

# Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association

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

## DHFLA Loans Reap Gratifying Rewards

Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association has made thousands of loans over the years, financially helping members of the Dallas Jewish community when they need the help the most. Here are some of our recent success stories....

"Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association has been such a huge help to me in that they provided me with financial assistance at a time when I had exhausted all other resources.

I became disabled due to chronic renal failure that resulted from being the sole caregiver for my now deceased husband who had early onset Alzheimer's disease. I had to file for disability, a process that takes 6-18 months after you have already depleted your resources and reserves.

I was at a point where I was being evicted from my apartment. DHFLA immediately approved my loan that day, presented me with a check for the loan, and saved me from becoming just another homeless individual.

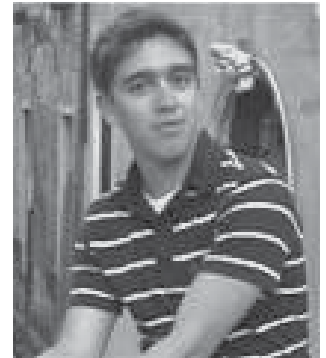
DHFLA really cares about their clients and goes above and beyond in accommodating loan repayment. As long as you communicate with DHFLA, they will do all they can to assist you, as they realized that life can be unpredictable.

DHFLA literally saved my life, and according to our Hebrew tradition, 'he who saves a life is as if he has saved the world.'" — Abbie Pickle

"The funds Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association has lent me enable students like me to prepare for an intended career while reducing the financial hardships of very high interest rates that redefines 'Higher Education' today. I hope that in the future, I may also be able to contribute to this program so that other students may also benefit in a like manner. Thank you so much for the confidence and faith the committee has shown in me!" - Anonymous

"Paying for college is never easy. It is difficult to finance the total expense of college, which often entails much more than simply tuition. However, thanks to the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association, I was able to complete my B.A. without imposing a debilitating financial strain on myself or my family. The money I received from

the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association while in college enabled me to focus on my studies rather than on paying for school. As a result, I was able to excel both in and out of the classroom; gaining experiences that have helped me get to where I am today, a Press Officer for the Consulate General of Israel in Houston." — Aaron Friedman



*Aaron Friedman*

*Aaron assumed his position last month. As the Press Officer, Aaron interacts regularly with local media outlets in order to educate and disseminate positive information about Israel. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. in Psychology. While in college, he was an active member in the University's Hillel, AEPi, and student Israel advocacy group Sooners for Israel. Aaron has visited Israel numerous times over the past few years, participating in Birthright, community service trips, and university studies.*

## Your Membership is Critical to our Mission!

Your membership dues and donations are vital for funding for our loan programs. If you aren't a member of DHFLA, please join. If you are already a member, now is the time to renew!

DHFLA now accepts online donations! Click the "make a donation" button on our Web site, [www.dhfla.org](http://www.dhfla.org). We accept donations via credit card or paypal. Both are secure transactions.

[Make A Donation](#)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# We're Committed to Growth and Expansion



Dear Friends:

Spring is a time of renewal, and the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association (DHFLA) board dedicated the first Sunday in March to board development, renewing their commitment to growing and expanding our organization. With the economy

in flux, DHFLA continues to be as relevant now as it has been throughout our 74-year history.

If you know someone in the Jewish community who could use the help of DHFLA, please tell them about our interest-free loan program. Your mitzvah will help them maintain their dignity and self respect. DHFLA loans include:

- **Student Loans** for individuals who wish to obtain an undergraduate or graduate degree, as well as vocational or professional training. Each applicant may borrow up to \$2,000 per school semester, for up to eight semesters.
- **Adoption Loans** for up to \$15,000 toward the adoption of a child.
- **Home Health Care Loans** to assist people with home health care, helping pay for in-home caregivers provided through a licensed agency, including physical, occupational and speech therapies and nursing care. The maximum amount of this loan is \$5,000.
- **General Loans** of up to \$3,000 for legitimate needs if the person has been unable to obtain funds through normal lending sources.

Please visit our updated Web site at [www.dhfla.org](http://www.dhfla.org) to learn more information about these loans. Additionally, in this newsletter are several testimonials from people whose lives have been positively changed through DHFLA loans. I hope you will read them and realize how important your membership in our organization is, and how it helps others.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to **renew your DHFLA membership if you haven't already done so. Or if you have never been a member, please join us and become part of our important mission.** Your membership makes it possible to help as many people as we do, and we appreciate your caring support.

Sincerely,

Ann Kahn  
President

## DHFLA on Shabbat Mishpatim

Members of the DHFLA Board spread awareness about the organization and its interest free loan programs during Shabbat Mishpatim Services in Area Synagogues on the weekend of February 2nd.

Mishpatim is a section in the Book of Exodus which directs Jews to "not extract interest from the needy."

