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Dear

Thank you for your interest in the JF&CS Center for Basic Needs Assistance. Per our conversation, enclosed (attached) please find the Hebrew Free Loan application you requested. If you have any questions about the forms or required attachments, please contact me. .

Thank you,

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Jennifer Lewis-Forbes
Case Coordinator
JF&CS, Bet Tzedek Legal Services/Hebrew Free Loan/Rosenfeld Fund
jlforbes@jfcsboston.org
781-693-5613



JF&CS Applicant Information

Program: Hebrew Free Loan Program Applicant Referred By: Date:

Applicant Information

First Name:	Employment Status:	
Middle Initial:	Level of Education:	
Last Name	Household Size:	
Address	Primary Language:	
Apt/Suite #:	English Proficiency:	
City/State/Zip		
Home Phone:		
Work Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
E-mail:		
DOB:		

Other Adults Living in the Home

Name (First and Last)	DOB	Relationship to Applicant

Dependent Children Living in the Home

Name (First and Last)	DOB	Relationship to Applicant

Applicant Signature: All information provided by me on all pages of this Application (including Applicant
Information, Household Budget Form, and other forms) is complete and accurate.

Signed:			
Applicant's Name	(please print):		

Return completed application and form to: JF&CS

Attention: Jennifer Lewis-Forbes

1430 Main Street Waltham, MA 02451

HEBREW FREE LOAN PROGRAM MANAGED BY

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE ("JF&CS") Main Headquarters c/o Jewish Family and Children's Service 1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451 (781) 647-5327

LOAN APPLICATION

Dear Applicant:				
Enclosed, please find all the forms necessary to complete from the Hebrew Free Loan Program managed by JF&CS.	your application for an interest-free loan			
Please complete this form and return it with the list of supporting documents. Applications will be considered once all this required documentation is received.				
ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THESE SUPPORTING DOC	CUMENTS:			
FROM APPLICANT:				
Completed JF&CS Applicant Information FormCompleted Loan ApplicationCopy of Applicant's credit report from one of Equifativa available at www.AnnualCreditReport.com ;Applicant's most recent federal income tax returnProof of all sources of Applicant's current incomeSigned receipt of Privacy PracticesOnce loan is approved, signed promissory note	ax, Experian or Transunion; all are			
Please feel free to request assistance in completing the ap by Applicant will be kept confidential by JF&CS to the exte We look forward to being able to be of assistance.				
Mail above documents to: Rebecca Cohen-Hebrew Free Loan				
Jewish Family & Children's Service, Inc. 1430 Main Street Waltham, MA 02451	For office use only – Date application was received by EFA:			

CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL LOAN INFORMATION (For completion by Applicant only)

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Occupation:		Position:		
		Type of Business:		
Business Address:		City:	Zip:	
susiness Telephone: ()	Extension:	How long with Employer?:	
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5. APPLICANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	sources of income before taxes): \$
Monthly rent / mortgage: \$	
ASSETS:	
Checking, savings and other bank ac	counts (please list): Current Balance:
1	\$
2	<u> </u>
3	\$
Total from all above: \$	_
OTHER ASSETS:	
Securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)	Estimate of Fair Market Value: \$
Residence	Estimate of Fair Market Value: \$
Automobile	Estimate of Fair Market Value: \$
Personal Property	Estimate of Fair Market Value: \$
Other Assets (Please itemize):	Estimate of Fair Market Value:
1	<u> </u>
2	\$
3	<u> </u>
OTHER ASSETS:	Estimate of Fair Market Value: \$

DEBT:		
Credit Cards (Please list):	Amount Owed:	
1	\$	
2	<u> \$ </u>	
3	<u> </u>	
4	\$	
Other loans/liabilities (please list) 1		Bank/Lending Institution
2		
3		
Mortgage: Lender:	\$	
Car Loan(s) Lender:	\$	
TOTAL Debt: \$		

APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION / ACKNOLWEGEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PLEASE READ AND SIGN:

I certify that the above statements submitted for the purpose of obtaining this loan are true, correct and complete.

I further recognize my legal responsibility to repay this loan according to the terms and conditions specified in this application and the applicable promissory note.

I understand that repayment of this loan will enable these funds to be used to assist other persons in need.

