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candidate for the high & honorable position of
Aleph Godol

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR OUR CHAPTER?



"Coming together is a **BEGINNING**.
Keeping together is **PROGRESS**.
Working together is **SUCCESS**."

- Henry Ford -

EVENTS ATTENDED

Max Fisher AZA #337

Chapter Meetings 2008-Present
Chapter Functions 2008-Present
Chapter Bittker Weekends 2008-Present
Chapter Installations 2008-Present
Chapter Convention 2009, 2010*

Michigan Region GLC

AZA Council Meetings
Fall Conclave 2009, 2010
Regional Convention 2009, 2010
LHYLC 2 2009
Elections Training Conclave 2009, 2010*
Jewish Heritage Night 2009, 2010
MKOD 2008
Fall Kickoff 2009
Spring Kickoff 2010
Fashion Unleashed 2009
J-Serve 2009, 2010
Sealing the Deal Workshop 2010

International Order

CLTC 4 2009
February Execs 2010
International Convention 2010
Kallah 2010*

* denotes will be attending

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QUALIFICATIONS

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Dedicated Fisherman 2008-Life
Aleph Moreh 2009-2010
Aleph Mazkir 2008-2009
Aleph Katvan 2008-2009
Aleph Shotare Godol 2008-2009
Installations Coordinator 2009
Chapter Convention Coordinator 2009

Michigan Region GLC

ETC Coordinator 2010
Fall Conclave Dorm Leader 2009
Fashion Unleashed Model 2009
Adult Commission Member 2009-2010
RC Zap Zone Challenge Committee
YLC 2 Havdalah Committee
ETC AZA Separate Program Committee
Chapter Beau - Ruach BBG
Chapter Beau - Ahavah BBG
Mazkir of the Year 2009
Rookie of the Year/Honorable Mention 2009

International Order

Dedicated Aleph 2008-Life
CLTC Alumni Liaison Chairman 2009-2010
Dorm/Day Committee Head (CLTC)
Shabbat Services Committee Head (CLTC)
Recipient of 85/65 Anniversary Award
Recipient of Tree of Life
Recipient of Bronze Shield of David
International Program of the Year

TOGETHER we can do so much.
"Alone we can do so little;

- Helen Keller -



WHAT DIRECTION WILL WE MOVE IN?

Chapter Chairmen: Who are we without them?

Elect Bittker Coordinators, Regional Convention Coordinators, Chapter Convention Coordinators, Installation Coordinators, and Senior Dedication Coordinators.
Elect Alephs to create a new meaning to their position.
RC needs to be a smoother process when it comes to practices and rides.
The Coordinators need to be organized at all times and do what is best for the chapter.
Bittker Coordinators need to work well with our BBG Chapter's coordinators to plan a fun and exciting weekend.
When it comes to Chapter Convention, we need to find a place that can hold such a large number of Fishermen. The Programming is up to the Coordinators and they should choose a theme for the weekend.
Installations should be planned at least 2 weeks before the date of the event. Smooth communication between coordinators will provide for a successful installation.
Senior Dedication cannot be improved until we have had our first ceremony.

Chapter Outreach

Attend other chapters' fundraisers or regionally sponsored events. These little things can raise awareness of Fisher in Michigan and provide programming opportunities.
Help chapters in need. Assist newer chapter in membership recruitment.
Approach S'ganim from multiple AZA & BBG chapters to plan large multi-chapter programs. This will help form new relationships with groups of chapters. These programs also introduce the region to a different kind of programming: a communal sense of Alephs & B'nai B'rith Girls coming together.

Fisher's Stand Up! "Movement"

Create a Stand Up! "Movement" instead of just a Stand Up! cause. Instead of learning about an issue, let's clean up a local park to go towards our "Movement of a Greener Community" or volunteer at a food bank to go towards our "Movement of Ending Hunger."
More than just an RC theme, Fisher AZA is a community of Brother Alephs.
It doesn't matter where you are from or what you like to do, you are a member of the "Fisher Community" and there is always someone to talk to and a place to go.

Always One Step Ahead

At all times, the initiatives of Fisher should look into the future and be forward thinking. Membership Campaigns should be planned out months before we start recruiting. Programs should be planned weeks before they happen. Fisher should stay prepared for anything to happen. We need to document success and learn from any mistakes.

Brotherhood

The basis of AZA is sometimes forgotten. It doesn't matter how heated the election is or how much we want to beat another chapter at Flag Football, we stick together like a family.
This year, Fisher needs to plan brotherhood related programs with the goal of maintaining a central brotherhood throughout the entire year.
Chapter Convention cannot be the only program of the year to "replenish" the brotherhood we have worked so hard to achieve.

My Brother Alephs, What direction will we take? Who knows how next year will turn out? Fisher AZA has reached new heights through the hard work of every single member. With our first graduating class leaving, we will grab the reins of the chapter and steer where we want to go. It is a very scary endeavor, yes, but I know as ONE chapter we can do whatever we want. We can create programs no one in BBYO has ever seen before. We can earn awards on the Regional and International level for what we have done. We can educate, mediate, and appreciate our current members. We will welcome new Alephs and grow. We are One Chapter. One Brotherhood, and One Community.

Fraternally submitted with undying love for Tony the Tiger, The Pillsbury Doughboy, The Iron Fist, Koach AZA #337, Michigan Region GLC, the International Order, and most importantly Max Fisher AZA #337, I remain,

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Aleph Godol:

What will our leadership provide?

