

# DHFLA Today

## The Faces of Dallas Hebrew Free Loan: Our Board



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### Ann Kahn

Ann Kahn, president of Kahn Mechanical Contractors, has been active in the business since its inception in 1974. She was the first woman to qualify for the Texas Air Conditioning Contractors License and was President of the North Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association in 1985 and 2005.

Ann served as president of DHFLA from 2007 through 2008. During this time the organization added a new loan category to the list of those available. The new Jewish Youth Experience loan was created to provide funding for youth ages 21 and under to attend events that will enhance their Jewish experience.

### Charles Skibell

Charles Skibell has owned and operated Skibell Fine Jewelry, located in Preston Center, for 14 years. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in psychology and a graduate degree in gemology from the G.I.A. His dog Dexter goes to the shop each day and is in charge of security.

Charles joined the board of DHFLA three years ago to give time and effort back to the Jewish community. "Serving on the DHFLA Board allows active engagement with those in need in our community and I greatly enjoy that," said Charles.

### Dorothy L. Wolchansky

Dorothy L. Wolchansky, commercial real estate broker with William M. Paris, specializes in Tenant, Landlord, Owner, and Buyer representation. A native of Tyler, Texas, where her father owned a jewelry store, Dorothy remembers his generosity when people approached him for Tzedakah. Her first introduction to DHFLA occurred during a visit to Golden Acres when DHFLA past-president Allen Luterman was running a bingo game. She joined the board the year Ann Kahn became president. As she says: I knew my heart was in the right place at the right time."

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# Poker Night with DHFLA

We had a “full deck” on hand for the Texas Hold-em DHFLA poker tournament on Thursday, June 23, 2011. The tournament was held at the lovely hospitality room of Miriam and Bruce Waltzer. There were over 30 attendees including board members and other invited friends of Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association. In addition to poker, there were tables for Mah Jongg. Cohen’s Casino Parties directed the festivities, and a fabulous time was had by all who attended.

Table sponsors were Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bard and Miriam and Bruce Waltzer. Delectable kosher finger food and liquid libation were in ample supply for the guests. Prizes awarded to tournament winners included: gift certificates to Bed, Bath and Beyond; Nordstrom; and Cibus Café.

Special thanks to Miriam and Bruce Waltzer, Rebecca Greenblatt, Arthur Skibell, and Leslie Secore who worked so hard to make the event a great success!

Over \$5,000 was raised in support of the student loan fund by the poker tournament. We are already planning our next poker/Mah Jongg event. To get on the invitation list or if you are interested in hosting or helping, please contact us at the office, [dhfla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhfla@sbcglobal.net), or call us at 214-693-3940.



*The Bards and The Waltzers*

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## No Tie, No Dinner, non-Gala Event

Participate in the DHFLA Non-Gala for 2011. Help us make the Dallas Jewish community a better place.

You can choose to stay home or go out with friends and family while participating in our non-Gala fundraiser. Instead of spending money on an event, every cent raised from the non-Gala will go toward loans to members of the Dallas Jewish community. Look for an invitation coming your way via the Post Office or via e-mail.

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## Jewish Youth Experience Loan

Mika Stein applied for and received a Jewish Youth Experience loan. This helped him attend two of BBYO’s summer programs. Mika went to International Leadership Training Conference (ILTC) and Kallah. Read on to learn about Mika’s experience:

*Five weeks. Every one told me that my five weeks in Lake Como, Pennsylvania, would be incredible, that my time at Camp Perlman would be the best five weeks of my life. I really don’t want to sound cliché, but they were right. Perlman summer was the greatest experience of my life. Even though I am only 16, the memories of that summer will forever strengthen my love for the Jewish people. Despite being hundreds of miles away from my house in Dallas, Texas, I felt at home. My bed was small and I barely got any sleep, but I have never been more comfortable in my life. Every teen there was an ally, all going through the same trials and tribulations of high school. Every adult was inspirational; they all wanted me to succeed. And every single person at Perlman was a friend.*