I agree that JF&CS may make all inquiries it deems necessary in connection with the statements made herein. I understand that JF&CS may check my credit rating. I authorize any person or consumer reporting agency to compile and furnish JF&CS any information it may have or obtain in response to such credit inquiries. I further agree that I will promptly notify JF&CS of any material changes in this information.

If the loan is approved, applicant authorizes JF&CS to provide any and all information concerning the loan to any financial institution or credit reporting service upon request.

I understand and agree that the following terms and conditions will apply to my loan:

- There will be no interest charged.
- The cost of obtaining any additional credit reports about me or my co-signer(s) (if deemed necessary by JF&CS) will be deducted from the proceeds of the loan.
- The loan repayment will be based on the amounts and schedule stated in the promissory note.
- I will immediately notify JF&CS about any change in my address.
- I will immediately notify JF&CS about any changes in my ability to make payment as agreed.
- The failure to make payments as agreed may necessitate JF&CS to start collection proceedings against me.
- The loan will be used for the purpose intended and described on Page 2 of this application.
- Any loan balance forgiven by HFL-JF&CS in its sole discretion will be reported to both ME and the Internal Revenue Service on a Form 1099 as my taxable income.

Applicant Signature	Applicant Spouse's Signature
Applicant's Name (please print)	Applicant's Spouse's Name (please print)
DATE:	DATE:

HEBREW FREE LOAN PROGRAM

MANAGED BY

JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE, INC. ("JF&CS")

Main Headquarters:

1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451 (781) 647-5327 (Herein "HFL-JF&CS")

(Each loan under HFL-JF&CS herein a "Hebrew Free Loan" or a "Loan")

CONFIDENTIAL CO-SIGNER LOAN INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT NEATLY)

Name of Loan Applicant for whom you will	be co-signing: _			
Thank you for your interest in becoming a Hi "Promissory Note" for the Loan states that in "jointly and severally". JF&CS would expect a the responsibility of repaying the Loan. How such, you could be called upon to repay the t	n the event of a all co-signers on vever, each co-sig	default, co- the Promis gner is liabl	-signers are liab ssory Note to sh	ole for the Loan nare equally in
You may not apply for a Hebrew Free Loan ufull. Please provide the details requested be confidential to the extent permitted by law.	low. JF&CS will k	•	_	•
1. CO-SIGNER'S PERSONAL INFORMATION				
Full Name (please print):()		ephone:		
Cell Phone: ()	E-mail:			
Home Address:	City:		State and Zi	p:
Own: Rent: How long?:	Date of B	irth:/_	/	
Have you ever received a Hebrew Free Loan	? No Yes	When?		
Have you ever co-signed a Hebrew Free Loan	n? No Yes	For Who	om?	
Your relationship to Applicant:				
[Co-Signer's Employment Inf	formation and A.	ssets apped	ar on next page	.]

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Occupation:				
Name of Employer:				
Type of Business:				
Annual Salary:				
Business Address:	City:		Zip:	
Business Telephone: ()		_ Extension:		
How long employed by Employer?: _				
3. Co-Signer Financial Information				
ASSETS:				
Checking, savings and other bank a	ccounts (pleas	se list): Current	Balance:	
1	\$			
2	\$			
3	\$			
Total from all above: \$	_			
OTHER ASSETS:				
Securities				
(stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)		Estimate of Fa	ir Market Value:	\$
Residence		Estimate of Fa	ir Market Value:	\$
Automobile		Estimate of Fa	ir Market Value:	\$
Personal Property		Estimate of Fa	ir Market Value:	\$

Other Assets (Please itemize):	Estimate of Fair Market Value:			
1	\$			
2	<u> </u>			
3	<u> </u>			
OTHER ASSETS:	Estimate of Fair Market Value: \$			
TOTAL ASSETS (Bank Accounts plus Fair Ma	arket Value of Other Assets): \$			
[Debt listed on next page.]				

DEBT		
Credit Cards (Please list):	Amount Owed:	
1	\$	
2	\$\$	
3	\$	
4	\$\$	
Other loans/liabilities (please list)	Amount owed	Bank/Lending Institution
1	\$	
2	\$	
3	\$	
Mortgage: Lender:	\$	
Car loan(s) Lender:	\$	
All information on this Co-Signer Loan I knowledge and no material information credit report, JF&CS is authorized to chinquiries that it deems necessary to verdetermine my creditworthiness. I under is disbursed to the Applicant.	n has been omitted. Althoueck my credit and employrify the accuracy of the state	ugh I will be providing JF&CS with a ment listing and to make all other tements made on this form and to
Co-Signer's Signature	 Date	

[Required Documentation from Co-Signer listed on next page.]

