

SHABBAT MESSAGE
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Hi Everyone.

I hope you have had a great week, and that you had a wonderful Passover. I don't know about you, but springtime definitely makes me a little happier. To see the trees blooming, the weather getting warmer, and the signs of rebirth, makes me appreciate new beginnings. This is especially true this year, as we ever-so-slightly get back to normal.

Spring is also a time where we normally see a lot of commemorations and celebrations, and while they will still look different this year, I wanted to share some with you. First, I want to thank everyone who participated in the community Yom Ha'Shoah commemoration, remembering those who perished in the Holocaust. The memorial service itself and the stunning musical performance from teens from around Rhode Island served as a meaningful remembrance and moving tribute to those lost.

We are also preparing to celebrate Yom Ha'Azmaut, Israel's Independence Day, and there are several ways you can participate. On Sunday, you can join us as we run across Afula-Gilboa, our partner region in Israel. We worked with several local partners, the JCCA, and a crew in Israel who literally ran around the region to show us the sites and tell us about the history, culture and people. It's not to be missed!

And if you're a foodie, there is still time to order your Taste of Israel Box. We partnered with local synagogues and the Boston-based restaurant chain, Clover Food Labs to offer these unique boxes of Israeli food, snacks, and desserts. To make it even easier, we've arranged for pick-up locations throughout the state. You can find out about these activities and more by visiting jewishallianceri.org/Israel-days.

Finally today, a heart-felt thank you to the more than 60 donors who supported the Alliance's "Turn the Page" campaign for PJ Library on 401 Gives Day. Thanks to your generosity, we raised more than \$13,000 to support the expansion of the program, helping us to put Jewish-themed books into the hands of even more children, and create valuable programming and engagement opportunities for their families. We're incredibly grateful. And if you'd like to make a gift to the campaign, you can do so at jewishallianceri.org/donate. Thanks to everyone for your support.

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