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Tanach 8C

Texts:

- 1. Samuel I**
- 2. Samuel II**

The book of Samuel I covers the career of the prophet Samuel, the anointment of Saul as the first king of Israel, and the rise of David.

The book of Samuel II deals with David as the king of Israel.

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.