

The Gift of Shabbat

A Congregation-wide
Shabbat Dinner at
a Home Near You



Friday, January 11, 2019

Over the High Holidays, Rabbi Cooper introduced* the “Gift of Shabbat” Program – our congregation’s way to invite everyone to a Shabbat Dinner!

The program is simple: We would like every member/family to take part in the “Gift of Shabbat” either by hosting a Shabbat dinner for others or by attending as a guest at the home of one of our members. The dinners will highlight the table rituals we have studied in classes this fall, such as *Kiddush*, *motzi* and other traditions.

This is a wonderful way to enjoy Shabbat and to meet others in our congregation. We will try to match individuals and families of similar ages and life stage. Also, our hosts will serve meals created by using only kosher meats and kosher ingredients, even though their home may not be kosher. For guests who prefer to eat in a kosher home, we can accommodate that requirement.

There is an underlying goal to this program: To connect our families to one another while strengthening our synagogue community. With a Shabbat meal, we can bring together new and old friends, those with family or not, all while seated around a welcoming table and eating delicious food.

Please RSVP by December 15

Fill out the form on the back of this sheet and return it to the synagogue. Then, please save January 11 for a special Shabbat experience for us all!

*You can find Rabbi Cooper’s sermon “The Re-Gift of Torah” delivered on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah at www.TBHBE.org under “Who We Are.” Look for Rabbi Cooper’s name under “Clergy and Senior Staff.”

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Return this form to the synagogue office
by December 15.

Your Name (If your family plans to attend, list all those attending with children's ages)

Your Address _____

Your Email _____

Your Phone _____ Is this a mobile phone? _____(yes/no)

1. I would like to participate in the Gift of Shabbat dinner as (choose one):

_____ A host for Shabbat dinner at my home. (Answer question #2, skip #3)

_____ As a guest for Shabbat dinner. (Answer question #3, skip #2)

_____ As EITHER a host or a guest. (Answer questions #2 and #3)

_____ I will make my own arrangements as a host or a guest (circle one).

_____ I would like be a host or guest (circle one), but I'm not available on January 11

2. As a host:

I can accommodate _____ (#) of people.

I would like to invite a family with kids aged _____.

My home is kosher _____(yes/no)

My home is not kosher but, I am willing to make a Shabbat dinner using only kosher ingredients (and without mixing dairy and meat products) _____(yes/no)

I could use some help/advice in order to host the meal. _____(yes/no)

3. As a guest:

I am attending as a/an (circle one): Individual or Family

If you are attending as a family, please list the number of family members: _____

I would request to be hosted in a kosher home _____(yes/no)

I would like to attend at a home that's within walking distance of the synagogue. _____(yes/no)

Return the form via email to Georgeanne in the synagogue office (gelliott@fbhbe.org), by fax (610-649-0948) or by mail (1001 Remington Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096). We will contact each individual/family regarding who will be their host or their guest(s) and to confirm the details of the evening. **Questions?** Contact Amy Eisen at 610-348-3114 or am.we.ei26@gmail.com