# ALEPH PAUL FELDER

Aspiring to be your 22nd Grand Aleph Moreh

Aleph Zadik Aleph

Florida Region

North

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# Qualifications

#### TAMPA BBYO:

Moreh (Two 6-month terms):

- -Started my chapter in Tampa, FL
- Increased membership 150%
- -Worked with local Jewish organizations to increase community awareness of BBYO
- -Inducted first AIT class of Tampa BBYO
- -Coordinated recruitment and educational chapter events

#### INTERNATIONAL ORDER:

#### Stand UP Chair:

- -Contributed content and ideas for the creation of International Stand UP website
- -Created "The Official AZA & BBG Stand UP Planning Form" for staff and advisors
- -Overseas point person for Stand UP website, involving chapters outside North America

#### **Tree of Life Recruitment Award Winner**

### Programs Attended/Attending:

- -Chapter Leadership Training Conference-2011
- -International Leadership Training Conference- 2012
- -August Executives Conference- 2012
- -February Executives Conference- 2013
- -International Convention- 2013
- -International Leadership Seminar in Israel-2013

"The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been."

- Henry Kissinger

#### **NORTH FLORIDA REGION #52:**

#### 9th Regional Aleph Godol

- -Empowered Alephs to take on leadership roles and better their chapters
- -Coordinated Regional Executives Conference
- -Helped start Negev AZA and Sababa BBG in

Naples, FL by motivating teen leaders, holding elections, and continuing to support the chapters

- -Organized Regional Speak UP week video campaign advocating Israel with a different theme each day
- -Instituted "Ultimate Chapter Challenge" points incentive
- -Amended Regional Constitution
- -Oversaw planning of MIT AIT LTI, steered LTI track, and programmed Speak UP themed separates and inductions

### **Spring Regional Convention 2012 Steerer**

#### MIT AIT LTI 2012 Coordinator

- -Largest NFR convention with 75 members and the International N'siah in attendance
- -Inducted one of our largest AIT classes

Kallah 2011 Steerer

### BEYOND AZA:

- -Pediatric Cancer Foundation Intern
- -Jewish day school, Hebrew school, Bar Mitzvah, and Confirmation class graduate
- -Synagogue Summer Camp counselor
- -Varsity swim team
- -Concert for a Cure coordinator
- -Relay for Life participant
- -RJC Volunteer

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## Goals & Initiatives

**ESTABLISH NEW CHAPTERS:** 2,000 participants, 425 chapters, every region in North America, and 18 countries are represented here at IC 2013. This incredible unity of our movement exemplifies our dedication and commitment to involve as many Jewish teens around the world as possible. If the Alephs before us settled for chapters only in their cities, many of us would not have the privilege to be here today. Starting chapters ensures every Jewish male has the opportunity to be an Aleph.

FURTHER BBYO CONNECT: When our days in the Aleph Zadik Aleph have come to a close, we can be sure there is a strong future for our movement by broadening our base of young members. Launching BBYO Connect committees in every council and region will guarantee the gap between Bar-Mitzvah age and eligibility for AZA membership is closed. The 83% drop off rate of Jewish male involvement after the Bar-Mitzvah age can be entirely avoided with BBYO Connect. We must take advantage of this recruitment initiative now and hold it to the same significance as AZA and BBG.

**ENGAGE EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE THROUGH EVERYTHING:** Our members must constantly be working to increase membership. A diverse chapter with teens in many different groups and activities can be a great opportunity to spread awareness of AZA in your community. Eventually, AZA will be the premier Jewish experience for teens in your area where 8<sup>th</sup> graders are excited about joining months before they are eligible. Additionally, incorporating AZAA into your programming increases the chances of connecting with a larger group of Jewish young men.

GO BEYOND WITH CLTC: Chapter Leadership Training Conference creates Jewish leaders with the confidence and drive to bring their chapters and the greater Jewish community to new levels. CLTC should continue to be one of the most encouraged summer experiences because it is such a great opportunity for AZA to impact Jewish teens and foster the next generation of Jewish change agents.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE, BENEFIT FROM THE PAST: The Aleph Zadik Aleph is thriving and nearing a monumental tipping point of rapid growth. We are involving hundreds of communities across the world with thousands of members from every background. Investing in the Jewish future and our youngest members by promoting all efforts to develop influential leaders will be beneficial to AZA and the Jewish community. Taking advantage of the resources we have in our Friends and Alumni Network will also help our order grow and move faster than ever before.

In the short time a member has in the Aleph Zadik Aleph it is hoped—no expected—that he learns what will be noteworthy after his four or five short years have passed. I am ready to serve as your next Grand Aleph Moreh because I have found my purpose in this order and it is to introduce more Jewish men to AZA, ultimately making a positive difference in their lives and for the Jewish community. Together, united as one crew, one voice, **one brotherhood**, we will further the successes of the Aleph Zadik Aleph and the Jewish people.

Fraternally submitted with undying love for my brother Alephs, I remain,

ALEPH PAUL FELDER