

SHABBAT MESSAGE
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Hi Everyone,

I hope you've had a great week! Back in February, when Russia started its invasion of Ukraine, millions fled the war, not knowing if they would ever return to their homeland. Those refugees needed help and support, and this community stepped up and answered the call of *Klal Yisrael*, supporting Jewish communities throughout the world. Together, we raised more than \$260,000 to support refugee relief as well as aiding those who decided to stay in Ukraine. Tomorrow, our Board chair Harris Chorney and I are heading to Poland to experience firsthand the impact our efforts have made.

While in Poland, we'll be visiting the JCC in Krakow, which has been providing services to refugees since the war began. We'll hear directly from some of those refugees as well as Holocaust survivors from the region. In Warsaw, we'll tour several refugee centers, and witness how the dollars we raised are supporting the relief efforts. From providing immediate basic needs, to visiting a summer camp outside of Warsaw where Ukrainian refugee youth are finding normalcy and being provided with educational opportunities, since their learning was interrupted by the war.

We are all part of one global community, and these efforts, run by our partners at the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency, are serving both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities because of our deep belief that we should welcome the stranger. We should all be incredibly proud of the work our community has done to support Ukrainian refugees, and I look forward to sharing more of our experience when we return.

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

Shabbat Shalom!

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

Adam Greenman
President & CEO