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CHULA VISTA RESIDENT FIRST RECIPIENT OF NEW INTEREST-FREE LOANS

AVAILABLE THROUGH HEBREW FREE LOAN OF SAN DIEGO

*Applications Open for Recently Launched Program Providing Funds to Those
in Need*

CHULA VISTA, Calif. – (April 26, 2021) – Chula Vista resident Marianne Vigderovich is one of the first group of recipients of interest-free loans now available through Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego (HFLSD). The newly launched 501 (c)3 is a member agency of the International Association of Jewish Free Loans.

Marionne is using her \$5,000 Education Loan (renewable potentially for up to two years) to complete her bachelor's degree in sociology from National University. Raised in Israel, her family moved to Tijuana and Marionne commuted from Tijuana to attend a Jewish high school in San Diego. She realizes how important community is and has stayed in San Diego even after her family relocated to Nebraska. She finished her associates degree in sociology and is now pursuing a bachelor's degree to help her follow a career in either social work or college counseling.

The HFLSD Education Loan will allow Marianne to pursue her educational goals without having to extend herself with hefty student loans. Her education loan will balance with her FAFSA monies to allow her to complete her bachelor's degree. "MY HFLSD loan will help me pay my tuition at National University and supplement the cost of my education. Without this loan, I am not sure I would have been able to stay enrolled. My education is the most important thing to me right now, as I look towards my future and I am so thankful to HFLSD for helping me pursue my dreams!" she said.

Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego has a core mission: To aid and empower members of the San Diego Jewish community to help themselves by providing interest-free loans and achieve financial self-sufficiency. "We have a variety of interest-free loans to help San Diegans in need; beyond educational support, we offer loans for everything from financial emergencies, small business costs, medical expenses, fertility treatments, Jewish education and summer camps, the recently unemployed and many others," said HFLSD Executive Director Mindi Frankel.

Jewish/Hebrew Free Loans has developed as a proven business model, providing aid and empowerment for families in over 50 cities worldwide. Individuals interested in learning more about the loan programs, how to apply and also how to support the newly formed HFLSD in their efforts can log on to www.hflsd.org for additional information.

About Hebrew Free Loan:

Hebrew Free Loan of San Diego (HFLSD) is a member of the International Association of Jewish Free Loans with 50 member agencies in North America, Israel and Australia, and was launched with the goal of helping people with temporary financial needs to become or remain self-supporting, self-respecting members of the community through access to interest-free loans. HFLSD's mission is to provide Jewish households who are financially insecure, to overcome short-term financial needs/emergencies. HFLSD philosophy is to provide its constituents a hand-up – not a hand-out!

HFLSD is excited to help individuals and families throughout San Diego county overcome challenges and pursue their dreams. Based on the Jewish values

of tzedakah (justice/charity), gemilut hasadim (acts of loving kindness), and tikkun olam (repairing the world), they will provide interest-free loans with dignity to meet a wide range of needs: including for emergencies, small business, medical expenses, fertility, Jewish education, student loans and many others including loans for the recently unemployed. Learn more at www.hflsd.org.