



## Shabbat Sha-Home Frequently Asked Questions

### *“I volunteered to be a host. What is the commitment?”*

Invite your assigned guests to celebrate Shabbat with you on your choice of one or more of the CBI Shabbat Sha-Home weekends in January, March, May, July, or August.

### *“How many quests will I be assigned?”*

You decide. Curate your guest list—let us know who you’ll be inviting and how many spots you have open for new friends. We’ll send you the names of current or prospective CBI members who live near you or are close in age.

### *“May I change my assigned guest list?”*

Absolutely—email [shabbatshahome@gmail.com](mailto:shabbatshahome@gmail.com) to make requests or changes. Sooner is better than later.

### *“Do my quests know that I will be contacting them?”*

They’re aware that they’ll be invited to share a Shabbat celebration, but won’t necessarily know that you will be their host. Or there may be instances where a guest has specifically requested you to be his or her host.

### *“How many attempts must I make to try to get in touch with my quests?”*

One email followed by one phone call, if necessary, constitutes a reasonable effort.

### *“Must the meal be kosher?”*

As conservative Jews, our observance of *kashrut* may vary. Inquire about and try to accommodate the dietary preferences of your guests. Many hosts have found that a fish or vegetarian meal works well. Feel free to ask your guests to bring a dish to share.

### *“Is there a right way to do this?”*

Share your own unique way of celebrating Shabbat. Use the CBI website resources as a guide, but do your own thing and have fun!

### **A few good ideas from previous hosts:**

- Host a Shabbat dinner, a lunch, or *Havdalah* celebration.
- Co-host one or two meals with a friend.
- Organize a potluck meal at a park.
- Encourage discussion by preparing questions/topics to which your guests may respond.

**After your gathering, please follow up with us to share your experience and suggestions!**