



Aleph Benjamin Fages



Caucusing for the High and Honorable Position of Serving as your 24th
Grand Aleph Shaliach

Real-World Experience for Real-World Solutions – Building the Jewish Community for Tomorrow and Today

A powerful commitment to strong leadership, teamwork, and experiences with impact.

- **BBYO International D'var Torah Chair**
 - Published Weekly *Divrei Torah* to AZA & BBG members across the world.
- **Founder and Member of Coalition of Jewish Teens**
 - Setting the foundation for tomorrow's Jewish world through
- **School President**
- **School Valedictorian**
- **School Treasurer**
- Student Council Grade Representative (3 years)
- **School Shabbaton Madrich (Coordinator)**
- School Athlete of the Year
- Athletic Council Member
- Cancer Awareness Week Chair
- Student Peer Mentor
- Summer Camp Leadership Award

A proven commitment to inclusion and tolerance – a high importance place on unity throughout the Jewish world and support of our eternal homeland, Israel.

- **Creator of school course "Arab-Israeli Conflict"**
- **Founder and Chair of school Israel Advocacy Committee**
- **Founder and Chair of school "Teens for Tolerance" Club**
- **AIPAC High School Summit Participant**

An undying love for our Order and the movement it's built, and a passion for a socially responsible Jewish future.

- **ILTC 2011**
- **International Kallah 2011**
- **Coalition of Jewish Teens Inaugural Conference**
- **AIPAC High School Summit 2011**
- **PANIM – Human Rights and Genocide Summit**
- **PANIM – One For All: Equality Summit**
- **Lake Ontario Region Tournies Convention 2011**
- **International February Executives Conference 2012**
- **International Convention 2012**
- **AIPAC Policy Conference 2012**

Knowledge, experience, and a Jewish foundation rooted in responsibility – all gleaned and gathered from rich Jewish experiences.

- **14 Years of Jewish Day School education**
- **10 years of Zionist and Jewish summer camps**
- **Six Shabbatons Celebrated with my community**
- **Attended School Leadership Shabbaton**
- **March of the Living**
- **Two Israel Tours**

Make Speak UP efforts relevant, exciting and inspiring to teens

- Daily, weekly and monthly updates on current domestic political issues, international political topics, cultural newsmakers, and international achievements.
- Create and distribute resources on how to learn more about Israel and the nation's most pressing affairs and how to teach about modern day Israel to chapters.
- Leverage AIPAC and the Israel Project to ascertain accurate information as well as high-caliber education programs to inform teens on the pressing issues facing Israel and how to respond.
- Create a higher standard of education on world current events, their effect on Israel and how we can support Israel in these matters.

More engaging and interactive International, Regional and Chapter Judaic Education

- Resources on how to create a D'var Torah, teach the D'var Torah and plan activities about the weekly Parasha.
- More interactive and engaging D'var Torahs. More organized and exciting medium to distribute and share the weekly international D'var Torah.
- Cohesive planning and program idea sharing by Shaliach counterparts to create superior religious, holiday and history related programs.

Further Stand UP's outreach and build it as a globally influential and recognized brand

- Have PANIM education seminars more accessible to all teens.
- Improve on and create more organized online resources, sharing spaces and tools to promote Stand UP's message and initiatives.
- Set objectives for Stand UP that create more tangible results throughout the BBYO order and Jewish community.
- Promote community initiatives like the Bully Project and utilize available mediums to spread the message that BBYO is an inclusive organization to all Jewish teens regardless of background, denominational affiliation, sexual orientation and socio-economic status.
- Continue generating awareness on pressing social issues by creating strong Stand UP programming and providing easy actions steps for teens to carry out.

Strive for excellence in all facets of BBYO life and activity

- Weekly communication with counterparts to ensure constant growth and high quality results.
- Responsibility for actions, decisions and plans relating to community service, social action and Judaic programming. An update on the status of current initiatives, successes and future plans to be featured in a monthly progress report.
- A policy of availability to advise and assist all teens on all matters.
- Establish a stronger and better structured social media presence for Stand UP, Speak UP, D'var Torah and J-Serve.

Solidify BBYO's presence as a prominent change agent in the international Jewish community

- Utilize CJT to promote BBYO initiatives and to create unity within the Jewish community.
- Promote BBYO's brands and further our aspirations.
- Apply BBYO's reputation, strength in numbers and efforts to influence government and community decisions to support Israel and Jewish values.

Fraternally Submitted, *Benji Fages*