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# Rabbi Adin Even Israel Steinsaltz's Tanach Project-2011-2012

## **Name of program**

Rabbi Adin Even Israel Steinsaltz's Tanach Project

## **Year of activity**

2011-2012

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## **Status of program**

This year we have started the Tanach project, where the goal is to provide, easy to read, modern yet deep and serious interpretation of the holiest book of the Jewish nation. There are two main ways in which we want to provide Rabbi Steinsaltz interpretation; one is recorded video lessons where Rabbi actually teaches the chapter, and the second one is Rabbi Steinsaltz interpretation printed beside Tanach text. We started recording from the beginning and by now we have recorded the whole Chumash, Joshua, Judges, Kings, the book of Job and some others books of the Tanach. We can say that by this day more than 200 chapters were recorded.

Besides recording itself we are rewriting Rabbi's recording, then editing them and then proofreading. After this process Rabbi Steinsaltz himself gives his comments on the edited text. We can say that more than 160 chapters were rewritten and edited.

## **Main achievements during the last year of activity**

The main achievements we can point out during the last year of activity are; building the model of how to make the lesson efficient as much as possible, by putting in the lesson an audience – a person who should intrigue the Rabbi with intelligent questions. Building the model of better rewriting way in order to make it easier to the editors on their work. Buying best quality recording and lighting system in order to get the best picture, for further use and internet upload.

We have started some negotiation with educational institutes in order to start cooperation and integration in their education system.

## **Evaluation**

This project evaluation methodology comes directly from Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz himself. The process is; a lesson being recorded on HD video camera and MP3 file simultaneously. Then the video goes to editing and MP3 files goes to reviewing and rewriting. After the rewriting process and complete, written material goes to editor and after that to proofreader.

After these stages complete, material is printed and given to Rabbi Steinsaltz for a review. The Rabbi gives his comments and insights of the text and then the text being fixed. We can say; besides the proofreading and editing process, there is always Rabbi Steinsaltz mark on the evaluation process.

## **Others**

The provisional guidelines for this year are; we hope to increase the amount of the chapters being recorded every month, we are trying to record at least two chapters every day; however it might be difficult due to the busy schedule of Rabbi Steinsaltz. We want to increase the amount of the rewritten and edited chapters each month.

We want to engage cooperation with one of educational institutes in order to expose more people to Rabbi Steinsaltz commentary.

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