Date

Co-Signer's Spouse's Signature

Required Documentation From Co-signer:

- Completed Co-Signer Loan Information Statement;
- Proof of Co-Signer's current income: most recent month's pay stubs;
- Co-Signer's most recent federal income tax return;
- Copy of recent credit report. Co-signer is required to submit a credit report from one of the following free sources:
 - 1. Equifax: 1-800-685-111; www.equifax.com;
 - 2. Experian: 1-888-397-3742; www.experian.com; or
 - 3. TransUnion: 1-800-888-4213; www.transunion.com. (The above sites provide free annual credit reports. Credit scores are available for a fee from these sites or from www.AnnualCreditReport.com);
- Co-Signer Notice; and
- Signed Promissory Note (upon receipt of Loan).

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Hebrew Free Loan Program managed by Jewish Family & Children's Service (JF&CS) 1430 Main Street Waltham, MA 02451 781-647-5327

CO-SIGNER NOTICE (Please read carefully)

Notice to Co-Signer	
Name of Borrower:	<u></u>
Name of Co-Signer:	
Thank you for your interest in becoming an explanation if there is anything you do	a co-signer. Please read the following statements carefully and ask for o not understand.
_	prrower's Promissory Note (the "Note"). If the Borrower does not pay the be legally obligated to pay such debt. Be sure you can afford to pay and ibility.
 Loan Program managed by JF&CS wo the loan. However, each co-signer is I balance due (which might be the full) The Hebrew Free Loan Program of Jegarinst you that can be used against 	wish Family and Children's Service can use the same collection methods the Borrower. t may become a part of your credit record.
I have read and understand this Notice:	
Co-signer's Signature:	Date:
Co-signer's Spouse's Signature:	Date:
Return completed application and forms	to: JF&CS
	Attention: Jennifer Lewis-Forbes
	1/130 Main Street

Waltham, MA 02451

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JF&CS Hebrew Free Loan Policy and Procedures Updated as of April 2021

History

Before the 1930s, only a handful of banks loaned money to individuals or small businesses, especially those owned by immigrants. In the Jewish community, members would pool their resources to provide interest free loans for other Jewish people in the community. Many Jewish immigrants worked or owned small businesses — petty retail stores, small workshops, or peddlers' pushcarts and wagons and the Hebrew Free Loans were crucial in helping these small businesses thrive.

Over time the purposed of the Hebrew Free Loan has continue to evolve and expand with needs in our current times.

In 2018-2019 in collaboration with CJP some revisions were made to the Hebrew Free Loan Program at JF&CS.

- Maximum loan amounts were increased to from \$5,000 to \$10,000
- In order for more people in the community to see the Hebrew Free Loan as relevant resource to them, additional loan categories were added, see below.
- The Hebrew Free Loan to no longer be restricted for the Jewish community. While the primary intention for the Hebrew Free Loan is to be a resource for the Jewish community, religion is no longer an eligibility requirement.

Loan Categories:

While other purposes may be considered, below are the primaries in which we intend to have an impact with the Hebrew Free Loan.

- NEW COVID-19 Recovery: To assist in economic stability from the impact of the coronavirus
- Bridge Loans: Small loans for living expenses during a short period of time
- Lifecycle Ceremonies: Bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings, or funerals
- New baby, fertility, adoption, or extension of maternity or paternity leave
- Car purchase or repairs
- Small debt consolidation
- Move-in costs (first month's rent, last month's rent, security deposit)
- Self-employed small business costs*
- Home repairs
- Medical expenses not covered by insurance
- Care of older adults or people with disabilities

• Summer Camp, Gap Year, and Teen and Young Adult Israel Experiences

The Hebrew Free Loan is not available for college education.

* We have a relationship with SCORE and can offer a direct connection to a SCORE counselor. Depending upon the small business loan being requested, we may require a consultation with our SCORE partner to analyze the business plan to determine the viability and likelihood of success. Since the Hebrew Free Loan must be repaid, there needs to be confidence in the business plan.

