



How Do Shabbat Hosting Partnerships Work?

Who Can Host? We collaborate with Shabbat Hosting Partners of all backgrounds, from those who have never hosted a Shabbat gathering at their home, to practiced hosts who are looking to enhance their hospitality practice. We will go anywhere in the Seattle area to do a Shabbat Hosting Partnership. We will also work with hosts who have limited space to find a commons room to be able to host a Shabbat event.

What Panim Hadashot-New Faces Does: Panim Hadashot comes to the homes of our Hosting Partners with our Heart of Shabbat Ensemble led by Rabbi Dov Gartenberg and master jazz guitarist, Ari Joshua. The ensemble usually comprises three members, but can be expanded. The Heart of Shabbat Ensemble in collaboration with our Hosting Partners creates a joyful ambiance for group singing, vital conversation, and warm fellowship.

What Hosts Do: Hosting partners open their homes, organize the meal, and invite the guests. We encourage hosts to invite their circle of family and friends. We ask our hosts to practice Shabbat Hospitality by also leaving room for at least two or more “panim hadashot” -- new faces. Rabbi Gartenberg is happy to invite the “new faces” from our subscription list, or hosts can invite them from their own network of contacts. The main idea is that there should be a portion of the guests made up of new faces who are unfamiliar to the hosts.

What are our Recommendations about the Sabbath Meal?

1. We recommend to our hosts this easy to do vegetarian/fish **shared feast**. Here is how it works.
 - The host does not need to coordinate dishes with the invitees.
 - All guests are invited to bring two dishes to share -- an entree and a side or a dessert, enough to feed themselves and the household members of the Hosting Partner.
 - The host supplies challot, wine, and other drinks.
2. For hosts who keep a Kosher home: We will honor your practice and follow your guidelines on how guests can contribute to the meal.
3. Some hosts prefer to prepare or cater the meal themselves and others prefer to order veggie pizzas. We are fine either way. The key for us is fostering Shabbat hospitality and inspiring the joy and fellowship of that is the ideal of the 7th day.

Is There a Cost? There is no cost involved in becoming a Hosting Partner of what was indicated above. Panim Hadashot welcomes donations to support our ability to expand opportunities for Shabbat Hosting Partnerships. We only ask our hosts to give us five minutes toward the end of the event to share with the gathering about our initiatives.

It's easy to become a Shabbat Hosting Partner with Panim Hadashot-New Faces. Let us know you are interested by contacting our Convener and Director, Rabbi Dov Gartenberg at mobile/text: 206 739-9924 or by Email: dov@panimhadashot.org.