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"Torah is the shared inheritance of all the Jewish people. It does not belong to a special sect or an elite group of the Jews. We have a responsibility to share our common heritage with all Jews. We each get an equal share."
-Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

FACT SHEET

On **November 7, 2010**, Jews all around the world will come together in their communities, homes, and online to celebrate our shared heritage through a **Global Day of Jewish Learning** during which we will collectively study, explore, and debate our Jewish texts to glean wisdom, ask questions, and gain a sense of being part of one people.

- **The Global Day of Jewish Learning** celebrates the completion of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's audacious quest to translate the Talmud from the original Aramaic and ancient Hebrew into Modern Hebrew which began in 1965 when he was 27 years old. He will complete his 45-volume translation and commentary during a ceremony in Jerusalem on November 7, 2010.
- **Rabbi Steinsaltz** has made it his life's mission to translate the Talmud into modern languages to return to Jews the ancient wisdom and knowledge that is their rightful inheritance. In addition to the full Modern Hebrew translation, he has translated parts of the Talmud into English, Spanish, French, and Russian.
- **The Talmud is the seminal work of Jewish thought** covering not just topics like theology and law and ethics and morality, but also medicine, astronomy, zoology, literature, and many other areas. It is a glimpse back to classical times and represents a comprehensive view of human knowledge of the early centuries of the Common Era.
- The Global Day in Numbers:
 - Close to **400 communities** around the world are taking part in the Global Day representing over **600 events**.
 - The Global Day has reached **six continents** and **49 countries** across the globe including Jewish communities in the United States, Canada, Australia, Israel, and in countries in Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, and South America.
- Events and programs will revolve around seven main topics: **Environment, God, Love, Leadership, Miracles, Prayer, and Tzedakah**. All of these topics originate from tractate Ta'anit of the Talmud.
- **This effort belongs to all Jews**, no matter how disconnected from or active in the Jewish community they may be. From the most secular "cultural" Jews to the most religiously observant Jews, all are welcome.
- You can learn more about other Global Day of Jewish Learning programs by visiting the website **www.TheGlobalDay.com** where Jews from all over the world are engaging in a provocative online dialogue about Judaism's take on "big questions" like good and evil, heaven and hell, sex and relationships, and more.
- The Global Day of Jewish Learning is a project of the **Aleph Society** in partnership with the **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee**, the **Jewish Community Center Association**, **Jewish Education Service of North America**, **Jewish Federations of North America**, **Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life**, and the **Shefa Institute**.