SHABBAT MESSAGE FEBRUARY 24, 2023



Hi Everyone,

I hope you've had a great week! It's been almost three years since I began recording these video Shabbat messages for our community. When they first started at the beginning of the pandemic, they were a way for me to connect with all of you when we couldn't be in the same place. I looked forward to writing and delivering them because, especially in those early days, it allowed me to do one of the pieces of my job that I enjoy most: interacting with members of our community. Even as we returned to the office and as life has normalized over the last year, they've continued to be an opportunity to connect, and I'm so grateful to hear from people from time to time who say that watching these messages also provides them with connection.

Fast forward to today, when we can indeed get together again. Bringing people together is still the core mission of the Alliance. Creating a strong, vibrant community for all of us is central to what the Alliance does, creating connections between community members and providing opportunities for community to come together.

And that's something we'll be doing this weekend, with our second Day-at-the-J of the season. I'd like to invite all of you to join us this Sunday, February 26th at the Dwares JCC in Providence. We have a variety of activities for people of all ages happening throughout the morning and afternoon. Opportunities for people to connect, for families to enjoy each other's company, and mostly opportunities for people to enjoy a fun Sunday together.

The day kicks off at 10:00am with a restorative yoga class. We have two film screenings, one for adults, and one for families. There are opportunities for family swim, open gym for people to play basketball or just play indoors on one of the few days it will actually feel like winter in Rhode Island. We have a video game tournament, and if you're up for it, you can join me for our inaugural spin-a-thon, where we are raising funds to support the JCC and all those we serve.

You don't need to be a JCC member to participate in any of this, and we hope you'll join us. You can find the schedule of the day using the link included in this email or on our website at jewishallianceri.org. I hope you'll join us in bringing community together.

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

Shabbat Shalom!

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