

SHABBAT MESSAGE
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Hi Everyone,

I hope you've had a great week. Last night at the Alliance was a night for transitions and for celebrations. At our annual meeting, we honored Jamie Pious for his service as Alliance Board Chair these last three years. And we welcomed and installed our new Board Chair, Harris Chorney. Today, I'd like to share with you a little about how much Jamie did for our community these last three years, and introduce you to Harris, who I know will continue building on Jamie's success.

Over the last year, Jamie has taken to calling himself the "virtual chair," and because over the last few years I've gotten to know him so well, I can hear the slight disappointment behind it. But Jamie should wear that title with honor. These three years have been some of the most important and consequential in our community's history, and that doesn't even include managing through a global pandemic. He took on the role of Board Chair wanting to lift up the community's voice, strengthen relationships with agencies and synagogues, and put the Alliance and the community on a firmer financial footing. He's accomplished all three, and so much more.

The Alliance's strategic plan has set a clear direction for our community. We've launched Jewish Rhody Media with podcasts and videos to complement the newspaper and set us apart and ahead of so many communities across this country. We've raised over half a million dollars in supplemental campaigns over the last few years, first for Covid relief, then for Ukraine relief, and most recently, our Live Secure Campaign. And this year we were able to give increased allocations to each of our partner agencies, something we haven't achieved in years. These examples are just scratching the surface. Jamie was so supportive of our work, and was a true partner with me, and I'm so grateful for his dedication and service.

And Jamie could not be handing the reigns off to a better person. Harris Chorney has served in a variety of roles at the Alliance and throughout the community. He's been the chair of our community development committee and finance committee, and he's a Past President of Congregation Beth David in Narragansett. Harris' past roles have prepared him well to continue the Alliance on a path of greater collaboration and a greater commitment to building and growing our community throughout the state, and I'm excited for us to get to work. I hope you will all join me in welcoming Harris into this new role.

Finally, as I complete my fifth year as CEO of the Alliance, I could not be more proud of all we have done together, and I'm excited for what comes next. I'm grateful to all of you for your continued support, for your dedication to our community. This work only succeeds when we do it together, so thank you for being a part of that!

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