

Instructions to raffle prize winners

1. All 50 prize winners will be notified by telephone within three days of the raffle draw – by Wed June 4th.
2. Prize winners will have 48 hours to choose what they would like from the prize list. Email us a list of your 5 favorite choices, *in order of preference*. Give the name of the prize, not just the number, as those change as prizes are removed from the list. Our email is 14friendsofpalestine@gmail.com. Have fun choosing!
3. Prize winners lower on the list should send a list of about 8 – 10 choices; that should be enough, as people have different tastes.
4. **Prize winners who fail to get back to us within 48 hours of our telephone call lose their priority**, although they will, of course, still receive a prize.
5. Prize winners who have not contacted us after 10 days, by Wednesday June 11th, will have a prize chosen for them. As we don't know some of you, this could be very tricky!
6. Light weight prizes such as gift certificates will be mailed to the winners on Thursday June 12th. Heavy items need to be collected. Most are in San Rafael. The less money we spend on postage, the more goes to helping the Palestinians.
7. Items from the prize list not chosen by the 50 prize winners will be auctioned off in June/July to make some more money for Palestine. Watch this website for details. You are invited to bid on all those other prizes you were interested in.

Frequently asked questions:

1. “Why don't you wait for each prize winner to choose what they want before moving on to the next winner?” Answer: because some prize winners take a week or more to make up their mind. If all 50 prize winners took a week to get back to us, the 50th prize winner would be choosing their prize in May 2009 – when many of the gift certificates will have expired!
2. “Why don't you call me back when it is my turn to choose?” Answer: because some prize winners have had to be called 4 times. If every prize winner needed 4 calls to choose a prize, it would mean 200 telephone calls for us to make! It is MUCH more efficient to allocate prizes by studying the choices sent us via 50 emails. Each prize winner will get their highest choice still available from their list when their turn comes.
3. “What about prize winners without computers?” Answer: of course, we deal with them by telephone. But people without computers would not be reading this.
4. “What if all the prizes we select have gone to others?” Answer: If some prize winners have had all their choices taken by somebody else by the time it is their turn, we will get back to them for a further list. This is very rare though.
5. “Why don't you phone everyone at once, and whoever gets back to you first wins the main prize?” Answer: Not only would this be grossly unfair, but it would also be illegal. Raffles have to be registered under the State Attorney, and follow very strict rules. Also, how exactly would we telephone 50 people simultaneously?”