

# 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).