



Our Story

When **Ashley and Ben Shayne** were married, they knew they wanted a family right away. “Lots of people our age were still figuring out their lives and finding their paths, and we had each other,” said Ashley. “We wanted to establish our life together and have our children.”

When the couple had some issues conceiving, they were successful with IVF, but the birth was a bit difficult. “Our son had torticollis, a difficulty turning his neck to one side,” said Ben. “It’s fairly common in newborns where the baby is in a difficult birth position.” Sometimes, as in their son’s case, the infant develops a flat spot on the head from lying in one position most of the time. The doctor recommended a helmet to re-shape the flat spot, along with physical therapy.

“We felt like we’d been smacked in the face,” said Ashley. “We’d just paid for IVF, and we had bills from the birth, and it was one more expense. The supplier said we could make payments, but the helmet wouldn’t be supplied until the total amount was paid off, which would be too late. Then a family friend suggested Hebrew Free Loan.”

“When we called HFL, they made it so easy to just walk in, relax and be ourselves,” Ben said. “That HFL experience helped us get back on our feet so we could help our son. He did well very quickly, and is doing just fine now with no residual problems.”

“We were in a better position all-around after HFL,” said Ashley. “I was able to return to work, and we recently welcomed our daughter. Now we have our complete family, and HFL helped put us in a position to move forward.”

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