

DHFLA Today

The newsletter of the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association

Fall 2010

DHFLA 75th Anniversary Gala

DHFLA hosted its 75th Anniversary Gala on Sunday October 10, 2010 at the Westin Park Central in Dallas. The event celebrated the association's 75th anniversary and honored long time board member and community civic leader Mike Friedman. Over three hundred guests, some from as far away as Australia, enjoyed a sit down V'aad Supervised kosher meal. The evening began with an open bar and a slide show featuring Mike and DHFLA founders (courtesy of JSF Computing).

Brendon Higgins, formerly of NBC Channel 5, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. After welcoming remarks by Mr. Higgins and DHFLA President Arthur Skibell, the national anthem was lead by Bennett Glazer, gold sponsor for the event and CEO of Glazer's Distributors. The Dallas Jewish War veterans conducted a flag ceremony and Ruth Schor led guests in singing hatikva. Rabbi David Stern of Temple Emanu-EL conducted the HaMotzi, Kiddush, and invocation.

International Association of Hebrew Free Loan President Richard Broder of Michigan made some remarks and Past DHFLA President Marvin Feldman introduced student loan recipient Eric Rosenbaum who spoke on how the student loan he received from DHFLA has made a difference for him and his family.

State Senator Florence Shapiro introduced the keynote speaker, Fred S. Zeidman, Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, Washington D.C. Mr. Zeidman spoke eloquently of how the motto of the US Holocaust Museum, "from memory to action; what you do matters" and "Gemillut Chesed (acts of loving kindness) are fused at their cores and are expressions of the same ideals.



Eric Rosenbaum thanked DHFLA for the student loan that made a difference in his life.

Bennett Glazer, Herb



Mike Friedman (left) goes to the podium to accept the DHFLA Gemillut Chesed award from (from left after Mike) Brendon Higgins, Bennett Glazer and Herb Weitzman.

Weitzman and Richard Broder presented the Gemillut Chesed award to Mike Friedman, for his service to DHFLA and the community at large. Herb, who is Mike's first cousin, spoke passionately about the simple, quiet way in which Mike goes about effecting change for the good of so many in our community. After Mike's acceptance remarks, DHFLA President Arthur Skibell concluded the evening with a few words about the 'Create a Jewish Legacy' program, as dessert was being served.

Photography for the evening was provided by Lucky Jester Photography; tribute book by Business Express Press.



Terry and Mike Friedman at the 75th Anniversary Gala where Mike was honored.

"He who lends without interest is more worthy than he who gives charity." - The Talmud

President's Letter



As my term as president of Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association comes to an end, I have reflected upon what we, the board of directors of DHFLA, have accomplished in the past two years. I am extremely proud of what we accomplished during the 2009 - 2010 biennium.

I am proud of the fact that we continued our annual board training retreats, because they have provided us direction and goals. I would encourage the full board to consider attending the retreat as one of the obligations of serving on the board of directors and would urge everyone to make themselves available at future retreats.

I am proud of the board's decision to affiliate with Dallas Jewish Community Foundation. The Foundation has undertaken management of the funds turned over to them utilizing expert advice at extremely competitive management fees resulting in increased income to DHFLA. This affiliation has also increased our exposure to the Dallas Jewish community at large and has resulted in the opportunity to participate in grants and other distributions that would not otherwise have been available to us.

I am proud of the board's decision to be one of the initial participants in the Create a Jewish Legacy Project of the Foundation. This project may be the single most significant event ensuring the continued viability of DHFLA and our ability to fulfill our purpose. In my opinion, there is no higher form of tzedakah than to provide someone with financial assistance in a manner to preserve their dignity and sense of self worth. In this regard, despite the challenging economic times, I am proud of the 250 adoption, general, student, and emergency loans made during my term of office.

Last but not least, I am proud of the work done by the board of directors in holding our successful 75th Anniversary Gala. We could have not have selected a more deserving honoree than Mike Friedman. To have held a fundraiser in these trying times, attended by some 300 guests, speaks volumes to the hard work of Shirley Strauss and Louis Marx, the Gala co-chairs, and the entire board, who did an outstanding job in attending to every detail and ensuring what turned out to be an extremely successful event. DHFLA held its 75th Anniversary Gala in conjunction with hosting the 2010 Conference of the International Association of Hebrew Free Loans attended by members from as far away as Australia and Canada. This 2-1/2-day conference was a rousing success due to the hard work of co-chairs Carolyn and Stanley Kaye, as well as the many board members who helped create an innovative program, secured outstanding speakers and filled welcoming gift bags among other functions. The feedback from this conference has been most gratifying.

We have many challenges ahead of us in the coming years, including the ability to reinstate new student loans and reinforcing our efforts at fundraising. I congratulate the soon to be elected officers for the next biennium and hope that they can feel as gratified about the work of DHFLA as I have. I wish to thank the board and the membership at large for the opportunity to have served as president.

Very truly yours, Arthur Skibell

Saying Thanks...



What a difference the loan we received has made in our lives! We were struggling to make payments on basic necessities, food, gas, utilities. The worries and stress day to day were a nightmare! I recently completed an advanced degree and was expecting to quickly find work after years of hard study. Not in this economy! But the interest-free loan my family received from Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association has given us a buffer...while I am searching for employment and taking odd jobs to cover our expenses. -- RAR Family

My family and Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association go back a long way! My father injured his leg and was in danger of losing the leg to gangrene. There was a new machine at Scottish Rite Hospital to treat his condition and so we brought him there for treatment. After two weeks we were out of money; the treatment was not yet completed, though daddy was doing better. The doctor advised us to continue with the treatments, and he told us to get assistance from the Hebrew Free Loan. We got the money we needed from DHFLA to finish the treatments! My father was able to walk my sister down the aisle for her wedding the following month, something we did not think would be happening after his injury. --"SZ"

DHFLA has helped our family over the years when we really needed it and I cannot express my appreciation enough. This organization is a shining example of how great our Jewish Heritage truly is! Thank you, again and again! -- W.R.

Has a DHFLA loan been important in your life? Share your experience (anonymously, if you wish). Contact DHFLA@sbcglobal.net or call 214-696-8008. Help us spread the word that DHFLA makes a difference!

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2010 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

*Guest SPEAKER: Meyer Bodoff, CEO
Dallas Jewish Community Foundation*

WHEN: SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 2010

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Slate of Nominees for 2011 Officers and Board

Please join us at our annual meeting as we nominate our new officers and board members for 2011. We will get to know them better in newsletters to follow!

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