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Aspiring to be your 88th Grand Aleph Godol

The Founding Fathers of the Aleph Zadik Aleph had a vision. Philip Klutznick, Sam Beber, and Nathan Mnookin all envisioned a Jewish youth movement. On May 3, 1924, they did not know what the Aleph Zadik Aleph would become, but they did know what it would stand for. Eighty seven years later the same founding values of the Aleph Zadik Aleph hold true. We strive to be a **pluralistic youth movement** accepting of all people regardless of background, denominational affiliation, sexual orientation and socio-economic status. We have an unwavering **commitment to the State of Israel**, and we commit to **Tikkun Olam**, repairing the world and making a difference.

We can fulfill our core values of our founding fathers by committing to the following:

In the 88th year the Aleph Zadik Aleph will stand for...

Pluralism We must be accepting of all regardless of who they are and where they come from. If we treat everyone with respect then we will truly be acting in the **Image of God**.

Commitment to the State of Israel We must be the greatest of ambassadors, supporters and advocates for Israel and be true **safe-guarders of Israel**, our Jewish homeland.

Tikkun Olam We must realize the scope of our impact and understand our power to make the world a better place by always **pursuing justice**.

אני צלם אלוקים

אני ציון אשמו

אני צדק ארדוף

Through my experiences I have been an ambassador of...

Pluralism: Serving as **Chapter Godol**, I reached out to teens all over the Denver area from many different backgrounds and denominational affiliations. By embodying pluralism and being accepting of every Jewish teen that wanted to join, our membership increased from 9 Alephs to 35. Serving on the **International Jewish Content Committee**, I fully grasped how diverse every Jewish teen is and how we need to accommodate each individual to ensure everyone gets the most meaning out of Judaic programming. Being the **Jewish Administrator for the only pluralistic Jewish high school in Denver**, I enhance Judaic programming and encourage expression from every student no matter their Jewish affiliation.

Commitment to the State of Israel: Serving as **Regional Aleph Godol**, I set a precedent in activism and advocacy for the state of Israel, leading many programs and raising money for Speak Up, as well as stirring up passion for our Jewish Home land. **I was the lead teen organizer involved** in a counterdemonstration against the anti-Israel, anti-Jewish Westboro Baptist Church.

Tikkun Olam: By spreading the message of the Aleph Zadik Aleph throughout Wyoming, New Mexico and Colorado, **I have inspired others to become leaders** and make an impact in their communities. With leadership tools in hand, community service was done and money was raised for chapter's causes. I learned many skills attending **CLTC and ILTC**, but the most important BBYO trip that stood out to me was Panin El Panim, where **I became dedicated how to effectively make a difference in the homeless community and beyond**.

Living by Our Values

We have a rich tradition and core values that need to be at the center of our movement's identity. Every year we strive to elect a Grand Board that will define what we stand for. In our 88th year we must rededicate ourselves to our core. If we do this we will not only strengthen ourselves internally, we will also have the best chance of making a huge difference externally. We can have an impact on the future of Jewish life here in America and abroad if we increase the number of Jewish males who remain active in Jewish life through the Aleph Zadik Aleph.

Connecting Our Values into Our Advancements

Pluralism

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I am in the Image of G-d

Membership: By being accepting of all and interested in recruiting everyone we will exemplify a pluralistic youth movement, as a result increasing our numbers. We must utilize the effective tools that we have such as BBYO Connect, the Membership Mile as well as create new ones to increase membership across the board.

Programming: It is vital to use pluralistic techniques through programming by utilizing the five folds to ensure every Aleph's needs are being prioritized and everyone is truly getting more meaningful experiences.

Israel

אני ציון אשמור

I Safeguard Israel

Speak Up: To ensure Speak Up becomes a priority in our order we must take successful actions in education on Israel through programming, fundraising, excitement toward BBYO Israel trips, and singing the Hatikvah at all major functions.

Judaic Content: In the Jewish Content Committee app it said, "This Committee will work collectively to revitalize what is by and large BBYO's weakest component: Jewish Programming." Judaic content in programming must be improved as a top chapter priority.

Tikkun Olam

אני צדק ארדוף

I Pursue Justice

Stand Up: Tikkun Olam is actively making an impact in the world by being passionate about a cause to improve a community. If all 52 Regions commit to projects that repair their community then Stand Up will be a true success.

Globalization: To globalize our movement we need to truly internationalize our programming initiatives and expand BBYO to places that it has never been. Regions must actively support other BBYO communities worldwide.

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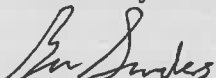
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My Brother Alephs,

I have a vision for taking our core values and making them front and center for the Aleph Zadik Aleph of today. We are more than just a fraternity; we have come to the point where our impact is greater than just you and I. The Aleph Zadik Aleph is the future of the Jewish people. Therefore, it **makes it our responsibility to ensure the Jewish future progresses and strives for the highest level of success.** We must understand and embrace what the Aleph Zadik Aleph stands for. We must all know and live by our core values, as individual Alephs, as chapters, regions and the International order. Rededicating ourselves to our core values will bring meaning to our order and inspire more teens to join us. Together we can and will make a difference. We must make a difference and so we will.

Fraternally Submitted, your friend and brother Aleph,


Ben Sanders