- Work Well with the Executive board
- Hold the chapter together and maintain the Brotherhood of Fisher.
- Coordinate the monthly schedule.
 - The S'gan, Moreh, and Shaliach will come to the Godol when they need a date for their programs.
- Keep in close contact with other Godolim and N'siot of the Region in order to form close bonds for our chapter.
- Allow everyone's voice to be heard. Actually have a "program ideas" box
- Send a weekly email with every event I know of to let parents and members have all the information they need.
- Hold multiple parent meetings to educate the parents on our programming year, and BBYO as a whole.
- Hold chapter "Mid-Year Evaluations" with the Exec board and chapter members to get a better sense of the success of the year.
- Be friendly towards everyone and always be welcoming.
- Create "Godol Time." A solid 2 hours daily where I am always available, can meet, and will devote all my time to our chapter.
- Keep functions serious and on topic but definitely fun.
- Stay in contact with AIT Godol to ensure the best experience and offer leadership and guidance.
- Stay in contact with the Regional Aleph Godol.

Aleph Moreh:

How will our members be educated and our membership process improve?

- Establish the AIT Board in September with elections soon after. This year's AIT board has the potential to be very helpful, educational, and fun.
- Create a specific curriculum for the AIT's focusing on The education of AZA knowledge, Fisher History, how to run a meeting, and Michigan Region knowledge.
- Hold an AIT session every month. Each meeting will focus on one piece of information and will educate through games and activities.
- Create AIT folders. These folders are a place where AIT's can store information sheets they receive at AIT sessions.
- Have at least 4 education programs for the entire chapter throughout the year.

Aleph S'gan:

How will our programming improve?

- Hold Exec Board meetings and Board Bonding outings every other month.
- Keep in contact with counterparts. This will enable our chapter to create bonds with other chapters and have a successful year.
- Work well with Exec board. Be on task and ready for business at every Exec Board meeting.
- Be friendly and easy to work with. Allow others to plan programs that interest them.
- Program with every chapter.
 - This has been a goal for our chapter for a while and Our 5th S'gan should see it through.
- Plan at least 3 Five Fold Functions with the Moreh and Shaliach.
- Try and program with out of area chapters.
 - Have a trip to Canada or Ann Arbor to visit and experience the chapters that live there.
- Keep Programs well planned, interesting, and most importantly fun!
- Appoint Coordinators such as Bittker Coordinator and Regional Convention Coordinator as well as a group of 5 or more Katvanim.
- Stay in contact with AIT S'gan to insure he has a positive experience in his position.

HOW WILL OUR CHAPTER CONTINUE GROWING?

- Hold "grade sleepovers." Each grade in our chapter could use a little bonding time with their brother Alephs to increase brotherhood in Fisher.
- Work with the Shaliach to plan Social Action and Education programs.
- Be friendly to all new members and make sure to welcome them.
- Have a membership recruitment plan for 8th grade recruitment.
- Recruit all 8th graders in the first 2-3 weeks of recruitment.
- Work with the AIT Moreh to incorporate him into the recruitment process overall.

Aleph Gizbor:

What will we do to support and fundraise better?

- Develop fundraiser's that are creative and fun.
 - The best type of fundraiser is not at a restaurant; it is thought out, and most importantly appealing.
- Consider having 2 Major fundraisers for the year.
 - This would help the attendance at our fundraisers because people wouldn't have to attend as many. Parents can't always spend money for every fundraiser.
- When creating the budget, the Gizbor needs to talk with every board member and determine an amount of money that person will need for their programming for the year.
- Maintain the chapter bank account and checkbook. If a parent needs reimbursement, the Gizbor should be able to give them their money quickly.
- Promote fundraisers to the region. Engage the chapter board into promoting and make announcements at council meetings.
- Continue the CLTC Scholarship Committee and set aside money to give away for CLTC.
- Fundraise towards Fisher's Stand Up! and Michigan Region's Stand Up! causes.
- Work with Mazkir and Sopherim to train the AIT MazGiz and incorporate the MazGiz to help fundraise and promote fundraisers.

Aleph Sopher:

How can our newspaper and merchandise look better?

- Create 2 newspapers; one for Regional Convention, one for the end of the year.
- Create a new Fisher T-shirt with a brand new design.
- Make Spirit Wear that people actually want.
- Take a poll in the chapter to figure out the best merchandise.
- Create a Buzz Book for the chapter including Phone numbers and Email address'.
- Maintain the Website.
- Help Train the AIT MazGiz
- Keep in contact with Regional Aleph Sopher, and write articles for a Council Newspaper if need be.

Aleph Shaliach:

Will Judaism and community service surpass previous years?

- Continue our Stand Up! Cause for our chapter.
- Incorporate more Judaism into Fisher.
- Hold special Saturday Morning Services for everyone's Jewish belief.
- Create a Community Service campaign such as the Fisher 400 where our chapter completes 400 hours of community service.
- Create a special Fisher Havdallah program that will be used at every Saturday night program.
- Promote Stand Up! in the chapter, region, and even at the International level.
- Work with AIT Shaliach to plan his own service.
- Work with Regional Aleph Shaliach to get new ideas.

Aleph Mazkir:

Has our Summer Program attendance beat any records?

- Promote Summer Programs through Summer Programs nights and by having attendees speak to the chapter.
- Attend a summer program of any kind.
 - Take accurate minutes and send them to the Regional Aleph Mazkir the day of the chapter meeting. Become close with the Regional Aleph Mazkir and stay in contact.
- Work with Gizbor and Sopherim to educate the AIT MazGiz on minute taking procedures and summer programs.



IT'S UP TO YOU.