

The Role of the Social Action Vice President

Ani V'atah N'Shaneh et HaOlam, You and I Will Change the World - You and I, individually and together, we have the ability to change our world. Not only do we have the ability, but we also have the obligation to mend our world and pass that tradition on to our children.

Social Action is one of the most far-reaching aspects of TYG activities as it affects not only us but the world around us. Social Action is the responsibility all of us have as TYG members, as Jews but most of all as concerned citizens of the Earth, to make our world better. This is accomplished through education. Through education we can better understand our role as citizens of the Earth and, based upon that knowledge, take action on our beliefs. This is the meaning of Social Action. It is up to you to help others understand this meaning.

INFORM OTHERS

- Keep our members aware
- Raise the social conscience of our group
- Keep issues relevant and the information up to date
- Make sure the issues are presented so everyone can relate
- Make sure all Social Action programs run smoothly
 - Make sure all information is clear and presented well
 - Meet with all group leaders and make sure they understand their job (this will keep participants interested)

GET EVERYONE INVOLVED

- Social Action is for EVERYONE!!!! (don't forget it!)
- Everyone has to do their part
- Make sure that less active participants aren't intimidated by more active members
- Everyone should feel like they belong
- Not everyone has to join Amnesty International or participate in the AIDS Walk to be involved in Social Action
- Not everyone is anxious to do their part - it can be difficult to get others involved
- Approach everyone differently
 - Use food
 - Downplay educational aspects
 - Emphasize fun!
- Get everyone involved ANY WAY YOU CAN!
- People will want to do more once they see how important it is to help out

KEEP TYG MEMBERS ACTIVE

- Always be planning or doing something!
- At every board meeting bring up social action
- Mix social action with social events to help get more people involved
- Include social action at every event
 - Bring cans of food
 - Write letters to congress about important issues
 - Raise money for tzedakah
- Keep a Social Action Bulletin Board in the Youth Lounge listing things we can all do to stay involved

REMEMBER the goal is to combine education (limud) with action (peulah) when programming for Social Action.

Limud - education is a vital part of Social Action and should be the first part of any Social Action program. Through education, people are able to make responsible decisions as to how they want their world to be.

Peulah - education does not count for much unless it leads to action. Only through action can change occur. After being educated, people must be motivated to take action.

Without action, all efforts to educate are worthless. Action should be the second part and the ultimate goal of any social action program.

STAY AWARE

Always be looking for information

YOU need to know what is going on in **YOUR** world

Read the newspaper and watch the news