

**SHABBAT MESSAGE**  
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**JEWISH  
ALLIANCE**  
of Greater Rhode Island



Hi Everyone,

I hope you've had a great week, and a wonderful Hanukkah full of light and joy! There is no question that we need that light this year of all years.

Looking back, it is hard to think of anything that happened in 2020 beyond the pandemic. But time marches on, and the work of building community continues. I'm excited by what 2021 will offer for all of us, and I'm excited to share one new aspect of Alliance programming that you can expect in the New Year.

During our Strategic Planning listening sessions last year, we heard again and again that members of our community are craving connections with each other. At the Alliance, we are working on new ways to provide you with opportunities for connection. We have always been proud to publish Jewish Rhode Island, the monthly newspaper that so many have come to rely on for news and information. And in 2021, we'll begin communicating and telling the story of our community in new and exciting ways.

Just behind me, we are constructing our new multimedia studio. Thanks to a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation and the support of Residential Properties, Ltd., we are constructing this space to allow the Alliance to produce new podcast and video series that tell the story of community members, create engaging content, and allow us to connect with each other even easier.

I'm excited about this new opportunity. Not only will it allow us to communicate better with all of you -- and in new ways -- but later in the year this space will also be available as a resource to synagogues and agencies throughout our community, allowing all of our partners to collaborate and communicate in new ways. This is just one of the changes you can expect to see in 2021. I look forward to sharing more with you in my next message on New Year's Day.

Finally today, as we embark on a new year, I want to thank all of you for keeping me going and for all you have done to support your fellow community members. It has been truly inspiring to see the many ways our community has come together this past year, helping each other in a time of great need. 2020 saw some of our darkest times, but even in those moments, even as things were dire, the spirit of this community brought light and kept us moving. Because of you, I know we have brighter days ahead. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

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

Shabbat Shalom!

Adam Greenman  
President & CEO