

Teen Benefit Committee Wish List

The Teen Benefit Committee, made up of 25 high school students from Temple Emanu-El, plans an annual fundraising benefit, with desserts and dancing for high school students, for American Jewish World Service each spring. The teens are involved in all aspects of the event – choosing the venue, soliciting donations and selling tickets. Throughout the process, they learn about fundraising, budgeting, event planning and *tzedakah*.

Over the last four years, the teens have raised \$80,000 for AJWS.

The Fifth Annual AJWS Teen Benefit will be on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Metropolitan Pavilion. Money raised will go towards AJWS' efforts to relieve world hunger.

Some of the fundraising comes from the raffle. In addition to being sold at the event, raffle tickets are sold online at www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com, at the Emanu-El Purim Carnival, and for a week during Religious School dismissal. Winners do not need to be present at the event.

The committee is still looking for additional in-kind donations for both the raffle and for their event in general. Their wish list includes the following.

For the Event

Desserts (Cupcakes, cookies, brownies, cake pops, etc) Photo Booth or other fun vendors Photographer

For Gift Bags

150 of any small item. Past items have included make up, lotion, mints, candy, etc.

Raffle Prizes

Trips Sneak Peaks Behind-the-Scenes/Extraordinary Opportunities Internships Sport tickets Theater tickets Restaurant gift cards Salon gift cards Jewelry/Accessories Clothing/Handbags

If anyone is interested in making an in-kind donation or has any other questions, they can contact Missy Bell, Program Director of Youth Learning and Engagement, mbell@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.

Donors will be recognized! Companies that donate will be recognized by having their logo featured on the benefit website and on the step-and-repeat (the backdrop where the teens take photos). Individual congregants who donate can be listed (if they wish) in our article about the benefit that will be in the June Bulletin.