



# My Story

**Andi Wolfe** has volunteered for many causes across the community and says she always knew about Hebrew Free Loan. But HFL caught her attention with its grant proposal to the Jewish Women's Foundation to establish the agency's *Building My Tomorrow* fund. Andi sat on the committee that read and approved the proposal, and then she knew she wanted to be part of HFL.

"I love being on the HFL Board" Andi said. "We give people opportunity. I know people might still think of us as the agency of last resort, or the place their grandparents came when they landed on these shores, but we are so much more. We help make college possible, assist in launching the small business of your dreams, get your mom the therapy she needs, or help you send your kid to summer camp. We are a place of possibility."

Hebrew Free Loan, Andi said, is a place that gives her the warm fuzzies. "I love who I work with, the Board members and staff from all walks of life, and with so much heart. I enjoy meeting the borrowers, focusing on their stories. Everyone has a story, and for a short while, our stories come together, which is heartwarming."

Then, there is the completeness, coming full circle. Paying it forward, fund recycling, call it what you will, Andi said, community donations to HFL are pooled to fund the loans, loans are repaid, new loans are made from those payments, and things are made better. "We aren't a community without each other," Andi said. "I think everyone should support and take advantage of what HFL has to offer."

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