<u>Criteria for Applicants</u>

- Must live within the Greater Boston area / CJP catchment area. The majority of funding is provided by CJP to serve residents of the CJP service area.
- Purpose of the loan must fit within the mission of the Hebrew Free Loan- either on the list above or approved in consultation with the Community Services Division Director.
- Applicants must submit a personal credit report. Applicants must have adequate credit to be considered.
- Ability to repay the loan must be clear and substantiated by available income, credit history, etc.
- Must have a reliable, secure source of income (preferably full-time employment, but will consider SSDI, Social Security Retirement)
- The loans are intended for individuals or households with an income around 100% of Area Median Income. The goal is for this to be a resource for those most in need of a loan, and who may have limited options obtaining a bank loan or those for whom the interest payment of a bank would prove to be onerous.
- The issuance of the loan must complete the amount of money needed to resolve the issue. e.g. a \$10,000 loan for a home repair of \$30,000, where the source of the additional \$10,000 would be approved.
- Recipients may apply for a second loan after they have fully repaid the first loan.

Standard Loan Procedures that may be waived

- All loan applicants are required to have a co-signer for the loan. If an application
 is not able to obtain a co-signer, the application may be considered on the basis
 of the other application materials: source and amount of income, expenses,
 amount of current debt and credit history.
- The first payment for the loan will be due 30-days from receipt of the loan. If this
 proves to be a hardship for the applicant, and all other applicant materials are
 strong, the repayment start date may be delayed for up to 90 days from receipt
 of the loan.

• All loans must be repaid within two years. Loans of \$1-2,000 must be repaid within one year.

The above exceptions will be made in consultation with the Emergency Financial Assistance Supervisor and if necessary, the Community Services Division Director.

Criteria for Co-Signers

- A qualified co-signer is an individual known to the applicant who has the financial capacity to repay the loan if the maker defaults.
- Family members serving as co-signers must reside at different addresses.

 Spouses (if applicable) must co-apply for loans and cannot serve as co-signers.
- Co-signers need to be residents of the United States.
- All co-signers must be 21 years of age.
- No individuals working in the Jewish community (i.e. Rabbis, cantors, Jewish agency executives, staff of Jewish Family and Children's Service) may serve as cosigners.
- Co-signers must complete an application and submit personal financial documentation, including a personal credit report.
- Co-signers must sign a promissory note which states that in the event of a
 default on the loan, the co-signer is liable for the full amount of the loan and
 may be called upon to repay the balance in full.
- If payment is not made by the borrower within a 60 day period, co-signers will be called upon to pay the amount in arrears as well as take over monthly repayments.
- Co-signers are not eligible for a Hebrew Free Loan until the maker's loan has been repaid in full. Persons who currently have a Hebrew Free Loan cannot be considered co-signers.

Required Documentation

From Applicant:

- Completed Face Sheet and application form, including budget information.
- Most recent income tax return
- Proof of current income: Two most recent pay stubs.
- Copy of most recent bank statement: Checking and savings account(s), if applicable.
- One copy of a recent credit report. All applicants will be required to submit a
 credit report from one of Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The "Big Three"
 credit reports can all be obtained for free at www.AnnualCreditReport.com or
 from each of the following free sources:
 - 1. Equifax: 1-800-685-111; www.equifax.com
 - 2. Experian: 1-888-397-3742; www.experian.com

- 3. TransUnion: 1-800-888-4213; www.transunion.com (Credit scores are available from www.AnnualCreditReport.com for an additional fee).
- Signed promissory note- this should be in person.
- Signed copy of JF&CS Privacy Practices
- Signed copy of the Truth in Lending document

From Co-signer:

- Completed co-signer notice and application
- Proof of current income: Two most recent pay stubs
- Most recent income tax return
- One copy of a recent credit report. All applicants will be required to submit a
 credit report from one of Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The "Big Three"
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 from each of the following free sources:
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 - 3. TransUnion: 1-800-888-4213; www.transunion.com
- Signed promissory note and co-signer notice- in person, if possible.
- Signed copy of JF&CS Privacy Practices.

