



ALEPH JONATHAN EDWARD BLOCK

Aspiring to the high and honorable position of
87th Grand Aleph S'gan

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Qualifications

Simon Atlas AZA #126:

Leadership:

- ☞ Aleph in good standing since Spring '08
- ☞ Aleph Godol Spring '11
- ☞ Aleph S'gan Fall '10
- ☞ Aleph Moreh Fall '09
- ☞ Aleph Mazkir Spring '09
- ☞ Brotherhood Chair Spring 2009

Programs Attended:

- ☞ Over 95% of all chapter programs, including all brotherhood programs, fundraisers, Shul of the Months, sports games
- ☞ Chapter Convention Spring '08, '09, Winter '09, '10, '11
- ☞ Planned 25+ programs including: Senior Roast Night; Brotherhood: Why are we here; Pirate Night; Body Night; Swagga Night; Seuss Night; Leadership Training/StandUp Night, Parent Teen Shabbat, and many more

D.C. Council #54:

Leadership:

- ☞ DC Council Aleph Mazkir 2010-2011
 - Run all AZAA sports leagues
 - Coordinate Youth Leadership Institute- a yearlong CLTC exp. in DC
- ☞ Council Brotherhood Chair 2009-2010
- ☞ RC 2009 Steering
- ☞ RLTI 2009 Icebreakers

Programs Attended:

- ☞ New Member Weekend '08
- ☞ RLTI '10
- ☞ RC '08, '09
- ☞ Regional Kallah/Thon 2009
- ☞ East Coast Kallah 2010
- ☞ Council Convention '09, '10
- ☞ Council Meetings '08-'10
- ☞ Active in AZAA Football and Basketball leagues, 2008-2010

Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph:

Leadership:

- ☞ International Program Bank Chair 2010-2011
- ☞ Chapter Godol of Chazak B'yachad AZA #4664 (CLTC)
- ☞ IC 2010 Opening Ceremonies Involvement

Programs Attended:

- ☞ CLTC 7 2009
- ☞ International Convention '10, '11
- ☞ ILTC 2010
- ☞ Panim El Panim Summer Summit '10
- ☞ Kallah 2010
- ☞ Ambassadors to Bulgaria 2011 (future)
- ☞ ILSI 2011 (future)

Other:

- ☞ Recipient of Bronze/Silver Shields of David
- ☞ Recipient of 85/65 Anniversary Award
- ☞ Eligible for Tree of Life Award

My Brother Alephs,

Every year, candidates always promise the same thing: "Better." While improvement is indeed the goal of the international board, we must first know where we want to go before we begin blindly taking steps. I see a potential for an even higher level of excellence in our movement. If BBYO was a business, our product would be reflected through our programming. **Programming is our opportunity to inspire, express, and embody ourselves and our ideals as Alephs in this Movement.** With programming, there's no limit to our creativity in showing what AZA and BBYO are all about. I promise you that through implementing these ideas on my platform and working with each and every single one of you to better our movement, together we can take a unified step forward in our movement and say that we've bettered our organization, and raised the bar for future years of outstanding programming.

Fraternally submitted with undying love for programming, the Aleph Zadik Aleph and my heart and home of Simon Atlas AZA #126, I remain,

Jonathan Block

Aleph Jonathan Edward Block


"Only the weak attempts to accomplish what he knows he can already achieve."

International Convention 2012


IC gives all Alephs a unique opportunity once a year to gather as an international body.


With that, IC serves 3 main focuses, all of which must be balanced equally.


1. Conduct business and diagnose where we stand as an entire movement

 I plan on making business meetings more meaningful by invoking more of a sense of tradition and fraternity with everything we do. We create history with all that we do at IC, now in some of the biggest ways than ever before.


2. Highlight and promote International initiatives/goals

 Use programming to exemplify top-notch programs that can be taken and adapted back home.

 Showcase regions that have excelled with certain initiatives to help other regions implement the initiatives in their respective regions.

 Give international delegations more of an opportunity to show, not just tell, what it's like in their regions, so we can better relate to them.

3. Have fun



 IC planning will begin sooner than ever before, to ensure we create the biggest, most innovating, and most meaningful IC yet.

Goals and Ideas


The Next Step for The Degrees of Programming


We've established the Degrees of Programming to define our standards for excellent programming.
The next step is getting every region/chapter to that level of programming excellence


We get there through education and sharing ideas about the programming process

-  We will create a place on the Program Bank dedicated to the process for programming, not just the final products.
-  Releases that help with the programming process will be created and distributed monthly throughout the year.

Further Steps/Goals


 **Promote Inter-regional programming:** I will work with regional S'ganim to offer more opportunities for teens to go to conventions with Alephs in other regions, with ideas like multi-region AZA Shabbats, and starting up a convention like East Coast Kallah in other places across North America.


 **Contact availability:** I promise to be there for any Aleph who needs help, no matter what. I will also contact every S'gan in the Order by the end of each term.


 **Chairs:** Chairs serve as a good introduction to leadership on an international level. One chair in specific that I want to create this term is the Chapter Programming Chair. This chair would focus specifically on chapter programming, and reporting on excellent programming across the Order.


Counterpart Communication


Communication must be a cornerstone of programming on all levels, from chapter programming to working with counterparts, to coordinating an international convention.

 The key to counterpart communication is to know your counterpart. I promise to call all regional counterparts bi-weekly to ensure that I know how each S'gan is doing: where they're succeeding, where they're struggling, and how I can best assist them.

 In addition to regular counterpart calls, I will focus in on the regions that need the most help, and work with them to develop and strengthen their region's programming.

 I want communication to not just be between myself and my counterparts, but also for there to be open lines of discussion between various regions. If I notice that some of my counterparts are facing similar issues, I will put them in communication with each other so that they can share ideas and solutions for their issues.

 Monthly releases made by myself and chairs, covering various aspects of the position of S'gan and sharing knowledge from around the Order.

 Work with counterparts to use programming rebuild our traditions and exemplify our Fraternity.

ALEPH ZADIK ALEPH

"Obsessed is just a word the lazy use to describe the dedicated."