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The Global Day of Jewish Learning is meant to imbue an appreciation for the texts that unite us and inspire hope in the commonalities we share. Guided by the values of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz – that Jewish texts should be available to all Jews, and that the Torah belongs to us all – the events of November 7, 2010 will remind us that although we may be dispersed across the globe, we shall always stand together.

On Sunday, November 7th, 2010, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, renowned Jewish teacher, philosopher, social critic and prolific author, will complete his 45 year long project of translating the Talmud. On this day, Jews from around the world will join in a Global Day of Jewish Learning and celebrate their shared identity, history and heritage.

Rabbi Steinsaltz's mission is based on the conviction that the foundational texts of our heritage belong to us all. It is upon this pillar that the Global Day of Jewish learning stands: the Day reminds us that – while we may be dispersed across the globe – we are bound together through our sacred sources and values.

1 WORLD. 1 PEOPLE. 1 DAY.

The Global Day is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Jews around the world to share in a meaningful day of learning and community building. Through the Global Day of Jewish Learning, we anticipate your community will benefit by:

- Uniting the entire community;
- Promoting Jewish education and empowering local educators;
- Fostering partnerships among local agencies, such as day schools, Hillels, synagogues, community centers and more;
- Enhancing community pride by including your community in an historic, groundbreaking event.

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2010. A DAY OF LEARNING FOR ALL JEWS.

So that Jews around the globe will be learning the same text on the same day, all curricular materials are based on the teachings of a single volume of Talmud, tractate Ta'anit. Classes will focus on topics including: environment, God, leadership, love, miracles, prayer and tzedakah. There will be something for everyone.

The Global Day is for all Jews regardless of educational background or religious affiliation. The classes have been created for all audiences; no prior knowledge of Hebrew or Jewish text is necessary in order to participate. The curriculum includes a variety of formats and modifications based on local interests and learning levels.

The curriculum and facilitator's guide will be available in five languages: English, Hebrew, Russian, French and Spanish. Several North American communities are considering separate tracks in Hebrew, Russian or Spanish.

YOM HAKAHAL – A DAY OF ASSEMBLY

Global Day events are being hosted in community venues: local federations, Jewish community centers, educational institutions and cultural institutions. For those who cannot attend in person, web-based classes will also be offered.

The format of your Global Day will depend on your audience, your resources and local interests. There are three main models that communities are using to develop their Global Day programs, they include:

Round-Robin: Each session features several simultaneous classes on a specific theme. Teachers may then repeat their classes during subsequent sessions, while participants switch either themes or topics.

Beit Midrash (Study Hall) in chavrutahs or small groups: The *beit midrash* model is a good choice if you envision your entire community learning together in the same room. If you are working with a larger group, you may need multiple facilitators.

Topic Focused: Your day will focus on one of the provided themes and your classes and keynote speaker would focus on that theme. This is a good model to use if your community Book Fair and Global Day are the same day.

Regardless of the model your community chooses, keep in mind these additional resources that can be included in your event:

- The **Global Day video** – a short eight minute film to set the stage for your Global Day. It will provide a brief background on Rabbi Steinsaltz, articulate the meaning of this Day and the centrality of Jewish learning, and connect your community to the hundreds of others that have joined in this event.
- **Rabbi Steinsaltz's Siyyum** (completion ceremony) in Jerusalem, Israel will be available for live telecast to communities worldwide at approximately 8:00 PM Israel time, 1:00 PM EST, 10:00 AM PST.
- A **Class by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz** on a related topic will be available to communities for use as one of their Global Day class sessions.
- Global Day events from the 92nd Street Y will be available via satellite technology.
- Webinars hosted by the 92nd Street Y and myjewishlearning.com.

IN PARTNERSHIP

The Global Day project is spearheaded by the Aleph Society together with American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, the Jewish Federation of North America and Shefa Institute. We anticipate that hundreds of events will be held in North America, Israel, Russia, Europe, South America, Australia, and Asia.

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