

# DHFLA Today

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## Adoption Loan Brings a Little Sister

My name is Jasmin and I am the proud mother of a recently adopted baby girl, Nanda Elisheva. My son, Kiran, is a three and one half years old and finally has a little sister! After my husband and I divorced, I was convinced that adoption was out of the question. Over time, however, seeing Kiran grow up all alone became increasingly painful.

In December 2008, I decided to look into the option of adopting a second child. I was excited when I discovered that the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association (DHFLA) offered an interest-free adoption loan. That was a huge help to me!

In January 2009, I signed up with an adoption lawyer for my adoption. I applied for the loan and was interviewed by the DHFLA team. I was very happy to learn that they approved my loan! Lovely daughter Nanda was born May 12, 2009, and placed with me three days later.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the DHFLA for making my second adoption possible. I cannot thank you enough for everything! You were always available for me, working with me through the unpredictable process of domestic adoption, making sure all happened in time.

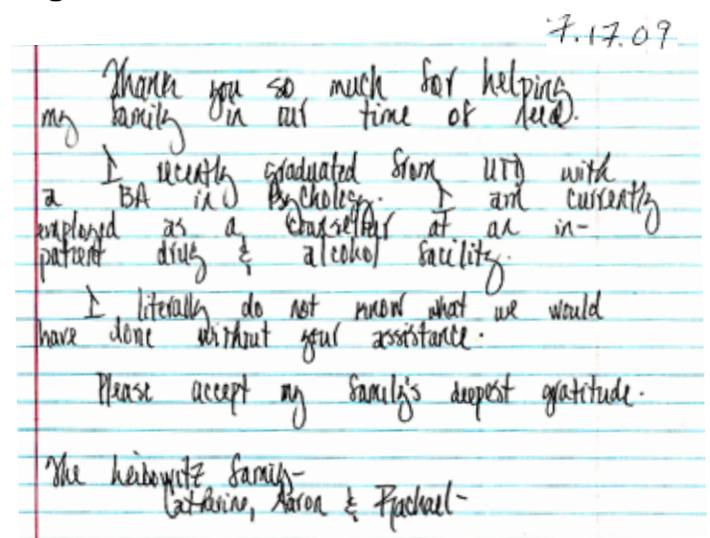


Mom Jasmin with baby Nanda and son Kiran

## Saying Thanks...

### DHFLA Loans Making a Difference

"After a long period of unemployment, I had managed to line up a job. At the worst possible time, my car went into the shop needing major repairs and I couldn't come up with the funds to get it out! Dallas Hebrew Free Loan was my last resort, as family and friends were unable to help. I was able to get my car and report for work; I am so grateful for how quickly they worked to help, when it was looking like there wasn't much chance of being able to report to the job I had struggled so hard to get. Thank you, DHFLA, I am SO grateful!" K.E.-- 3/27/09



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

# When the Going Gets Tough, It's Time to Step Up



Decades have passed since this country, and our community, has had so many people in financial distress. People are still losing their jobs, having to sell their homes, cutting back every way they can just to keep from becoming homeless.

It is understandable that everyone is reducing personal spending in this frightening economic climate, but this is not the time to cut back on giving. In fact, just the opposite is true. It is more important than ever for you to step up all of your charitable giving, especially to Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association, so that as many people in dire need can be helped as possible.

DHFLA has been receiving many more calls and taking more applications than ever from people who need temporary help, while trying to get back on their feet. Unfortunately, our available funds have decreased at an alarming rate, when the need for our assistance is greatest.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** If you are not a member of Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association, we need your membership dues TODAY! If you are a member, we need any additional contribution you can give. It is only by raising more funds for loans that DHFLA will be able to meet the increased demand for our services and help feed a family, save a home from foreclosure, assist a college student with his/her tuition, or repair a car so a client can go on job interviews.

Your contribution becomes a PERPETUAL GIFT that becomes an interest free loan, is repaid and lent out again and again. Please help make a difference for someone in the greater Dallas Jewish community who is in need.

**DONATE TODAY.** Please visit our website, [www.dhfla.org](http://www.dhfla.org), and click on the "Make a donation" button today!

