

ALEPH MICHAEL JOHN MONTELEONE

FOR THE HIGH AND HONORABLE POSITION OF
The 87th REGIONAL ALEPH GODOL
Of Michigan Region

For the 2011-2012 Programming Year
POSITIONS HELD/COMMITTEES SERVED



Dedicated Aleph
Michigan Delegate
Fall Conclave Coordinator
ETC committee
Young Leadership Conclave 1 committee
Commissioner of AZAA Flag Football
TSD committee
AIT program committee
Aleph In Training (AIT) Godol
Aleph S'gan
Fall Bitkker coordinator

Aleph Zadik Aleph 2008-Life
Aleph Zadik Aleph 2011
Michigan Region 2010
Michigan Region 2009
Michigan Region 2009
Michigan Region 2010
CLTC 2 2009
ILTC 2010
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2008-2009
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2009-2010
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2009

Chapter S'gan of the year
Unsung Aleph

Awards Received in BBYO

Michigan Region 2010
Michigan Region 2010

EVENTS ATTENDED

Fall Conclave
Election Training Conclave
Open Mic Night
Regional Convention
Young Leadership Conclave 1
Council Meetings
Regional Installations
Membership Kickoff Day
Fashion Unleashed
AZAA Flag Football League
Regional Hypnotist program
Mr. AZA
ROYAL MASQUERADE BALL
Chapter Functions
Chapter Meetings
Chapter executive board meetings
Fall Bitkker
Spring Bitkker
Chapter Installations
CLTC 2
International Convention
ILTC
ILSI

Michigan Region 2008,2009, 2010
Michigan Region 2008,2009,2011
Michigan Region 2009
Michigan Region 2008,2009, 2010
Michigan Region 2009
Michigan Region 2008-2011
Michigan Region 2009
Michigan Region 2008-2011
Michigan Region 2009
Michigan Region 2009, 2010, 2011
Savage BBG #309 2009
Ahavah BBG # 293 2010
Ruach BBG #83 2011
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2008-2011
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2008-2011
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2009-2010
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2008, 2009, 2010
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2009,2010, 2011
Evan Shapiro AZA #313 2008-2010
Aleph Zadik Aleph 2009
Aleph Zadik Aleph 2010,2011
Aleph Zadik Aleph 2010
Aleph Zadik Aleph 2011*

*Denotes will be attended

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking."

William B. Sprague

"No nation which expects to be the leader of other nations can expect to stay behind in the race for space."

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Officers Responsibilities

Aleph Godol

Communication

The key responsibility for Godol is to make sure the Regional Board and the Chapters are knowledgeable of what the region is doing and to make sure everyone is communicating accordingly. The Godol is like the spider web; connecting the entire region into one web. To ensure complete communication, it must be done on three levels.

Chapters

I will talk to each chapter Godol at least once a week, to ensure that they are staying active in all aspects of programming and membership. One of my top goals to accomplish on a region to chapter level is to attend each chapters meeting at least three times. Doing this action will keep me informed of what is happening within the chapter, and to inform the chapter what's happening in the region. Before the summer begins I will sit down with each chapter Godol to listen to his goals and organize a plan for the next programming year, then have the same meeting again once summer is over to make sure we are still on the same page.

Regional Board

I promise to talk to each regional board member on a daily basis. In doing that I will make sure they are staying on top of their job. Keeping strong bonds on the executive level is important, so for that reason I believe we should have executive board sleepovers at least 3 times during the programming year. Once a week I would like to hold a conference call so the entire regional board will be connected and aware of what is going on, because after all communication is key.

International level

Keeping an international relationship with other regions is extremely important. The international order can teach us a lot on how to improve our programming themes and ideas. The key way to communicate better with the order is to converse with the regions that borders us. There is absolutely nothing separating us from sharing our programming techniques with other regions and them doing the same with us. After building strong relationships with the regions around us, we can start having Mid-West chapter programming and further down the road we could have regional programs with them. Who wouldn't want to go to cedar point with Ohio Northern Region or spend a weekend in Chicago with Great Midwest Region? I know I would.

Organization

In order for the region to operate accordingly organization is essential. Before the beginning of this programming year I will make a binder for my position and every other position on the regional board. This will get the organization aspect on a great starting point. During every meeting or phone call I have with my counterparts and executive board, I will take notes on what we discussed. After the week is through, I will type the notes on my laptop and organize them accordingly. By doing this I will ensure accuracy of communication is fulfilled.

Keeping BBYO strong

Inspiration is the reason BBYO was formed and is still standing after 87 strong years. In 1924, Sam Beber had a plan for BBYO, his plan was to take a small youth group organization in Omaha and expand it. He expanded to Kansas City where he decided to expand even further, to make this organization into a movement, and what triggered that? Inspiration! I want every Aleph to feel that inspiration Sam Beber felt. The knowledge and history of BBYO is important and in order to keep this flame burning for another 87 years powerful years, we need to teach the AIT the true meaning of BBYO.

Another key element of keeping BBYO strong is by having monthly council meetings. I understand we have had a low attendance this year at council meetings. But, I feel a big reason this happened was because it was not properly advertised throughout the region. If elected I will sent out mass phone calls on both the week and day before to ensure the region is aware of the council meeting.

"If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it."

Jesse Jackson

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations"

Charles R. Swindoll

Aleph S'gan

- Communicate with their counterparts on a weekly level.
- Promote and guide the chapter S'ganim to transform the ordinary program into something special.
- Have monthly meetings with their counterparts, to stress the ideas of having quality programming with a variety of different chapters.
- Communicate with other regional S'ganim, to get other ideas for Midwest regional programming.
- Facilitate more inter-regional programming to solidify our orders sense of community.
- Help with the organization process of the Region.
- Promote to chapters to have regional sponsored programs.
- Before the summer begins the S'gan and I will sit down with each chapter S'gan to establish programming ideas that will expand their chapter's events, have the same meeting again once summer is over.

