



INSIDE IAJFL

Summer 2024

Dear IAJFL Member,

As a board director for HFLA in San Antonio, my introduction to IAJFL many years ago was filled with excitement and eagerness to collaborate and learn tidbits from others that could help me and my colleagues better support our HFLA. Years later, now as President of IAJFL, I am still excited and eager for each and every opportunity that comes my way. IAJFL has already had a handful of sessions via Lunch & Learns, Canadian Group, Large Agency Group (LAG), and Small Agency Group (SAG) presentations to better support our entire membership in the first few months of 2024.

Just as every story for each individual loan applicant touches our hearts, it's equally important and satisfying to share, learn and grow through the experiences we all have with each other. I encourage y'all (I do live in Texas) to take advantage of all the resources available to you, and please try to find that special way in which you can share back with everyone else. It's a constant learning process, and we only grow and prosper through the wonderful collaborative work with our partners.

With our 2024 IAJFL Conference just around the corner in September, I can't wait to see everyone in beautiful Montreal!

Be well,



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**New IAJFL
Phone Number:
(602) 714-7763**

To better serve IAJFL members and inquiries to the IAJFL office, we now have our own dedicated phone number. Please be sure to update your IAJFL contact information.



AI and Interest-free Lending

Artificial Intelligence, also known as AI, has been taking the world by storm while integrating itself into nearly every type of industry. Members from Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City, recently led members of IAJFL in a Lunch and Learn to understand how we can integrate AI into our systems to benefit all our agencies.

Several agencies shared the ways they are experimenting with AI such as loan application processing, donor cultivation, and meeting transcription and summarizations. Some of the benefits these agencies reported were streamlining processes, accomplishing more with less staff members, and improving consistency. Additionally, AI has been used in free loans for creating client stories, identifying major donors, catching fraudulent loans, and writing grants.

AI can be used in so many ways, but can also be hard to learn about. Here are a list of books about AI, provided by David Rosenn, to help you explore all the ways your agency can integrate AI into your systems.

- The Alignment Problem by Brian Christian
- Co-Intelligence: Living and Working with AI by Ethan Mollick
- Financial AI for Good: Guide & Chatbot (Commonwealth)
- Generative AI and Emerging Technology: Actionable Insights for Financial Service Providers (Commonwealth)
- AI Needs You by Verity Harding

IAJFL's Top Reads

Over the past month, IAJFL has received articles and books related to free loan agencies, Jewish nonprofit work, financial issues in our communities, and fighting anti-semitism. We want to share some of the articles and books that have been sent to us.

Articles

[Nearly 20% of U.S. Jewish households struggles to make ends meet, JFNA study finds](#)

[San Antonio Shines in Fight Against Hate](#)

Books

Business

The Hard Things about Hard Things, Ben Horowitz



Financial Circumstances in America

Squeezed, Alissa Quart
Heartland, Sarah Smarsh
Evicted, Mathew Desmond

Student Loan Debt Crisis

The Debt Trap, Josh Mitchell
After the Ivory Tower Falls, Will Bunch
Educated, Tara Westover

To share an article with all IAJFL members, please email Leia Linn at marketing@iajfl.org or the IAJFL listserv.



IAJFL would like to give a warm welcome to the newest member of our Free Loan family, Orange County Jewish Interest Free Loans.

We are excited to see them make a difference in their community and we wish them much success.

To learn more, or introduce yourself, contact Ross Elgart at ross@ocjifl.org.

IAJFL Conference 2024



Our 2024 conference and hotel registration are still open! Please tell your staff and Board members to join us in Montreal.

Don't forget that we are offering a special first-time attendee rate of \$225 for those who have never attended an in-person conference before.

With the event coming up quickly, please make sure to book your hotel room BEFORE July 5th to guarantee a room is available at the group rate.

The host and planning committees are hard at work and excited to be putting together what will be another wonderful opportunity to learn, network, and share. We are excited to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends in Montreal.

Please note the Conference starts at noon on Sunday, September 22nd, and will end at 3 PM on Tuesday, September 24th.

Registration and Hotel Reservations:
To register for the conference, click [here](#).
For hotel room reservation, click [here](#).

SOMETHING TO SHARE?

We encourage you to help us share your good news and/or current events with the IAJFL community. Please send recent news stories, event updates, agency highlights, staff & volunteer happenings or anything else you think your fellow IAJFL member agencies would find interesting.

We may highlight your agency's story, event, etc. in a future newsletter and/or social media announcement.

Email your items to:
tinasheinbein@iajfl.org

Please write "IAJFL News Item" in the subject line.

DROPBOX

A reminder that the IAJFL Dropbox is a wonderful resource for member agencies. The IAJFL Dropbox serves as a repository for all types of written communication, including:

- Marketing materials
- Loan applications
- Policies/procedures
- Bylaws
- IAJFL annual City Reports
- And much more



We encourage you to submit your documents and review the items provided by other members as well.

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