

SHABBAT MESSAGE
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Hi Everyone.

I hope you've had a great week! Over the last few weeks, I've felt a change here at the Alliance. Since the end of the high holiday season, things have been different. For the first time in nearly eighteen months, things feel closer to how they were pre-pandemic. That isn't to say that the pandemic is over. We continue to practice all of the safety protocols that have kept our community safe. But we are meeting more in person, we are attending more community events, and we are engaging in the many things that make our community strong and vibrant.

There is so much happening, that I thought I would use my message this week to share a few. Last weekend, I had the opportunity to join Temple Shalom in Middletown as they celebrated sixty years of building Jewish community on Aquidneck Island. It was so wonderful to see a real rebirth at that Temple and to celebrate with one of the Temple's original members and so many of the new, young families that are preserving and growing the Temple today.

And in just a few weeks, we'll be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Providence Hebrew Day School. Mazel Tov to the generations of families who have provided their children with a dynamic Jewish education. I am so glad that because of your support, our community is able to support and sustain two wonderful day schools.

And this week, our own institution, *Jewish Rhode Island* entered a new era. Yesterday, the first two episodes of our first podcast, *Chutzpah!*, were released. You can find the podcast on jewishrhody.org, on Apple Podcasts, and on Spotify. We hope that you'll subscribe to the podcast, and listen to this new way we can gain insights from each other, and tell the stories of our community.

I share all this to say that this busyness does not mean that we are going back to the way things were. Our goal is not to return to a new normal. It's to create a new reality, one that reimagines what we can be now and into the future. We are fortunate that our community has so many wonderful institutions that we can build from, and I'm confident that this new reality we build together will result in an even stronger, more vibrant community.

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
President & CEO