Loan Process

- 1. Intake call: Clients interested in the Hebrew Free Loan program contact HFL administrator, who will provide information and program overview. Case assessment is conducted to determine whether or not client is appropriate candidate for program. If the client is deemed eligible, an Application packet will be sent to the applicant.
- Application reviewed by HFL Coordinator. Once due diligence is complete, and if client is determined to meet HFL guidelines, case will be presented to HFL Supervisor for approval.
- 3. In questionable cases, HFL Supervisor and HFL Coordinator will discuss cases with the Community Services Division Director.
- 4. If approved, a payment plan and schedule are agreed upon. Promissory note drafted and check requested. Completed, signed W9 form, as well.
- 5. HFL administrator will provide guidance to the applicant on setting up the repayment process. Unless there is a compelling reason, it is the expectation that repayments will be set up as automatic transfers.
- 6. When check is ready, client and cosigner sign promissory notes, and client receives check. Promissory note should be signed in person, for client, and preferably in person for cosigner. During COVID all processed have been facilitated electronically.
- 7. First statement sent to client one-month post receipt of loan (Accounts Receivable takes care of this).

- 8. First statement sent to client one-month post receipt of loan.
- 9. When loan is fully repaid, a letter congratulating on completion of loan will be sent out.

Collection Process

When loan payment is overdue by:

Up to 30 days: Phone call to client by HFL Coordinator

HFL Coordinator may ask Fiscal to handle the subsequent collection calls.

60 days: Phone call to client

Phone call to co-signer

Demand letter sent to client

*If client does make a payment, and then falls behind shortly thereafter, begin at the 60 day mark

90 days Phone calls made and demand letters sent to both client and co-

signer

Make three attempts to contact client to resolve situation.

[If client agrees that he/she will make payments, but then does not - -this will count as one of three attempts. Voicemail also

counts as an attempt]

Over 90 days

Following third unsuccessful attempt, notify Barry Probst who will call client on behalf of the agency and make one more effort.

HFL program manager closes case.

After 6 months: Loan is written off JF&CS books.

*I think fiscal then submits something to the IRS. We can clarify this.

Promissory Note Hebrew Free Loan Program Managed by

Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc. ("JF&CS") 1430 Main Street Waltham MA 02451

Date:		
Borrower:		
Address:	_	
Amount:	_	
Date of Last Payment:	_	
For value received, I the undersigned, pror me by JF&CS (the "Loan"): Dolla	· · ·	ncipal amount of the loan advanced to
	and each subsequent payment shall b	ments each in the amount of \$ <u>.00</u> . The first be due and payable on the 15 th day of each
I understand and agree that the following	terms and conditions will apply to the Lc	oan.
 I will immediately notify JF&CS aborder. If I fail to make payments hereund By executing and delivering this No severally liable with the Borrower 	_	bility to make my payments d payment in full immediately. ledges that he/she is jointly and s Note. the Principal forgiven as my income to
Borrower's Signature	Co-Signer's Signature	_
Borrower's Name (Print)	Co-Signer's Name (Print)	_
Date:	Date:	_
Approved By:	of JF&CS	

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Hebrew Free Loan Program

Managed by Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc. (JF&CS) Truth in Lending Disclosure Statement

A Truth in Lending Statement informs the consumer (person taking out the loan) about the terms of the loan and any costs associated with the loan. Most of the information on this statement is also included in your Promissory Note.

Loan Provider: JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE, INC.

Borrower:		Co-Signer:					
(name)		(name)					
(street address)		(street address)					
(city) (state	e) (ZIP code)	(city)	(state) (ZIP code)				
 Important Information: The total amount of your loan is: \$ You will have a total of payments, each in the amount of \$ due on the day of each month. You will not be charged any interest on your Hebrew Free Loan. There are no late payment penalties or any other finance charges on your Hebrew Free Loan. You may choose to pay more than the minimum monthly payment amount and you may repay your loan in full at any time ahead of schedule. If you pay off your loan early, you will not have a prepayment penalty. You may request a summary of your payments at any time. This obligation has a demand feature. 							
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE The cost of your credit as a yearly rate.	FINANCE CHARGE The dollar amount the credit will cost you.	AMOUNT FINANCED The amount of credit provided to you or on your behalf.	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS The amount you will have paid after you have made all scheduled payments.				
0.0%	\$ 0.00	\$	\$				
You have the right to receive at this time an itemization of the Amount Financed. ☐ I want an itemization. ☐ I do not want an itemization. For more information about your loan (including information about nonpayment and default) please refer to your Promissory Note. I (we) have received a copy of this Truth in Lending Disclosure Statement on							
(Borrower's signature)		(Co-Signer's signature)					

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