

Upcoming Virtual Forum  
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Kehilla Community Synagogue  
Homeless Action Committee

## Homelessness: A Jewish Call To Action

Tuesday, February 2  
7pm – 8:30pm



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Please join us for an educational forum and discussion to help develop a vigorous Tikkun Olam response to homelessness.

Thousands of unsheltered people live in Oakland. Since COVID-19 numbers are rising.

- **70% of unhoused people are Black**
- **42% have disabilities**

Many are crowded into unsafe and unsanitary encampments. The City has a new encampment policy that may force homeless individuals from encampments with no good options for housing.

**Kehilla's Homeless Action Committee** believes it is time for a more vigorous response by our community to the affordable housing crisis in keeping with our core Jewish value of Tikkun Olam. This educational forum, moderated by Kehilla member Talya Husbands-Hankin, will detail **the severe obstacles facing our local unsheltered neighbors** resulting from years of systemic racism and classism. The forum will also **outline a variety of ways to assist our unhoused neighbors** including engaging in policy and advocacy efforts and providing direct support such as donations of time, money and material goods.

### Meet the Speakers

**Talya Husbands-Hankin\*** - Homeless Advocate, Founder, [Love and Justice in the Streets](#)

**Candice Elder** - Founder and Director, [East Oakland Collective](#)

**Janny Castillo** - Director, [Community Outreach and Services, St. Mary's Center](#)

**Margot Kushel, MD\*** - Director, [UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations](#)

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