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SHALVA House Parties FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

What role do house parties play for SHALVA?

- House parties are a great way to introduce SHALVA to your network of personal contacts and to help inform the community about SHALVA's services.
- House parties provide opportunities for your friends to learn about domestic abuse and consider becoming part of this grass roots effort.
- House parties give SHALVA board members a chance to connect with a wide variety of people from the Chicago community. We want to learn what people think of the work we're doing and encourage others to become more knowledgeable.

I don't really know that much about SHALVA...Am I the right person to host a house party?

You're exactly the type of person who should host a house party. SHALVA is looking for people who feel passionate about healthy Jewish relationships. As an organization that is growing, you can have a role in making our community a better place by helping us "spread the word."

What is a house party like?

There is no fundraising. The program portion of SHALVA's house party lasts about 45 minutes. The topic of the program is decided prior to the event by the hostess and SHALVA's speaker. Along with discussing the topic, the staff member will talk about SHALVA as an agency and how people can become actively involved.

What is my role as a house party host?

As a house party host, you are expected to:

- **Create a list** of friends, family, and neighbors to invite. You'll need to invite three to four times the number of guests you want to attend. To get 25 guests at your party, invite 75-100 people. The list needs to be sent to
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- SHALVA and needs to include guest names, addresses and phone numbers as well as e-mail addresses.
- **Provide light refreshments.** Please provide light desserts and beverages for your event.
- **Choose a location** for the event (i.e., at your home, a friend's home, your office, etc.)
- **Invitations are sent out** from SHALVA's office. This way SHALVA can keep track of the R.S.V.P.'s

*Even though people are asked to R.S.V.P. to the office, be aware that many of your friends will R.S.V.P. to you. So please, keep track of those people so we can keep a running total list between the office and you.

- **Follow-up phone calls – the most important step!**

To ensure a good turnout, we encourage you to make follow-up phone calls before your party. Your guests may have lost the invitation (this is especially true if you have sent e-mail invitations), or they may have forgotten to write the date in their calendars. The key to a successful party is good planning and good follow through. Don't underestimate the need to confirm your attendees, even if they re good friends.

- **How much do I need to spend on this?**

Hosting a party doesn't need to cost you much except for light refreshments.

- **Do I have to ask my guest for money?**

No. This is an outreach and education event. If someone wishes to make a donation this is their choice. We do NOT solicit at this event.