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Tanach 7-B

Texts:

- 1. Yehoshua**
- 2. Shoftim**

The book of Yehoshua tells the story of the invasion of the land of Canaan under the leadership of Yehoshua, and the distribution of the land to various tribes.

The book of Shoftim covers the turbulent time from the death of Yehoshua to the rise of the kingship. The stories follow a cyclical pattern of sin, punishment, repentance and redemption. The heroes of the book are the various Judges such as Ehud, Devorah, Gideon, Yiftach and Samson.

In the classroom we will use the JPS Hebrew/ English Tanach. I recommend that each student have a JPS Hebrew/English Tanach available at home as well.

Students will have the opportunity to read the texts in English as well as concentrating on selected verses in Hebrew.

We will also add the commentaries of several classic Biblical Commentators such as *Rashi and the *Radak. Students will also be encouraged to formulate their own perspectives and commentaries on the text.

Rashi- (Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac) Rashi lived in Troyes, France from 1040-1105. Rashi always began from the simplest point and tried to explain the text without complicated additions. Rashi based his commentaries on Talmudic and Midrashic sources.

Radak- Rabbi David Kimchi was a grammarian and a philosopher , and used those disciplines to understand and explain the text.

On Fridays we will spend time in class on Parashat Hashavua (the portion of the week. After the chagim individual students will be asked to research and present the key points of the Parsha to the class.