

Building My Tomorrow

Hebrew Free Loan has recently received a \$20,000 grant from the Jewish Women's Foundation to initiate an interest free loan program called ***Building My Tomorrow***. This pilot program will focus on Jewish women in crisis and their unique issues. Many of these women may have experienced domestic abuse and divorce. This program will help women get back on their feet and help with the financial burdens facing them and their children.

These women's issues include the need for training and re-entry into the job market (such as, tuition fees and acquisition of a car), medical needs and the costs of establishing a new and safe residence. In addition, ***Building My Tomorrow*** will help their children, sometimes traumatized by numerous family problems. Loans can cover counseling, school fees and even the cost of a modest Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebration.

Jewish Family Service, our sister Federation agency, will partner with Hebrew Free Loan, to refer potential clients to our agency. JFS will also give support to borrowers with family issues requiring clinical counseling, mentoring or other assistance.

As with our other loan programs, the loan process is simple. Typically, referrals are followed by a board member interview and assessment of need. Once the loan has been approved and cosigned, the client is able to address the need for which the loan was granted. Repayment terms will extend out over four to five years.

For more information on ***Building My Tomorrow***, please call Hebrew Free Loan at (248) 723-8184 or email info@hfladetroit.org.