

SHABBAT MESSAGE DECEMBER 2, 2022



Hi Everyone,

I hope you've had a great week. In my last message, I shared the trailer for our new podcast, *Breaking the Glass*, and today, I'm pleased to say that the first three episodes are available wherever you get your podcasts. So this Shabbat message will be a bit different. I'm joined today by the host and producer of *Breaking the Glass*, Emma Newbery. Emma's done such a great job sharing the stories of so many in our community through this podcast, so I wanted to give her the chance to share what you'll hear when you listen.

Emma: Hi everyone, I'm Emma, and as Adam said, I'm the voice you'll hear taking you through the different joys and hurdles that couples and faith leaders experience in our new series *Breaking the Glass*. Episodes 1 - 3 trace the first stages of a serious relationship, from *Breaking the Ice*, an introduction to the series as couples get introduced to each other, *Breaking the News Part 1*, the "meet the parents" episode, and *Breaking the News Part 2*, an exploration of how communities and institutions, within Judaism and beyond, have shifted, or need to shift their approach to the multifaith couples and families that are an undeniable part of them. You'll hear this throughout the series, but this is a particularly special project for both of us, as our families and our own stories are featured in the constellation of multifaith experiences. Adam's story of a conversation between him and his sister Jenni is one of the most powerful anchors of our first episode.

Emma: What are you hoping our listeners take away from the first three episodes?

Adam: I'm hoping everyone walks away with an understanding that interfaith and multifaith families are a core part of our community, and need to be welcomed as such. And not just the interfaith couple, but their parents, siblings, children are all part of our community and should have that support.

Emma: Absolutely. Our series features many different faith communities and identities, but the most important message I hope to communicate is that multifaith couples and families are not at the fringes of our communities—they are a crucial piece of them, a growing majority, that can only serve to strengthen us. It's time to break the silence or any sense of taboo around the subject of multifaith relationships.

Adam: Thanks, Emma. I'm so glad we've been able to lift up these important stories, and I do hope you'll all listen. We've linked to the podcast in the e-mail.

Until next time, we wish you a safe, peaceful and joyous Shabbat.

Shabbat Shalom!

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

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