

# My Story

**Marlene Borman** became the president of Hebrew Free Loan in 1993, the first woman to do so. "I've been proud to work with HFL in every capacity," Marlene said. "Our Board has always been a wonderful group of people dedicated to the welfare of the Jewish community. I was one leader among others, of an amazing organization with a long history of doing good work. With 118 years of community service, HFL is our area's longest-serving agency."

Although she was not attempting to break barriers as agency president, Marlene was able to focus some attention on poverty as a woman's issue, and helped shape some of HFL's lending policies to better help women in need. HFL is pleased to offer assistance to women through targeted funds such as Building My Tomorrow and the Borman Fund.

"As an individual, I led a sheltered and decent life, and doors were never closed to me," Marlene said. "As an HFL Board member, I have been exposed to the many ways doors can slam shut on people who have done nothing but play by the rules throughout their lives, and who need help to get past a reversal of fortune."

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