



## How Shabbat Hosting Partnerships Work

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**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 share in a Shabbat Hosting Partnership. We will also work with those interested in hosting who have limited space to find a space 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 Jewish musical and group singing experience. Rabbi Gartenberg is also a skilled storyteller and facilitator of engaging conversation 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 have found that ten or more participants creates the critical mass for group singing. 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 network, or hosts can invite them through their 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, drinks, and wine, and sets up the table or dining area.
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 respect the preferences of our hosts. The key for us is fostering Shabbat hospitality and inspiring the joy and fellowship that is the ideal of the 7<sup>th</sup> day.

**Is There a Charge?** We do not charge at all to become a 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 donations from hosts and guests who have experienced Shabbat with us. Donations help us to spread our reach and to initiate new efforts to bring people together through Jewish hospitality.

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