

SHABBAT MESSAGE
May 21, 2021



Hi Everyone.

I hope you've had a great week! As we enter June, the halfway point of the year, it's an excellent time to pause, reflect on what was, and take some time to look ahead. As I look back at the last six months I think about the miracle of vaccines. The year began with Rhode Island in the midst of a third wave of Covid-19, leaving us all in a state of continued vigilance, concern, and anticipation for the vaccine. But as winter turned to spring, more and more of us became eligible for vaccination, and ever so slightly, life was returning. We'll never return back to what was before the pandemic, but my hope is we are emerging into something better, a new normal that takes the best of what we learned over the last 15 months and combines it with the best of what came before.

Now, as spring turns to summer, I'm excited to announce that in many ways, the Alliance is doing just that. At the Dwares JCC, we've expanded our hours, and removed some requirements for signing up to work out in the gym. We've removed our mask mandates in the fitness center, while keeping them in parts of the building where children are present. We continue to make decisions based on recommendations from experts, with our value of *Pikuah Nefesh*, preserving human life, at the center. Beyond the Dwares JCC, our Alliance team is hard at work planning events and other ways to bring our community together once more. There are so many great ideas being worked on, and I can't wait to share more with you in future messages.

I hope you will join us virtually in a few weeks for our annual meeting to learn more about these plans. The event takes place on Thursday, June 17th at 7:00pm. In addition to installing our new Board members, and honoring some well deserving individuals in our community, it gives us all a chance to reflect further on the last year and to look forward to all of the great things that we will be able to do together in the year ahead. You can register for the event at jewishallianceri.org/AnnualMeeting/. I hope you can join us.

These last 15 months have been incredibly hard. Something none of us has experienced before in our lifetimes. But as hope returns and summer begins anew, I'm excited that our community is emerging stronger, and more vibrant than ever.

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

Shabbat Shalom!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam".

Adam Greenman
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