

DHFLA Today

Annual Kosher Chili Cook-Off Benefits DHFLA

The 19th annual Kosher Chili Cook-off spiced up Sunday March 18th. This year Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association was selected as one of the charities benefiting from the funds raised. We want to express our thanks to the organizing committee and sponsors for choosing our organization.

The Kosher Chili Cook-off was created in 1993 by several Tiferet Israel members to raise funds for the congregation and local charities. This year's event drew an estimated crowd of 4500. The other beneficiaries for 2012 were: CHAI Community Homes for Adults Inc. and the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

DHFLA's team, the "Chili Divas," was there in full force, headed by chef Jimmy Wilson. Helping cook and serve that day were board members and their spouses alongside Deborah Dana, DHFLA Agency Coordinator:

Ivan and Bunny Edelman	Arthur Skibell
Marvin Feldman	Charles Skibell
Rebecca Greenblatt	Miriam and Bruce Waltzer
Louis Marx	Jeff and Beverly Weiser
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Zella Sobel Memorial Fund

Miriam and Bruce Waltzer, Zella Sobel's family, and DHFLA want to recognize additional contributions to the Zella Sobel Memorial Fund. Each donation honors Zella's memory and helps support our community members in need of financial assistance. This list is of fund contributors from February 15 through May 1, 2012.

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Every effort was made to ensure that all names were included and listed properly, with donor's permission. We apologize if any name was inadvertently omitted or listed incorrectly.

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Membership Appreciation Event

The Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association Board of Directors wants to thank our members for their support. On Sunday June 24th DHFLA members are invited to brunch at the home of Myron Schwitzer. A delectable dairy meal will be served from 11 am until 1 pm.

Invitations have gone out to all members. RSVPs are requested by June 10th via email to DHFLA@sbcglobal.net, by phone at 214-696-8008, or via the card enclosed with the invitation.

Honorary event co-chairs are: Myron Schwitzer, Ann Kahn, and Sylvia Feldman.

Myron Schwitzer is a senior vice president with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He was born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana. After earning a bachelor of science in accounting and an MBA, he and his wife, Marsha, moved to Dallas in 1968 so he could start his career in the investment field with E. F. Hutton. He and Marsha had three children, Stephen, Joel, and Eve, who all married and have two children each. Myron has been active in the local Jewish community having served as president of Temple Shalom, chairman of the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, and board member of the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. He currently serves on the national board of the Union for Reform Judaism. Myron and Marsha bought their dream house a year and a half ago and did major renovation to it. Just a few weeks prior to their move-in date Marsha passed away after a very short illness. While she put an incredible amount of effort and love into making it their destination home, she never moved in to it. Myron has named the house Canaan.

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.

Sylvia Feldman, daughter of DHFLA founder Wolf Reisberg, has been involved with the organization since it began in 1935. Her father brought the family over from Poland in 1929. They settled in Dallas where Wolf and his brother ran a grocery store on Forest Avenue. It was in this grocery store in early 1935 that he and a handful of others met and gave birth to the idea of forming a Hebrew free loan in Dallas. Sylvia was 16 at the time and helped



(above) Canaan, the home of Myron Schwitzer, will be the site of the membership appreciation event. (below) Collection of dolls in the Schwitzer home.

out by handling the statements. She prepared them and sent them out to borrowers each month. After high school, Sylvia attended business school in College Station, Texas. She returned to Dallas in 1937 and met her husband, Label Feldman ^z1. Their family grew to include three sons and one daughter. Both Label and son Marvin went on to become presidents of the organization.



Contribute While You Shop at Kroger and Tom Thumb

It's easy to link your Kroger PLUS card to DHFLA. Just start by printing out the DHFLA Bar Code which can be found at <http://dhfla.org/news.html>. Bring the printed bar code document along with your Kroger Plus card to Kroger's. Tell the check out person to link your Kroger Plus Card to the DHFLA bar code. Then DHFLA will receive a donation every time you shop at Kroger's and present your Kroger Plus Card.

You can also link our "Good Neighbor" number to your Reward Card at Tom Thumb. DHFLA's Good Neighbor number is 685. Just follow this link to get a copy of the form that will link your Reward Card to DHFLA: http://shop.safeway.com/corporate/tomthumb/gn_dallas.pdf.

President's Letter

Occasionally we will print thank you letters in our newsletter from DHFLA clients who have used their loans to get through a financial emergency, a health care scare, or to pay for college, from which they graduate and go on to great things, like our featured client David Raboy whose story is in the opposite column of this page. They have expressed their gratitude to DHFLA for the difference our organization has made in their lives - providing a means for them to maintain their dignity in adverse situations, or to accomplish something they might otherwise not have been able to do. You can also read some of their testimonials on the DHFLA website: www.dhfla.org.

I, too, am grateful - for the people who first created the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association, who had the foresight to see the need for our organization, not only 77 years ago, but into a future they could not foretell. Over the years, DHFLA has loaned over \$2,000,000 to thousands of people through six different programs: General Assistance Loans, Student Loans, Home Health Care Loans, Emergency, Jewish Youth Experience and Adoption Loans.

I also am extremely grateful to you, our members and donors, who continue to support this organization with your physical, financial and emotional support. You are the backbone of the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association. You volunteer your time at our events, you serve on our board, you back our mission and you make it possible for DHFLA to continue providing interest-free loans through your donations. Thank you for all you do.

In June, we are hosting a membership appreciation event at the home of Myron Schwitzer, which you can read about on the opposite page of this newsletter. We hope you can attend, so we can thank you in person for your support of DHFLA.

 — Donald Gross

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Kudos

The generous support from the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association helped grant David Raboy the opportunity to study at the University of Pittsburgh where he received a Bachelor of Philosophy - awarded by the University Honors College - in psychology with a minor in neuroscience in 2010.



David was heavily involved with research during much of his undergraduate career, working on extended projects both in Pittsburgh as well as in Dallas during the summers. He was also awarded the opportunity to attend the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Research in Cognitive Science summer workshop where he spent two weeks with peers from across the country learning from top academics in various cognitive research fields. His research at Pitt on working memory in the cerebellum became a master's level honors thesis which David successfully defended. This work also led to an undergraduate research fellowship and receipt of the Dr. John Knox Hall, Jr. Scholarship for outstanding achievement as a psychology major.

David was also involved with the Pitt Program Council and the Student Honors Activity Council where he helped to organize student events such as a widely attended pancake dinner and open mic night. David was recognized for his achievements by the University of Pittsburgh in 2010 at its annual Honors Convocation.

David now lives in Washington, DC where he works for the Department of Homeland Security as a program analyst.

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