



## How 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 brings a unique musical experience that elicits group singing. Rabbi Gartenberg also is skilled storyteller and facilitator of engaging and conversations on timely subjects and inspiring Jewish teachings.

**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 an 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 7<sup>th</sup> day.

**Is There a Charge?** We do not ask for any funds to become Shabbat Hosting Partner. We want to encourage hospitality and are passionately committed to bringing people together to experience the beauty of Sabbath fellowship and celebration. Panim Hadashot does welcome voluntary donations from hosts and guests who have experienced Shabbat with us. Donations help to us to spread our reach and to initiate new efforts to bring people together through Jewish hospitality.

**How to Setup a Hosting Partnership?** It's easy to become a Shabbat Hosting Partner with Panim Hadashot-New Faces. Check out the Hosting Partner Planner to get an idea of the ways you can customize your Shabbat experience. Contact our Convener and Director, Rabbi Dov Gartenberg for questions or to sign up: mobile/text: 206 739-9924 or by Email: [dov@panimhadashot.org](mailto:dov@panimhadashot.org).