively influenced against Lubavitch in some of the yeshivos he attended. He refused to hear of anything about Lubavitch or learn the Rebbe’s *sichos*. This bothered me very much,



especially since he is such a *lamdan* and I knew he would appreciate and gain so much from learning the Rebbe's *sichos*.

For many years, I lived in close proximity to the Ohel and utilized the opportunity to go often. On several occasions I mentioned this specific son in my *tzetel* and requested a special bracha that he merit to avail himself of the sweet wellsprings of the Rebbe's *sichos*.

Two years ago, my family arranged a Shabbos get-away in honor of my sixtieth birthday at a large home in Morristown, NJ owned by a Lubavitcher chossid.

At one point over Shabbos I was surprised to see my son, who is a *mechanech* at a prestigious *cheder*, open a Gutnick Chumash that was on the bookshelf. He perused Parshas Vayeitzei, which he was teaching to his *talmidim* at the time, and when he read one of the explanations from the Rebbe's Rashi *sichos* he was so amazed that he started learning more *sichos* on his own. This was a short time after I had been to the Ohel and had davened, among other things, that he "come around" to learning the Rebbe's *sichos*!

Some time later, a fellow who lives on my son's block, with whom he is not close at all, knocked on his door and asked if he would accept a gift of some *seforim*. He was renovating his house and was looking to empty some bookshelves.

"Sure," my son replied and was astonished when the

man handed him a five volume set of *Biurim Lepirush Rashi Al HaTorah* - a compilation of the Rebbe's Rashi *sichos*!

He immediately called me and marveled at the tremendous *hashgacha pratis*. The fact that this neighbor offered him some *seforim* was in itself strange since they had no relationship at all. That this was the set he randomly received after starting to learn the Rebbe's Rashi *sichos* was truly incredible.

We discussed the idea that this was certainly a gift from the Rebbe. As Chazal say¹ "כל תלמיד חכם שאומרים "דבר שמועה מפיו בעולם הזה שפתותיו דובבות בקבר". A Tzaddik derives much pleasure when we learn his Torah, and we felt that the Rebbe had sent my son a special gift for starting to learn his *sichos*.

Since then he has purchased almost the entire set of Likkutei Sichos. In addition to him learning them with a *geshmak*, I have had the immense pleasure of learning the Rebbe's *sichos* together with my son, whose appreciation for the Rebbe's Torah continues to grow. **T**

1. Bechoros 31b.

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