



The Kehillah Racial Equity Team, part of Kehillah Social Action, has partnered with the Orange County Bail/Bond Justice Project to help change unjust bail practices and to provide assistance to people who cannot afford to pay their bail.

Changing Practices

- Current law specifies that written promise to appear is the default instead of cash bail, and, when bail is necessary, it should be commensurate with ability to pay. This is not currently in practice.

Providing Assistance

- Creating a revolving fund for posting bail; bail is returned upon court appearance.
- Assists carefully screened defendants with a bail of \$3,000 or less, which generally covers charges involving misdemeanors and low-level felonies.

You Can Help

- Understand: [Watch videos](#); [listen](#) to an interview; [learn](#) what the Project does; [read](#) the Court Observation Program findings and recommendations.
- Volunteer: Contact Cary Keithley at cnbyrd6969@gmail.com.
- Donate: As part of a much larger community partnership, the Kehillah Racial Equity Team is working to raise \$18,000 to help assist people who cannot afford their bail. Anonymous Kehillah donors have pledged to contribute \$50 for each of the first 100 donations of \$25 or more. Make your donation today by sending a check to the Kehillah office or [online](#). Questions? Contact Lee Nackman at lee@nackman.com.