



WELCOME TO SUKKAT SHALOM

Congregation Or Ami's very own social justice group, focusing on solutions to the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles.

Just as our ancestors sought dwelling in temporary shelters after the Exodus, we seek temporary and permanent homes for all of our unhoused neighbors so that they may escape from the shackles of hard times. As a result of their living conditions, some become slaves to drug addiction or mental illness, while others have fallen victim to health crisis, loss of jobs, abuse at the hands of family members, an imperfect foster care system or lack of support after incarceration. No matter what led them to a life outside, they all deserve God's help, and they deserve to be treated with respect. In order to afford those living unsheltered with basic human needs, we have come up with three responses to the homeless crisis:



1) A Temporary Housing/Permanent Homes Team:

This group researches alternate approaches to housing for those living on the street, and presents the ideas to our local legislators. We identify case studies, partner with Real Estate professionals and identify possible developers and funding sources.



2) A Healthy Hygiene Team:

Healthy hygiene is critical to combat COVID-19 and other illnesses, sustain a positive self-esteem, and to prepare people for job interviews. We identify potential locations, partners and funding.



3) Project Roomkey/Post-Covid Planning Team:

Project RoomKey has striven to house the most vulnerable of the unhoused in hotel and motel rooms that are vacant due to COVID-19. This program is set to be phased out when the pandemic ends. We are advocating for longer term solutions to shelter those that can't survive living on the street. Project HomeKey is the planned next step, whereas the government would purchase underutilized hotels and motels, which would be converted into more permanent housing.



Our mission is daunting but with every step we move closer to creating a world of love and compassion.

We welcome you to join us.

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