This particular Biblical injunction has guided the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association in helping Jews in the community to remain self-supporting, while maintaining their self-respect.



### *In Memoriam*

#### **Sidney Myers 1919-2008**

DHFLA Board Member and longtime Chairman of the Sunshine Committee Sidney Myers, passed away peacefully in Plano on Sunday February 16, 2008.

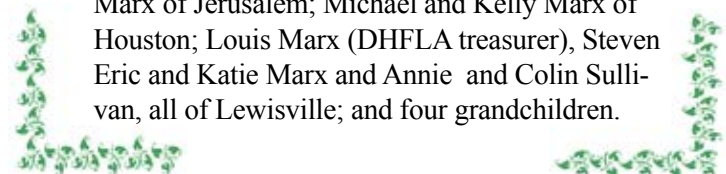
Sid spent most of his life in Central Texas where he and his brother owned and operated a number of mens clothing stores. They sold their business in 1964 and Sid moved to Dallas. For almost 20 years he served the Dallas community in a variety of roles as a volunteer and as a member of Congregation Shearith Israel.



#### **Alan Paul Marx 1939-2008**

Alan was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and was active in several local charities, including Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association, B'nai Zion, and Jewish Family Service. Alan was a longtime member of the DHFLA Loan Committee and was always available to assist those who needed his help.

Alan enjoyed basketball, movies and reading. He is survived by his five children Stephen and Iris Marx of Jerusalem; Michael and Kelly Marx of Houston; Louis Marx (DHFLA treasurer), Steven Eric and Katie Marx and Annie and Colin Sullivan, all of Lewisville; and four grandchildren.



# DHFLA Stands Out At Kosher Chili Cookoff

Thanks to all who stopped by the DHFLA booth at the 15th Annual Kosher Chili Cookoff. Congratulations to **Roy Hirschberg** of Dallas, winner of a \$60 gift certificate to Esther's Steakhouse!!



Chili cooks and helpers at DHFLA's booth were (from left) Arthur Skibell (DHFLA 1st VP), Howard Flushman (cook), Jason Fishman (DHFLA Kosher Chili Cookoff Chairman)

A big round of applause for Howard Flushman, this year's cook, and Jason Fishman, DHFLA Chili Cookoff Chairman. A big thanks also to the other volunteers who staffed our booth and helped spread the word about DHFLA and our interest free loans:

<b>Murray Berger</b>	<b>Scott Egna</b>	<b>Don Gross</b>
<b>Fern Bruckner</b>	<b>Sandy Geiger</b>	<b>Fred Gross</b>
<b>Gordon Cizon</b>	<b>Rebecca Greenblatt</b>	<b>Ann Kahn</b>



Volunteers Don Gross (above) and Fern Bruckner (right) at the DHFLA booth.

(DHFLA Chili Cookoff volunteers, continued)

**Abbie Pickle**  
**Arthur Skibell**  
**Anita Tobias**  
**Marcel Weiner**  
**Dorothy Wolchansky**



## We Want to Hear *Your* Story!

Has a loan from the Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association been important in your life? Helped you through a medical crisis or recover from temporary unemployment? Did you get your college, vocational or professional degree through a DHFLA Education loan? Whatever your story, we'd love to hear from you and share your experience (anonymously, if you wish) on our Web site or in a future newsletter! Please contact DHFLA at DHFLA@sbcglobal.net or call 214-696-8008. Help us spread the word that DHFLA makes a difference!

## Jewish Arts Fest August 17, 2008

Mark your calendar for the 12th Annual Jewish Arts Fest of Dallas, at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center on Sunday, August 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ! DHFLA will be there to give out the latest info on interest free loan programs in Dallas.

Register for free for some very special raffle prizes, so be sure to stop by our booth and tell all of your friends!

## Check Out the New DHFLA Web Site

Dallas Hebrew Free Loan Association's newly redesigned Web site ([www.dhfla.org](http://www.dhfla.org)) went live on Friday March 7, 2008. "The Web site has a much more contemporary feel to it," said Ann Kahn, DHFLA President. "In addition, for the first time applicants can read detailed guidelines and download applications for any of our loans. We are hoping that some of our newer loans, such as adoption and home health care will get increased exposure on the web.

"We are very excited about our testimonial page as well as our news and events pages. These are pages we did not have on our prior Web site and expect to update them frequently," added Ms. Kahn.

DHFLA's Web page was designed by Carolyn Andres of Andres Design. Ms. Andres has national recognition as a graphic and web designer, and some of her clients include Texas Instruments, Columbia Medical school and Williams- Sonoma Corporation.

Please visit our new web site ([www.dhfla.org](http://www.dhfla.org)) and sign up for our e-newsletter updates! Or you may e-mail us at [dhfla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhfla@sbcglobal.net).

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