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Aspiring for the High & Honorable Position of the 89th Grand Aleph S'gan of the Aleph Zadik Aleph

Palisades AZA #2536

■ Aleph Godol

(Summer/Fall 2011, Winter/Spring 2012)

- Increased active membership by 150%.
- Sent 25% of Alephs to BBYO Summer Experiences.
- Raised \$900 for Stand UP, ISF, and scholarships.

■ Aleph S'gan (Winter/Spring 2011)

- Established committees to reach higher programming standards.
- Winner of PCR's Aleph S'gan of the Term Award.

■ Aleph Mazkir (Summer/Fall 2010)

- Innovated carpool mapping systems, phone trees, and new mediums of communication.
- Winner of PCR's Aleph Mazkir of the Term Award.

■ Aleph Moreh (Winter/Spring 2010)

- Pushed recruitment efforts for an 8th grade AIT Class.

■ Aleph Kohen Godol (Summer 2012-Life)

- Resource for the current Aleph Godol and board.

Pacific Coast Region #43

■ 32nd Regional Aleph Mazkir (2011-2012)

- Pioneered social media push, establishing new handles on Facebook and Twitter.
- Authored releases on promotion, community mapping, and advocacy.
- Worked with counterparts to establish multimedia communication in all chapters.
- Editor-In-Chief of the PCR's Publication.

■ J-Serve Chair (2010-2011)

- Partnered with local summer camps to hold service projects throughout LA County.

■ Aleph Shotare Godol (2010-2011)

- Maintained order within the chapters at Regional Business Meetings.

Additional Leadership Roles and Activities

■ Chapter Leader of X-Change the World

- Connects American youth with students in Thailand, Cambodia, Kenya, and Laos.

■ Confirmation, Kehillat Israel Congregation, 2012

■ Leader-In-Training Program, Camp Arowhon, 2012

■ Sherut L'olam Service & Advocacy Team, 2010-2011

■ Academic Dean's List, Crossroads School

Pacific Western Region #44

■ 1st Regional Aleph S'gan (2012-2013)

- Battle of the Chapters 2012 Coordinator
- PacWest AZAA League Manager
- Oversees all regional chairmanships and planning committees.
- Authored grant proposal to local Federations for JCC/AZAA partnerships.
- Authored releases on pocket programming and chapter organization.
- Promotes all programming initiatives, as well as strives toward Program Excellence.

■ Callahfornia 2013 Planning Team

- Programming resource for a bi-regional Kallah.
- Promoting Judaic program excellence.

- Instrumental in the merger of PCR and SWR to establish Pacific Western Region BBYO.

Events Attended

International

- CLTC 1 2011
- ILTC 2012
- International Kallah 2012
- ILSI 2013[∞]
- Ambassadors to Bulgaria 2013[∞]
- International Convention 2011, 2012^Δ, 2013^{Δ+}
- February Executive Conference 2013
- AIPAC High School Summit 2012
- AIPAC Policy Conference 2011, 2012

Regional

- Regional Convention 2010^Δ, 2011^Δ, 2012^{Δ+}, 2013^{Δ∞}
- Callahfornia (PWR + CRW Kallah) 2013^{+∞}
- Battle of the Chapters 2010, 2011, 2012^Δ
- Regional Kallah 2010, 2011, 2012
- Fraternity/Sisterhood Overnight 2010, 2011, 2012
- AIT/MIT/LTI 2013
- J-Serve 2010, 2011^Δ, 2012

Chapter

- Palisades AZA Chapter Convention 2012^Δ
- Current Members vs. Alumni AZAA Basketball
- American History X: An Evening of Identity⁺
- Palisades AZA Hosts...a Region-Wide Summer Kickoff^Δ

The Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph

■ IC 2013 Steering Committee

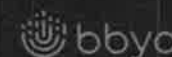
■ Aleph Godol - Makhela AZA #1875 (CLTC 1 '11)

- Silver Shield of David recipient[#]
- Bronze Shield of David recipient
- Tree of Life recipient
- Cardinal Principles Award recipient[#]
- ILTC Evening Program Committee
- Member-in-Good-Standing since January 2010



"In character, in manner, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity."

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Denotations:

v=Coordinated | +=Planning Committee | #=Pending
Δ=Head Delegate | Δ=Delegate | ∞=Upcoming

Involve.

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, MAINTAIN SIMPLICITY

- **Set the Guide to Program Excellence as the standard for top-notch organization for planning.**
- Work one-on-one with all regional/council counterparts to incorporate the Guide into chapter and regional programs.
- **Evaluate current programming standards in all regions/councils, and establish programming goals on the chapter, council, and regional levels.**
- **Establish a Guide to Program Simplicity.**
- Provide the Order with a guide for holding one/two-fold programming, offering tools and resources to enforce the strength of smaller, yet meaningful, programs in an organized manner.
- Fills the gap for those seeking to plan their first programs.
- Advances simple chapter programs and traditions, and ensures that they are truly engaging and meaningful.

