

How Shabbat Hospitality Partnerships Work

Who Can Host? We team up with Shabbat Hospitality 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 work with hosts who are Reform, Conservative, Renewal, Secular, as well as people who don't belong to any Jewish movement. We will go anywhere in the Seattle area to collaborate with a Shabbat Hospitality Partner.

What Panim Hadashot-New Faces Does: Panim Hadashot comes to the homes or community rooms of our Hospitality Partners with our **Heart of Shabbat Ensemble** led by Rabbi Dov Gartenberg and master jazz guitarist, Ari Joshua. We often have one or more musicians joining us. We bring to you an experience of Sabbath joy with an evening of Jewish music, singing, storytelling, and conversation.

What Hosts Do: Hospitality partners invite guests and organize the meal. We encourage hosts to invite their circle of family and friends. We recommend that you invite at least ten to twenty guests. A larger group makes it easier to sing and participate in the experience. We ask our hosts to leave room for at least two or more "panim hadashot" -- new faces. These might be people you don't know too well, who you believe may enjoy the experience. The main idea is that there should be a portion of the guests made up of new faces who are not in your family or friendship circle.

Can Hosts Request Preferences From the Heart of Shabbat Ensemble? Absolutely. Rabbi Dov Gartenberg will discuss with each host musical options and conversation topics. We personalize every Shabbat Hospitality Partnership gathering.

What are our Recommendations about the Sabbath Meal?

We want to make the meal as easy for hosts. We do not require that our hosts keep a kosher home. Here are our recommendations.

1. Do an easy-to-do vegetarian/fish potluck. We call it a **Shabbatluck**.
 - o The host does not need to coordinate dishes with the invitees.
 - o 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.
 - o The host supplies challot, drinks, and wine, and sets up the table or dining area.
 - o If you are a techie, we have an excellent app called "Thing to Bring" that makes doing a Shabbatluck really easy.
2. Some hosts prefer to prepare or hire a caterer; others prefer to order in 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 7th day.
3. For hosts who keep a Kosher home: We will honor your practice and follow your guidelines on how to organize the meal.

Is There a Charge? We do not charge our Shabbat Hospitality Partners. 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 online donations at www.panimhadashot.org 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 Shabbat hospitality.

How to Request a Shabbat Hospitality Partnership: It's easy to become a Shabbat Hospitality Partner with Panim Hadashot-New Faces. Print out the Sign Up/Planning form on the website and send it to the contacts below. Or contact our Convener and Director, Rabbi Dov Gartenberg either by phone -- 206 257-1996 (mobile/text) -- or by email: dov@panimhadashot.org.