



My Story

Sarah Rappaport is a former middle school teacher who liked working with her students, but did not enjoy all the upheaval that accompanied multiple administrative changes. Through online searches for fresh job postings and teaching options, Sarah stumbled across *The Tutoring Center*, an educational resource center for Kindergarten through twelfth grade students.

“The founder is a child psychologist who perfected this method of working with students at their own level,” Sarah said. “This business, from the philosophy to the materials and the teaching method, was all ready-made for me, and a perfect fit.”

When Sarah and her husband were ready to open their own center, their youth and lack of optimal home equity meant their fledgling business was offered lines of credit at exorbitant interest rates. Instead, they approached Hebrew Free Loan’s **Marvin I. Danto Small Business Loan Program**, which granted a loan to help open the Birmingham center and enroll students.

“HFL has been so supportive,” Sarah said. They are helping us set ourselves up for the life we want to have.”

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