COUNTERPART COLLABORATION

- **Regional/Council Counterparts**
- Create a network of "Brother Counterparts", in which a pair of counterparts advise each other, communicate, and work symbiotically to progress their regions/councils.
- Hold bi-monthly one-on-one G+ calls to go in-depth on each region/councils specifically.
- Send bi-weekly emails on program strategies, initiative utilization, counterpart tips, and international news.
- **Chapter Counterparts**
- Hold quarterly calls geared towards chapter programming.
- Send out bi-monthly emails with all international updates.

Engage.

AZAA: REACHING OUR GOALS

- **Establish AZAA Week.**
- Similar to Stand Up and Speak Up Weeks, this initiative will unite the strength of AZAA with the force of social media.
- Each day of the week will be formatted to explore new depths of athletics, brotherhood, and membership involvement.
- **Redesign inter- and intra-regional leagues.**
- Promote more regular inter-regional competitions for regions in close proximity, and help distant regions establish "travel teams" within their hubs.
- Create a release for intra-regional AZAA specifically for geographically vast regions.
- Use AZAA to engage unaffiliated Jewish teens.
- **Showcase global AZAA strides, compiling the various sports of BBYO's expanding array of nations.**

ACT LOCALLY, PROGRAM GLOBALLY

- **Restructure the extent of Program Bank.**
- Have specific sections for initiative-centric programs, and programs that incorporate the Coalition of Jewish Teens.
- Organize a pocket-programming section, filled with exemplary programs intended for single-fold use.
- **Strengthen global programming efforts.**
- Create educational releases for all global communities, and guide them to a universal standard of programming.
- **Establish Program Exchanges, in which chapters plan programs for chapters in different countries, giving Alephs a taste of other Jewish communities around the world.**

Inspire.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2014: THE ROAD AHEAD

- **Exhibit the best of the best.**
- Provide participants with a deeper look inside all international initiatives, our movement's global impact, and the most premier programming imaginable.
- **Implement our Teen Priorities into the programming and atmosphere, providing an executive experience for all.**
- Incorporate the ILN to lead initiative-specific workshops, providing an executive experience for all participants.
- **Bring IC home, and bring home to IC.**
- After IC, have programs available on the Program Bank.
- **Make shuk a more interactive experience, with each region bringing not only merchandise, but also information on their traditions, their chapters, etc.**
- Provide separate registration sites for each hub, so that regions can have more equal representation upon initial registration, and to prevent technical overflow.

COMMITMENT TO COMMITTEES

- **Model Programming Committee.**
- Promotes utilization of the Guide to Program Excellence.
- Develops and promotes the Guide to Program Simplicity.
- Implements new program initiatives into Program Bank
- Runs Program Bank's integration into social media.
- **Global Programming Committee.**
- Spearheads chapter-to-chapter "Program Exchanges".
- Tracks global programming initiatives and growth.
- **AZAA Committee.**
- Organizes and promotes AZAA Week.
- Works to establish inter- and intra-regional AZAA Leagues.

My Brother Alephs,

We did it. Today, we stand united at our largest gathering in history. With each passing day, the force of our Order grows stronger, and it is clear that From the Roots, we have Built. Take a moment to look next to you. Behind you. In front of you. Just by being here, we are living, breathing proof that the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph is alive and well – and growing. This is not just by mere chance. **Each and every one of us was inspired by a program.** We were inspired to come back for more. To open up ourselves to one another. To lead. To simply experience what this Order can provide. This program may have been an induction ceremony that made us feel like we are truly part of something special. It may have been a service that connected us to our Jewish roots for the first time. It may have even been a simple game of AZAA basketball that was a fun and memorable experience for all. My brothers, it is time for us to look back at these pivotal moments in our own AZA timelines. **We must strip down our programming to its rawest form: engaging and meaningful experiences.** Only from here, can we build upon them. **By focusing on simplicity, we will utilize the true meaning and purpose of each fold,** incorporating them with precision so that we can provide these groundbreaking experiences for every one of us. We cannot forget the intent of our programs while we seek to construct excellence. Only from the sheer purpose of the folds can we move forward. So as we now look ahead to International Convention 2014, there should not be a doubt in any of our minds, that the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph will not just be alive and well, but absolutely thriving, with even more Alephs **involved** in chapter programming, **engaged** in leadership opportunities, and **inspired** to continue their AZA timelines, thus providing the experiences that inspired them, for others.

Fraternally submitted with undying love for Palisades AZA #2536, Pacific Western Region #44, Pacific Coast Region #43, Makhela AZA #1875, The Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, and the 7 Cardinal Principles for which it stands,
I remain,



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