

## Recurring Shabbat with Friends Gatherings



### First Fridays Shabbat with Friends Gatherings

Every First Friday, Shabbat with Friends offers a Shabbos gathering. We gather in the home of aSWF hosts in Albuquerque or Santa Fe. Our First Friday gatherings feature a festive Shabbat meal, often organized as a potluck. Our meals includes wine, challahs, and other Shabbat favorites. We highlight the Shabbat rituals of Friday nights and provide everyone with a “Bentsher” (a book of blessings) so we can sing together and enjoy the beautiful blessings and traditions of sharing a home Shabbat.

Our gatherings on the first Fridays often offer musical and participatory singing experience with our “Oneg Shabbos Ensemble”. This ensemble of musicians and singers shares beautiful Shabbat and Jewish music from around the world. After each First Friday gathering we send an email with links to the songs so you can choose songs you want to learn and share with your friends.

Our gatherings are always free and open to the community. Usually there are between 15 and 30 persons who preregister to attend. All our musical Shabbat gatherings are kinder-friendly, informal, and a great way to connect to old friends and new faces. Because of limited space, please RSVP early to guarantee a place at the table. If you are interested in becoming a SWF host, please contact our Convener, Rabbi Dov Gartenberg using the contacts below. Below are first Friday dates in the first half of 2023. Locations and preregistration can be found at this link. <https://www.shabbatwithfriends.org/calendar.html>.

- January 6, 2023 First Shabbat with Friends Gathering in Santa Fe.
- February 3, 2023
- March 3, 2023
- April March 31, 2023
- May 5, 2023
- June 2, 2023
- August 4, 2023

## Second Saturdays Shabbat with Friends Gatherings

While traditionally the main event on the Sabbath day is the synagogue morning service, the rest of the day is a time of home hospitality, feasts, Torah study, group singing, rest, play, and ushering out the Sabbath with song and story. Shabbat with Friends NM preserves and restores many of these beautiful practices in the Jewish community of New Mexico through Second Saturday Shabbat with Friends Gatherings.

Our Shabbat day gatherings vary in content and timing. In the winter months we host 3<sup>rd</sup> Shabbat Meal (Seudah Shlishit) with a musical Havdallah with our Oneg Shabbos Ensemble. During the summer months we hold Shabbat Lunch and Learn programs that can include Torah study, topical discussions, and family and childrens' programs. We pair up with hosts in ABQ and Santa Fe for these gatherings.

Whenever we gather on Shabbat, SWF organizes with our hosts a Shabbat feast and unique joyful, engaging, and relaxing activities that make Shabbat a special time.

2023 Second Saturday Shabbat with Friends Gatherings.

- January 14, 2023, 5-7pm Havdallah and Kumsitz, Family Gathering at the Home of Rick and Karen Hammer
- February 11, 2023, 5-7pm Havdallah and Kumsitz, Social Shabbat
- March 11, 2023, 5-7, Havdallah,
- April 8, 2023, 12:30-2:00pm. Social Shabbat
- May 13, 2023 12:30-2pm Torah Study Shabbat
- June 10, 2023, 12:30-2pm Social Shabbat
- August 12, 2023 12:30-2pm Torah Study Shabbat



### Shabbat with Friends New Mexico

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