

## SHABBAT MESSAGE NOVEMBER 18, 2022



Hi Everyone,

I hope you've had a great week. One of the biggest reasons that I joined the Alliance more than five years ago was because I wanted to be a part of an organization whose mission isn't just working to make people feel welcomed, but one that ensures that everyone belongs. And there's a big difference between the two. Being welcomed is something you do for a guest; you want to make sure they are comfortable when they are with you. But when someone belongs, they are truly part of the group, whether it's a family, or a community like ours. The fact that the Alliance doesn't just work to make people feel welcomed but ensures that people feel a strong sense of belonging—that's truly something to celebrate. And we've got a few opportunities to do just that.

First, I hope you will join us this Sunday at the Alliance for our Annual Campaign Thank You event. The event will feature ABC News Journalist and cohost of *Nightline*, Juju Chang. She'll be speaking about relevant news topics of course, but I'm excited to hear her speak about her Jewish journey, about her conversion to Judaism, and about how communities like ours can work to create an even deeper sense of belonging. Juju brings a unique perspective on all of this, and it's shaping up to be a wonderful program. The event begins at 7:30pm, and you can [register by clicking here](#).

I'm also really excited to share with you today the trailer for Jewish Rhody Media's newest podcast. It's called *Breaking the Glass*, and it explores the lived realities of interfaith relationships, including how our experiences shape each of us, in ways both beautiful and difficult. The latest Pew Report on the Jewish community found that 72 percent of non-Orthodox marriages today are interfaith, and it's important that we lift up these voices within our community.

For the six-episode limited series, we spoke with rabbis, leaders from other faiths, experts, and most importantly, interfaith couples themselves, or those connected to interfaith couples, including parents, children, and other family members. Their stories are at the core of *Breaking the Glass* and help us as a community understand how we can help ensure everyone belongs. [The trailer for the podcast](#) is included with this email, and the first three episodes of the podcast will be available beginning on December 1, at JewishRhody.com. We hope you'll subscribe to *Breaking the Glass* on whichever podcast platform you use.

The book of *Bereshit* or *Genesis*, which we are reading now, states that we are all *B'tzelem Elohim*. We are all created in the image of God. It's why we must strive to create a space where people are not just welcomed in our community, but where they feel they belong. The way our community continues to live into this ethos inspires me every single day.

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

Shabbat Shalom!

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

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