- Arthur Skibell, DHFLA President

## Thanks for Your Support!



We wish to thank all of our members and friends, along with the Communities Foundation of Texas and the Center for Nonprofit Management for helping to make the Donor Bridge Fundraising Event on May 20th such a success for Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association! In the future, there may be another event with matching funds available; we will keep you posted!

## Sponsor a Newsletter



Would you like to sponsor one of our newsletters? Business or personal sponsorships are available, starting at \$100. Your name and/or logo will appear in the sponsored newsletter. Sponsorships for our e-newsletter are available as well, which include a listing of your name/company name and website link.

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## Seeds of Hope II Non-Event Event

**Sponsorship Opportunities**  
**Raffle Prizes**  
**Look for your invitation in the mail this fall!**



# Shirley Strauss Awarded Helen Gross Leadership Award

Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association 2nd Vice President and longtime board member Shirley Strauss was awarded the Helen Gross Leadership Award at the 98th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. Shirley was recognized for her outstanding work in fundraising for the Federation and in the Jewish Community at large. Marilyn Schaffer presented Shirley with the award. Ms. Schaffer's aunt was Helen Gross, for whom the award is named.

Shirley is a member of Congregation Beth Torah. She was the congregation's membership chair for four years and is a member of the sisterhood. She is currently on the board of Bnai Zion and has co-chaired several of their galas in recent years. Shirley is a long-time volunteer of the Federation and is also a member of Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Woman. As DHFLA vice president, Shirley will be co-chairing the DHFLA 75<sup>th</sup> gala in 2010.

Shirley is married to Larry Strauss. They have three sons – Rabbi Brian Strauss, Brad Strauss and Brandon Strauss – as well as six grandchildren. “I am very grateful and humbled by this award. I truly enjoy the camaraderie with friends and the wonderful satisfaction I get from giving my time to worthy causes,” Shirley remarked.



(from left) Shirley Strauss received the Helen Gross Leadership Award from Marilyn Schaffer.

**Become a DHFLA Lifetime Member.** We want to make it easier for you to become one of our valued Lifetime Members by offering a plan in which you can make five \$100 payments versus paying for the membership all at once. Contact the DHFLA office for more information on this opportunity, 214-696-8008.

## Be a Facebook Fan

Dallas Hebrew Free Loan is on facebook! If you are already on facebook, please become a “fan” of DHFLA, and ask your friends and family to do so also!

If you aren't on facebook, now is the time to try! It's a great way to stay in touch with family, friends and the latest from Dallas Hebrew Free Loan! Over 200 million people and organizations are on facebook, so why not YOU?

It's easy to join us. Once you have a facebook login and password, go to the DHFLA Web site, [www.dhfla.org](http://www.dhfla.org), then click on the “Contact Us” menu item at the top of the home page. Scroll down to the bottom of the contact page where you will see “Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association on facebook,” then click on the “become a fan” box.

If you have any questions or need some assistance, please call the DHFLA office 214-696-8008 for help!



## Link Your Kroger Plus Card to DHFLA!

Kroger has a new program benefiting DHFLA! It's easy to participate! Go online to the DHFLA Web site, to “News & Events,” scroll down to the Kroger Card story and click on DHFLA Bar Code, then print out the bar code letter and take it with you on your next trip to Kroger, along with your Kroger Plus card. Tell the checkout person to link your Kroger Plus Card to the DHFLA bar code. (You only need to do this once a year, but as of June you will need to relink your card.) DHFLA will receive a donation every time you shop at Kroger's and present your Kroger Plus Card. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

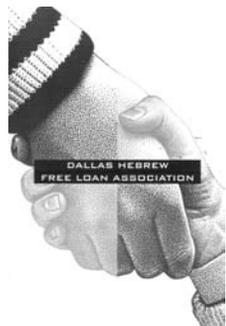
## Raffle Winner Donates Back to DHFLA

Selma Bookatz of Plano generously donated the ladies diamond ring she won in the Non-Gala Gala raffle back to DHFLA to be used to raise money at a future event. Thank you Selma for helping make it possible for DHFLA to raise additional funds for loans.

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