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)*.

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