*I had a great time at Perlman. I played frisbee, swam, participated in color wars, and relaxed with my new friends. Not everything was fun and games though. I planned programs and services, did community service, and went to numerous classes spanning from how to plug into the global network of Judaism, to singing. At camp I learned quite a lot, but most importantly my summer instilled me with a drive. I was surrounded by intelligence which inspired me to read, experience, and ultimately learn more. I was also educated on the size of our Jewish community not only in America, but around the world. Jews are only 2% of the world’s population, yet despite our size we have survived and accomplished great feats. It is because of this that I am motivated to continue the Jewish legacy.*

*It is my new goal to become as engaged as possible in not only the Jewish, but also the Dallas community as well. I also want to connect with Jewry across the world. We as a people are a family and need to stick together. BBYO is an international organization and my involvement with the youth group keeps me actively engaged with our people.*



*Mike Stein at BBYO’s Camp Perlman this past summer.*

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# President's Letter

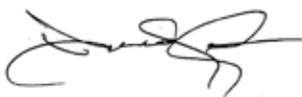
The New Year ahead means new opportunities – opportunities for personal and professional renewal and growth, and new opportunities for Tikun Olam – making the world a better place. Your involvement in the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association (DHFLA) is one way to help make our North Texas community a better place. DHFLA helps Jewish people in financial need by giving them a hand up, not a hand out.

DHFLA's mission is to assist Jewish people in need to become self-supporting by providing interest-free loans. Begun in 1935 to help those in financial need with dignity and respect, our organization has helped hundreds of members of the North Texas Jewish community through times of crisis and financial struggle. Our loan program has grown from those early years. We began by providing emergency and general assistance loans. Now we also help college students, those seeking to adopt a child, people with health issues, and Jewish youth who gain valuable leadership skills through the Youth Experience Loan.

There are many ways you can participate in Tikun Olam through DHFLA.

- Refer a person in the local Jewish community who is in financial need to DHFLA.
- Become a member or renew your membership in DHFLA annually. Your dues help grow our loan funds.
- Make a tax deductible donation to DHFLA to help boost our ability to give.
- Spread the word about DHFLA to your friends and family and urge them to participate.

You are the heart and soul of Dallas Hebrew Free Loan. Without you, this program would cease to exist. We are living in such uncertain economic times that we foresee an increased need for DHFLA assistance in our community in the coming months and years. Help us meet this need with open arms. Thank you.



— Donald Gross

## Behind the Scenes

We'd like to give thanks and at the same time introduce you to the team that helps us bring out the newsletters and maintain our web presence.

Linda Greene (Newsletter)  
Carolyn Andres (Web Designer)  
Bill Burns & Staff (Business Express Press)

### Has a DHFLA loan been important in your life?

Share your experience (anonymously, if you wish). Contact [DHFLA@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DHFLA@sbcglobal.net) or call 214-696-8008. Help us spread the word that DHFLA makes a difference!



## Jewish Arts Fest

Thanks to all who staffed our booth at the 13th Annual Jewish Arts Fest and made the day such a success:

Sheryl and Sydney Brojberg  
Deborah Dana (Event Coordinator)  
Fred and Harriet Gross  
Allen and Susan Luterman  
James Rosenberg  
Monica Sandler  
Mary Spector and Julius Blatt  
Miriam and Bruce Waltzer  
Dorothy Wolchansky

We'd love to count you as one of our community volunteers! Contact us via email at [dhfla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhfla@sbcglobal.net) or call 214-696-8008.



(from left) Volunteers Sydney and Sheryl Brojberg  
Photo by Nathan Brin

## Kudos

Susan Candy Luterman was elected President of the International Association of Hebrew Free Loans at the annual conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 18 - 20, 2011.



Susan was born and raised in Dallas. She is a graduate of Highland Park High School, attended the University of Oklahoma, SMU and is a registered gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America. Married to Allen N. Luterman since 1964, they have two children, Stephen and Adrea, and three grandchildren.

Susan is a third generation Hebrew Free Loan member, following her grandfather, Abraham Samuelsohn, and her father, Yale Candy, both of Blessed Memory. Susan is also the third person in her family to serve as President of Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association, being the first woman to do so in 2001, also following her father, Yale Candy, and her husband, Allen N. Luterman. She is the second woman to serve International as its President and the third president from Texas, the other two being Efrim Joffe, San Antonio, and Susan's husband.

To apply for a loan or learn more about them ...

To become a member of DHFLA or contribute funds to help others ...

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