

My Story

A few years ago, while visiting Israel, **Carole Shaw** was a guest at a friend's Seder. She chatted casually with the other guests, and was so struck by the Russian couple she met, she ended up "adopting" them, and becoming part of their lives in Michigan. Carole became an advocate for Mela and Arcady, helping them adjust to life here, and to pursue careers. When they wanted to become U.S. citizens, Carole helped there too.

"I just thought this was *tikkun olam*, helping someone else make a better life, and I was glad to do it," Carole said. "Everyone should try to improve their own little corner of the world."

Mela and Arcady's family grew, and they needed more living space. Carole co-signed for their Hebrew Free Loan so the family could move.

Carole is in the insurance and financial planning business, so when she sat down to do her own will and trust, she considered where to place her money. "I remembered what HFL did for my friends, and thought it was a great opportunity to help Jewish people, so I included them in my will," Carole said. "They really seem to care about a whole person and their needs, and it's a good option for people who need support."

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