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Aspiring to be your 25th Grand Aleph Shaliach

Tikkun Olam

- Ensure that 80% of chapters from each region have their stand up cause on the new **Stand UP!** website.
- Compile "Stand UP! Guide to Success" to allow chapters to create a successful cause and raise sufficient funds.
- Create incentives for chapters with the highest funds going to their Stand UP! cause.

I-Serve 2014

- Involve alumni and BBYO connect members to ensure attendance and excitement below and beyond High School
- Continue with the Facebook page to prome J-Serve
- Create a tab on the new Stand UP! website for chapters and regions to broadcast to the rest of the international order how they spent their J-Serve 2014.

AZA Shabbat 2014

- Choose an impactful theme through survey of BBYO members
- Ensure that programs are built around the theme by utilizing counterparts.
- Elevate the level of engagement throughout the world by including foreign BBYO members in the process of planning programs and providing incentives for regions with highest attending

A Pro-Israel Stance...

- Involve every region in Speak UP! week by building on the current Facebook Group, collecting testimonials, and making a video.
- Add an International Israel Advocacy Day on Yom Ha'atzmaut
- Build Speak UP! website to feature Israeli current events & allow chapters to showcase what they're doing for Speak UP!

Judaic Enrichment

- Compile weekly Divrei Torah sent in an official weekly BBYO newsletter to parents and teens.
- Create releases about programming around the Jewish holidays that include program ideas and information about the holidays to bring home to your chapter.

Teen Issue Summits/Summer of Impact

- Pick coordinators, promote summit, & have excellent programming for 200+ teens at summits
- Emphasize the idea of community for Impact programs.
- Choose great Impact coordinators to ensure wellplanned programs and influential leadership.
- Emphasize a pivotal and intriguing theme for both Impact Programs and Teen Issue Summits.

Judaic Programming

- Work with Sganim to make Judaism something that motivates and inspires members around the International Order.
- ★ Compile a guide to successful Judaic programming that will be released to all chapter and regional Shlichim to ensure that Judaic Programming is top notch on the chapter, council/regional, and international level.

International Kallah 2014

- □ Include new "Day of Service."
- ♣ Integrate a wide span of Judaic perspectives to maintain pluralism.
- Require participants to plan quality programs and services throughout Kallah to ensure the knowledge and experience of Judaic Programming is high.
- ❖ Plan meaningful separates that impact all Alephs.

Counterpart Network

- Use Facebook as a forum to ask questions, provide programming ideas, introduce new Shlichim, and post Israel related articles or videos to educate.
- Maintain bi-monthly correspondence with each Regional Shaliach to check progress and plan.
- Hold counterpart calls every two months to go over committees' progress, establish priorities, and promote Stand UP! & Speak UP!

Goals & Ideas

My Foundation

Positions Held

Rubin Kaplan AZA #841

- ☆ AIT Godol (1 term, 6 months)
 - o Plan & lead programs for 2010 Fall Term.
- Chapter Moreh (1 term, 6 months)
 - o Planned and lead 3-day chapter retreat.
 - o Maintained 90% underclassmen retention rate.
 - o Educated the future members of Rubin Kaplan.
- ☆ Chapter Shaliach (2 terms, 1 year)
 - Planned and lead 2 programs on Jewish Identity & 2 programs about Israel.
 - o Built collective Jewish pride for chapter.
 - Elevated level of Jewish awareness in chapter.
 - Wrote weekly D'var torah for members & parents.

North Texas Oklahoma Region #74

- ❖ Steered NTO Regional Kallah 2012
 - Planned and lead programs and services.
 - o Brought region together through engaging activites
 - o Shared my love & passion for Judaism with NTO.
- NTO's 29th Regional Aleph Shaliach (1 year)
 - Work with NTO Shlichim to ensure fulfilliment of obligation at chapter level.
 - Work with counterpart chapter to improve weaknesses.
 - Work to increase participation and efforts towards Stand UP! & Speak UP!
 - Plan & lead Shabbat electives & services at conventions.
 - Planning Regional Kallah 2013
 - o Coordinating AZA Shabbat 2013

International Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph

- AZA/BBG Shabbat Steering Committee (2012)
 - Participated in planning programs for regions to use during AZA Shabbat 2012
- Coordinated Voice Your Vote 2012: A Teen Issue Summit
 - Lead this summit (which focused on American Politics and our Civic Responsibility as Jews in the American society) by planning my own program & also planning the summit with the other coordinators.
- Part of the 2012-2013 Judaic Enrichment Committee (ILN)
 - o Write & facilitate weekly D'var Torahs for the Order.
 - Maintain constant communication with superior and other committee members.

Events Attended

North Texas Oklahoma Region #74

- MIT/AIT Convention 2010, 2013* (as Regional Board member)
- ▼ NTO LTI 2011, 2013*
- ◆ Texoma Convention 2011
- Dallas Council Shabbat 2012, 2013*
- ♠ NTO Execs 2012, 2013*
- NTO Regional Kallah 2012, 2013*
- ♦ NTO Regional Convention 2012, 2013*

International Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph

- **⇔** CLTC 1 2011
- ❖ Internation Convention 2012, 2013*
- ♦ International Kallah 2012
- ♥ Voice Your Vote 2012: A Teen Issue Summit
- International Leadership Seminar in Israel (ILSI) 2013*
- ★ AIPAC Policy Conference 2013*
 - *Denotes registration for/planning to attend future event

Yavneh Academy of Dallas

- ★ Member of <u>Helping Hands for the Homeless</u> (charity organization)
- ☆ Member of <u>Students4Students</u> (charity organization)
- ☆ Member of Mock Trial (attorney for 3 years)
- Member of <u>Business</u> and <u>Finances Group</u> (recruiting speakers and understanding the world of business)

"If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in the world, in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him...What is the secret of his immortality?"

—Mark Twain

Aleph Godol My Brother Alephs,

After years of research, scientists and anthropologists have concluded that the existence of the Jewish people is rather implausible. Over the course of history, religions and ethnicities have had a propensity to begin puny and either a) become a superpower or b) eventually die out. We see this with the Christians and Muslims—first seen as radical religious movements; these two religions are among the biggest in population today. On the other hand, the Ancient Romans and Greeks that were once superpowers no longer inhabit this world.

So what is it about the Jews? These so-called 'Wanderers' that came before all of these nations but have precisely maintained a constant population of 15-18 million people. The fact that we are unbreakable and everlasting is what truly boggles the minds of those scientists and researchers and ultimately captures the essence of our being. Some might explain this phenomenon with attribution to divine providence that chose us, hence the name "Chosen People." Some might believe this phenomenon occurred by pure coincidence. The beauty of the **Aleph Tzadik Aleph** allows each man to believe whatever he wants, while still being considered a Jew and a proud one at that. Moreover, we cannot take this concept of existence and privilege of religion for granted; we must cherish it and use it to better the

As we move forward, it is of upmost importance to take the invisible bond that each Jew has with another and utilize it to its fullest potential. I believe BBYO's power and influence in the Global Jewish Community is great enough to unify the Jews of today's world by elevating our level of collective Jewish pride. Well, at least that is my mission.

Fraternally Submitted With Undying Love for, Rubin Kaplan AZA #841, North Texas Oklahoma Region #74, and the International Order of the **Aleph Tzadik Aleph**,

> I remain, Aleph Gary Meir Levine