

**SHABBAT MESSAGE
NOVEMBER 6, 2020**



Hi Everyone,

This has been a momentous week for our country. I feel like every four years I live through the most important election of my lifetime, and this was no different.

Emotions are raw in our community and across our country right now. But we each need to do our part to ensure our voice is heard in a civil and respectful way. This election has taken a lot out of many of us, adding stress to what is already an unbelievably stressful time. That is because the stakes have been and continue to be incredibly high. So many of us fulfilled a civic duty by voting in this election. But our work is only beginning.

The work of building strong, vibrant communities happens at the local level; at the community level. This election was incredibly important, but so is what we do from this point on. In the strategic planning process last year we heard again and again the importance of social action and social responsibility to the Jewish community. We have a responsibility to improve our Jewish community, but also to improve our state, our country, and our world.

I need you to stay involved. At the Alliance, you will be hearing more from us in the coming weeks about how you can help advance the cause of racial justice, how you can help support immigrant and refugee communities, how you can join with us to fight climate change, how you can help advocate for policy change that reduces poverty and improves lives, and how you can help us in the fight against bigotry and anti-Semitism. As individuals, our work on this is important, but as a community, our work in these areas could be transformational.

Tzedek, Tzedek, Tirdof. Justice, Justice, you shall pursue. We shall pursue, together. So rest up this Shabbat, because our work to create a stronger, more just, more vibrant community has only just begun. We've got work to do, and I am so excited to do it with you.

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

PS. A reminder that our friends and partners at Jewish Collaborative Services are here to help the community. If you or a loved one are in need of assistance, please reach out to them at 401.331.1244 or visit www.jcsri.org.