

To All TBA Members and Friends:

It is time again to join several other synagogues for the

Seventh Annual East Bay Rebuilding Together/Sukkot in April

to take place on

Sunday, April 6th and 13th

We will work together to rehabilitate the home of an elderly couple residing in Oakland. Each year, thousands of volunteers come together for one or two weekends in April to help restore the homes of their low-income neighbors. These homes and community facilities have fallen into disrepair, and we work together to do repairs such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, window replacement, flooring, weather-stripping, debris removal, yard work and general clean-up, build new steps, patch cracks and holes, add fresh paint and landscape. The April Rebuilding Program grows each year, and we look forward to continue building and rebuilding throughout the city of Oakland.

In April 2007, Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO) renovated 27 homes and 11 community facilities in Oakland.

We will help to enable this family to live in warmth and safety. You can sign on as a volunteer and help with repairs and renovations or help to raise funds to sponsor this project. This year, we are so fortunate to have funds donated from the Davis Hunger Fund as well as the TBA Men's Club. TBA would NOT be able to participate without the generous donations from these wonderful friends of TBA.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers and contractors who are willing to serve as team leaders are especially needed. As in past years, our Sukkot in April project will be jointly sponsored by Kehilla Community Synagogue. Their volunteers, led by Alex Madonik, have been fabulous, and Kehilla members Bob Kingsbook and Sally Leveille are returning as our amazing house co-captains. It's an all-star team, and we're counting on your support. Breakfast and lunch are provided. RTO provides all materials, but by all means bring your own tools, gloves, and hats. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old (that's an RTO rule). We need volunteers for food pickups and more, so there's a job for anyone who wants to help out.

PLEASE, whether you are handy or not, become involved in this extremely important and gratifying event. What a wonderful way for our TBA community to truly reach out to that right in our 'back door'. Please contact me through the Synagogue Office (510-832-0936) with any questions and to sign up as a volunteer. Thank you so much.

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