



ALEPH ALEX FINKELSTEIN

Aspiring to be your 21st Grand Aleph Moreh



QUALIFICATIONS

DREIDEL AZA #2525 (6-month terms):

Godol (two terms):

- Raised membership from 28 to 43
- Created a chapter culture revolving around empowerment
- Led successful board trainings

S'gan:

- Began using niche programming to attract certain members
- Built consistency within the chapter (event with programming every week)

Moreh:

- Raised membership from 8 to 22
- Worked with local Temples and other community organization to increase community awareness of AZA

CENTRAL REGION WEST #45 (1-year terms):

Regional Aleph Godol:

- Empowered more Alephs to take on leadership roles
- Unified a body of chapter counterparts in cooperative progress
- Executed counterpart trainings
- Built a beneficial partnership between Alephs and BBGs
- Encouraged Alephs to embrace their Judaic identity in new ways

Fraternity/Unity Chair:

- Worked directly with chapter S'ganim to create fraternity "programming"
- Fostered a sense of unity between Alephs and BBGs

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF AZA:

(1-year terms)

Stand Up! For Each Other:

- Co-founded SUFEO, the international initiative focused on inclusion of everyone
- Released resources and programming to the International body about SUFEO
- Passed a motion officially recognizing SUFEO as an international campaign at February Execs 2011

Speak Up! Chair:

- Worked with Regional Shlichim to institute Speak Up! campaigns in their regions
- Continuously lobby my local congressperson on issues concerning Israel

Programs Attended:

- Chapter Leadership Training Conference – 2010
- February Executives Conference – 2011, 2012
- August Executives Conference – 2011
- International Convention – 2011, 2012
- AIPAC High School Summit – 2010
- AIPAC Saban Winter Conference – 2011

BEYOND AZA:

- Belonging Without Believing: Engaging Secular Jewish Culture, Lehraus Judaica Conference
- Institute for Modern Judaism's Jewish Teen Leadership Seminar
- Volunteer at The Friendship Circle
- Five Semester Honor Roll
- Tennis Team Captain

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- CLTC chapter board member
- Tree of Life Recruitment Award
- Henry Monsky Chapter Excellence Award (as chapter S'gan and Godol)
- Silver Shield of David
- CRW AZA Fraternity Award

- Partnered CRW BBYO with Abraham's Vision, a program on the development of Jewish-Muslim relationships
- Spoke to IC 2011's convention body on SUFEO
- Planned and executed a program at International Execs 2011



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GOALS, PLANS, INITIATIVES



BUILD AN EFFECTIVE MOREH NETWORK: Our Order can further flourish when it is built upon a network where regional Morim can exchange info and best practices. Matching similar regions in related focus groups can let us bypass the bureaucracy and get right to the solutions.

FORTIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AZA AND BBYO CONNECT: Creating universal programs that regional BBYO Connect Task Forces, whether already in place or yet to be created, can implement is important to its success. Also, laying the groundwork for a Summer Experience for Connect members transitioning to AZA is vital to cementing their role as a part of our international movement.

CREATE VALUABLE RESOURCES: Rather than creating esoteric resources solely for the Morim of the Order, releases and materials will be available to every Aleph in the Order. These resources will contain pertinent information and techniques that can be used in strengthening chapters and regions, for example: AZA history and traditions, ways to attract new members through the appeal of Judaism, how to engage parents, and more.

INVIGORATE CLTC: The process of coordinating a CLTC will include more in-depth trainings than in years past on how to best lead productive sessions with attendees. The CLTC staff and coordinators, beginning this summer, will work to create tangible goals with each attendee. Through successful follow-up with each attendee on these goals, we can maintain the maximum number of Alephs continuing their dedication to AZA.

DISPEL THE DICHOTOMY BETWEEN TRADITIONS AND PROGRESS: The Order's history and traditions are important tools that we can use to learn from; we can derive successful strategies from tales of Alephs past. Creating an in depth traditions packet will bring prosperity. By instilling a sense of traditional values, we will be able to see greater growth than ever.

The role of the Aleph is to practice what we all believe in. All of us have lived under the auspices of the Aleph Zadik Aleph; each chapter grows and thrives because of the strong values that have been instilled in every Aleph.

This is the year must be the year where we restore the meaning of the esteemed title of Aleph. This is the year that the movement will be lead by the individual Aleph working to better his own chapter. This is the year that the Aleph Zadik Aleph spreads its principles and program to places it has never been before. It is our turn to continue the dream that has brought 87 years of progress.

I have embraced my Alephhood – by building a connection with a brother Aleph; by teaching an Aleph the words to Up You Men; by instituting a belief that Judaism should be embraced. I am eager to pursue the ingraining of the principles that the Aleph Zadik Aleph instills in young Jewish men. I am eager to continue to execute Beber's dream. I am eager to pursue furthering the fruition and longevity of the Jewish people.

Fraternally submitted with an undying love for the values that were instilled in me and every person here by the Aleph Zadik Aleph, I remain,



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