

## About Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz and the Aleph Society.....

Hailed by *Time Magazine* as “a once in a millennium scholar”, **Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz** is widely acknowledged as a genius, a world-renowned author – he has written some 60 books - a gifted teacher, and a man of great practical wisdom. In 1988, Rabbi Steinsaltz was awarded the Israel Prize, his country’s highest honor. The Rabbi is perhaps best known in the United States for his masterful translation and commentary on the Talmud, although in fact the Rabbi's knowledge extends from zoology to Chinese history, from the arts to business and beyond.

Of all the possible purposes to which one could apply such a mind, Rabbi Steinsaltz has chosen to dedicate his life to making the Talmud and other sources of Jewish knowledge and culture accessible to all Jews everywhere.

Working through the Aleph Society, an international organization (with hubs in New York, Israel, the Former Soviet Union and London) Rabbi Steinsaltz heads leading elementary, high school, and hesder yeshivas in Israel, and also runs a network of Jewish educational and publishing initiatives in the Former Soviet Union.

After 45 years and 45 volumes, Rabbi Steinsaltz is about to complete his monumental translation and commentary on the Talmud. Inspired by the Rabbi’s historic achievement, on November 7, 2010, hundreds of communities – perhaps half a million people or more – will engage in Jewish study through the **Global Day of Jewish Learning**. On that same day, Rabbi Steinsaltz will be holding his own completion ceremony (siyyum) in Jerusalem.

Spearheaded by the Aleph Society the organizing partners for this worldwide event include the Joint Distribution Committee, the Federations of North America and Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

### **The Goal of this effort is twofold:**

- To spark and nourish a love for Jewish learning
- To celebrate the unity Jewish learning can engender

You can learn more about the Global Day at [www.1people1day.org](http://www.1people1day.org) and about Rabbi Steinsaltz and the Aleph Society at [www.steinsaltz.org](http://www.steinsaltz.org) .