

SHABBAT MESSAGE NOVEMBER 20, 2020



Hi Everyone,

I hope you've had a great week! So much about this year has been different, and yet time marches on. The leaves are falling, the weather is getting colder, and next week marks one of my favorite days of the year, Thanksgiving.

If your family is anything like mine, this year will be very different. There won't be any Turkey Trot this year, followed by a big meal with family and football on TV. In fact, for the Greenmans, there won't even be turkey this year. But the underlying concept of Thanksgiving remains. One of the reasons I love the day so much is because it gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect, and yes, to give thanks.

There is a lot to reflect on this year. For me, the biggest reflection is how much we need each other, and how interconnected we all are. I'm thankful for the family, friends, co-workers, and colleagues that have literally gotten me through these last nine months. I needed them, their company, their counsel, and their advice as I tried to navigate through 2020, both personally and professionally. On a community level, we are here for each other, raising more than \$250,000 to support the Covid-19 Relief and Recovery Fund to help those in need during this challenging time.

And as you know, our work to take care of each other doesn't stop there. I'm excited to share that just after Thanksgiving, we are once again hosting Super Sunday—although a bit differently this year. We won't be gathering together to make calls and build community. Instead, our volunteers will be working from home to help raise funds for the Annual Community Campaign. If you'd like to volunteer with us on December 6, please [click on the link](#). If you want to join in on the spirit of community building, please answer the call. I am grateful to those who have signed up to volunteer and my gratitude extends to all those who are able to make a gift that is meaningful to them.

In addition to gratitude, this is the time of year I also think about hope—our state's motto, and a central component of Judaism as well. The news over the last few weeks about successful vaccine trials gives us so much hope that we may be able to return to normal soon. And over the next couple of months it will be even more important for us to help each other, and to keep each other safe. The rising case count in our state and around the country is alarming, but we can do something about it. My hope comes from our need for each other, our ability to care for each other, and to do what is right and what is necessary to keep each other safe.

So as you sit around your table this year, even if it looks a little different, know that I am grateful for all you do for me, for our community, and for each other.

Until next time I wish you a safe, peaceful, and joyous Shabbat, and a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Shabbat Shalom!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam".

Adam Greenman
President & CEO