

HOSTING GUESTS (HACHNASAT ORCHIM)

To Whom To Give Food and Lodging

We are commanded to give food and accommodation (*hachnasat orchim*) to people who do not have food to eat or a place to sleep. This applies to any day, not just to Shabbat and Jewish festivals.

Inviting Friends for Meals

Inviting friends to your house for meals, even on Shabbat and Jewish festivals, is not hachnasat orchim-- unless the friends do not have food or a place to sleep. But inviting friends for meals may qualify as other mitzvot.

Accompanying a Guest

You should walk a guest to the door or even along his/her way when he/she leaves your home. This is an act of kindness (chesed).