



My Story

Dr. Mitchell Shek is a dermatologist from New York who came to Michigan thinking it was a temporary stop on his way to a practice in California. Attracted to Michigan, he remained.

“When I was getting to the end of my training, I ran low on money and I needed a short-term loan,” Mitchell said. “I came to Hebrew Free Loan and filled out an application, but then I looked around the waiting room and saw people who seemed to have greater need than I did. I left HFL thinking I didn’t need to be there, and borrowed from my uncle instead.”

Years later, when Mitchell was established and ready to give back, his friend and HFL Board member David Kirsch suggested the agency as a good fit for his personality. Mitchell, who recalled his experience with HFL, agreed.

Now a member of HFL’s Advisory Committee, Mitchell says Hebrew Free Loan can help *everyone*, “A wide variety of people come here for so many different needs. I encourage the entire community to learn more about its services. HFL is so dignified and caring, and a great thing to have available.

“If I knew at the time of my financial need what I have since learned from working with HFL, I probably would have gone through with my interview. HFL isn’t just for crisis loans, and it helps you stand on your own,” Mitchell said. “I’ve been successful, but I had support. For all those who need that kind of support, HFL is there.”

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