



Introduction to Panim Hadashot's Shabbat Hosting Partnership Program Jewish Community Partnerships

Panim Hadashot-New Faces joins with hosts all around Seattle to create beautiful Shabbat experiences in their homes and common spaces through our signature program, Shabbat Hosting Partnerships. We partner with hosts to promote Shabbat hospitality by sharing an authentically beautiful Sabbath experience featuring participatory Jewish song and music, stimulating conversation, and a joyful feast. This unique approach reflects our view that home and hospitality are at the center of the Jewish way of life. Panim Hadashot is organized to help Jews of all backgrounds enhance their practice of hospitality and to encourage the inclusion of new faces to share in the joy and fellowship of Shabbat.

Panim Hadashot-New Faces fashions exceptional Shabbat experiences through our Heart of Shabbat Ensemble, led by Rabbi Dov Gartenberg and Master Jazz Guitarist Ari Joshua. We delight participants through evocative music to facilitate group singing. Rabbi Gartenberg brings insights from Jewish tradition to foster engaging conversations on topics of present-day and timeless significance. And, of course, partaking of the gastronomic delights of a Sabbath meal bring people together in joy.

We welcome collaborations with Jewish organizations such as synagogues, advocacy organizations, and agencies. Because we specialize in working in more intimate home settings, we can prepare special Shabbat programs targeted at subgroups within organizations such as leadership cohorts, interest groups, or Havurot. We have found that a combination of group singing, study, and conversation on Shabbat can be a very powerful and lasting experience for participants. It is a great way to build a sense of community for key groups within an organization.

Rabbi Gartenberg has extensive community experience as a congregational rabbi, an adult education teacher, and innovator in the Seattle area since 1988.

Below are three recent examples of what we have organized with Jewish Community partners

- **Friday Evening Shabbat Tish with Congregation Eitz Or.** Leaders at the congregation wanted to offer home hospitality for members of the congregation and an experience of group singing.
- **Friday Evening Pop-Up Shabbat Service in Collaboration with the Jewish Federation.** We offered a highly accessible, participatory and musical Kabbalat Shabbat service as part of the Federation's outreach program.
- **Community led Passover Seder, UW Hillel 2016 .** The Heart of Shabbat Ensemble stimulated participatory group singing at this seder for people of very diverse backgrounds. We have been invited back in 2017 with an expanded role.

Please contact me to discuss ideas about how Panim Hadashot could help bring people together in your organization. My email is dov@panimhadashot.org or my text/phone at 206 739-9924.

Kol Tuv,

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