Aleph Moreh

- Create a regional recruitment campaign, and promote it around the community through Facebook and newspapers.
- Communicate to their counterparts on a weekly basis.
- Encourage chapters to let the AITs plan programs and events.
- Have several AIT regional programs to educate the AITs. Include one about the history of BBYO and its traditions, one about the AIT board, one about advertising BBYO.
- Organize a Regional AIT board once the second half of the programming year has started. This will give leadership ideas and opportunities to the young members. Plus, they will get first hand on how the regional board operates.
- Encourage young members to take an active part in position and committees for conventions and conclaves.
- Before the summer begins the Moreh and I will sit down with each chapter Moreh to set ideas on how to get new members, and teach them how to promote the idea of BBYO to their, have the same meeting again once summer is over.

Aleph Shaliach

- Plan entertaining and enlightening programs about our Jewish heritage.
- During each major Jewish holiday have a regional program that represents the festival. Ex: for Purim play Clue and the region must find out who is Haman.
- Communicate weekly with the fellow chapter Shlichim to ensure success.

- Work with the Gizbor to execute the regional Stand Up campaign.
- Discover community service projects around the Metro-Detroit area for our chapters to get involved with.

- Increase our participation with J-Serve.

Aleph Gizbor

- Discover great regional fundraisers through communicating to our region and other regions, which will add to our regions success.
- Communicate with the chapter Gizborim weekly and once a month have a conference call or a meeting to catch up on what the chapters are doing.
- Work with the Shaliach to execute the regional Stand Up campaign.
- Work the Regional S'gan to plan regional fundraising events like a Golf or Poker tournament, that would benefit our Stand Up cause and our region as a whole.

Aleph Mazkir

- Ensure the main purpose of Mazkir is promoting summer programs.
- Organize two or more regional programs that encourage members to attend summer programs.
- Bring a laptop to every meeting, to guarantee the notes are organized and accurate.
- Encourage chapter Mazkirim to promote summer programs within their chapters.
- Work with the chapter Mazkirim to produce detailed and organized minutes that could be grouped up into notebook for the region could see. This could create a better network within the region.
- Have the Regional Mazkir meet with his counterparts at least 2 to 3 times in the programming year to ensure success.

Aleph Sopher

- Keep the regional website running and update it quite frequently.
- Communicate with the Jewish News in order to write columns about our conventions and to update the Jewish community on what we are doing.
- Have a meeting a month before RC to educate chapter Sopherim on what's expected in their newspaper.
- Work with the Chapter Sopherim to make a project for the second half of the year. Ex: Video or a scrapbook for the seniors.

Coordinators

- Catch up with him a several times a week to make sure they are on task with the event.
- Discuss their layouts of the convention/conclave to ensure success.

TOP Goals

Chapter Programming

My top priority this year is not just to increase the number of programs the chapters have each month, but to increase the productivity and creativity it takes in order to make the programs. I want the chapter programming to be inspiring, something that you will remember forever, quality. I understand that sometimes chapters just want to go bowling or go-carting, and that's fine, but for every program chapters plan like that, there needs to be another program that has the 4 or 5 folds. Remember just because a program has multiple folds, does not mean it is boring. In fact they can be even better by adding more dimensions. All you have to do is add creativity into the programs and you are off to a great entertaining and successful event.

Unifying our Fraternity

Fraternity is the inspiration that keeps BBYO running. It is fraternity that bonds each and every single AZA together. In order for that fraternity to grow I will work tirelessly with each chapter Godol and Moreh to make sure they teach their AITs the meaning of AZA. Each chapter should have several AIT sleepovers where they learn our traditions. Also, they should have the AITs run numerous amounts of AIT and chapter programs, so they will learn how to use the 5 folds and seven cardinal principles properly. It's my ultimate goal for every AIT in Michigan Region to fully know and understand when all of us chant UP YOU MEN!

Increasing International Involvement

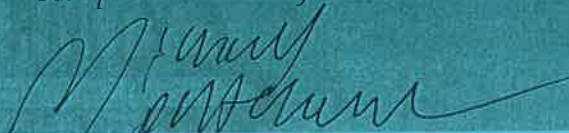
It's time Michigan Region starts communicating with other regions. We need to expand our ideas and encourage new types of techniques of programming. By communicating with other regions, we will gain new insight, which will allow us to create dynamic chapter and regional programs. I know connecting to the international order is the answer. Lets make contact with the regions that surrounds us. By communicating with them we can start teaching each other different methods of programming and eventually we could have Mid-West programming. Because after all, we are all one same movement, so lets move together.

My Brother Alephs,

For 87 years we have been the Aleph Zadik Aleph. But why the letter aleph? I have learned at international convention it is because Aleph means one, as it plays the first role in the Hebrew Alphabet. When placed by itself its silent, although when placed in a word, its completely transformed. I will work as hard as I can to bring great success to this region. This year we will not just shoot for the stars; we will flyby the stars into a far away galaxy. However, I can't do it on my own. I am a single aleph, and my brothers; you are the word, the region, the reason why we will make next year the best year Michigan region has ever seen.

*Fraternally submitted with undying love the Aleph Zadik Aleph
I Remain,*

Aleph Michael John Monteleone



"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Reach high, for stars are hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal."

Pamela Vaull Starr