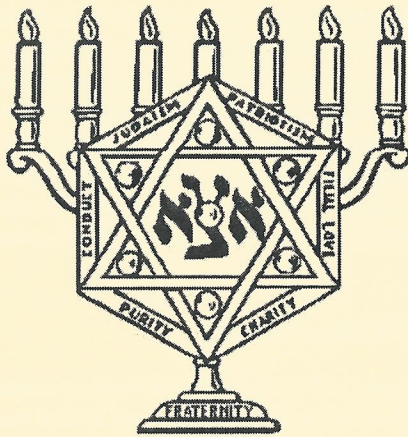


Aleph

Cameron Elias Smith



*Aspiring for the High and
Honorable position of
29th Regional Aleph
Moreh of North Texas-
Oklahoma Region #74*

I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.

- Mahatma Gandhi

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

- Mae West

I must follow the people. Am I not their leader?

- Benjamin Disraeli

Aleph Godol and My Brother Alephs,

The Aleph Zadik Aleph. The fraternity I've called home for the past two and a half years. The fraternity that has provided the brothers that have watched out for me. The Order that's blessed me with priceless friendship and irreplaceable memories. The Order that has inspired the burning passion and desire to improve myself as a person and an Aleph.

I have been blessed with the chance to experience the wonderful world of AZA. There isn't anything I would rather do than be with my brother Alephs, praying on a Saturday Shabbat morning or screaming "Up You Men" 'til I can hardly speak. And maybe, just maybe, with the opportunity, I can spread this passion to all Alephs to have them create exciting memories of their own. That opportunity has come.

If elected as your 29th Regional Moreh of 2012-2013, I will make sure every goal we set as a region is met and surpassed. This is our time to make ourselves known, to make a difference, and I will do whatever necessary to achieve it. I am and always will be here for you, no matter the situation or circumstance.

We can achieve so much together, and we have the Alephs to do it! Our brotherhood is strong; that doesn't mean we can't make it even stronger. Our region is strong; we can ALWAYS make that stronger, and we will, if given the chance. With a little hard work, cooperation, and elbow grease, we can definitely reach the pinnacle of NTO's greatness.

Fraternally submitted with undying love for **North-Texas Oklahoma #74, the Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, the AZA chapters of NTO, and Louis D. Brandeis AZA #932**, I remain,

Aleph Cameron Elias Smith

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Oklahoma's 29th Regional Aleph Moreh**

Qualifications

Leadership Experience-

- Aleph Moreh (Fall 2012)
- Aleph 2nd Mazkir (Spring 2012)
- Member-in-Good Standing (2010-present)
- Member of NTO Chapter of the Year (2011)
- Athletic & Judaic Chair for Chapter Retreat (Spring 2012)
- Brandeis Retreat (2011, 2012)
- Stand-Up! Committee (2012)

Conventions/Retreats-

- CLTC 2 2012 (Chapter Godol for Kavod AZA #1813)
- Anti-Defamation League Delegate (2012)
- MIT/AIT Overnight (2010)
- Regional Convention (2010, 2011, 2012)
- LTI (2011, 2012)
- Texoma Convention/Regional Kallah (2011, 2012)
- AZA/BBG Shabbat (2012)
- J-Serve Participant (2010, 2011, 2012)
- IC 2013 (pending)
- IMPACT: Boston (pending)

Outside Qualifications-

- NHS Member at Shepton High School (2011-12)
- Cardinal Scholar at John Paull II (Oct 2012, Dec 2012)
- Member of the Jewish Student Union at Shepton High School (2010-11)
- Member of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) at John Paul II (2012-2013)
- Shepton/JPII Basketball (2010-2012, 2012-2013)
- Shepton Track and Field (2011)

Three R's

Recruitment:

As a region, **we are lucky** to have new freshmen come into our chapters rather than seek them out like other regions. But that doesn't mean we still can't go and reach out to those not experiencing the wonders of AZA. Utilizing BBYO Connect and all other available resources, I will **work with and educate the upcoming Alephs on our fraternity**. They will be the future leaders of NTO, and the proper guidance will push them to greater heights. And what about those men who are not yet exposed to AZA? **I will create individual committees in each chapter** to find those teens in their respective schools, temples, etc, explain who and what we are and have them attend a project. That may be enough to guide them into AZA.

Retention:

Members. **The very foundation** of the Aleph Zadik Aleph. Nothing we, as an Order, achieved would be possible or even thought of without the member, whether young or old. While we try to bring in all the members we can, we sometimes forget about the current members we have, which may lead to a feeling of being forgotten and they ultimately burn out. Gentlemen, we **CANNOT** allow that to happen. We **need** the older members as our brothers in guidance and wisdom and also as invaluable people. I want to **emphasize Big Brother-Little Brother relationships**, where the bond as brothers both young and old strengthens. The younger members will help find their place in their chapters, and the older members will feel needed and responsible for making this happen.

Re-Education:

There is always the pressure of making five-fold programs without them being too erratic. That can't absorb the focus of the chapter while making other aspects suffer, especially the educational part. Most AITs are taught the history, but have difficulty remembering what they were taught. Besides chapters planning **at least one re-education project**, I would like to **plan a regional re-education event**. Learning our history collectively as brothers strengthens the memory and the people.

We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided. - JK Rowling

I don't control life, but I control how I react to it. - Macklemore

Goals

BBYO Connect:

We, as a region, have an excellent opportunity in BBYO Connect, the in-between BBYO experience of pre- and post- Bar/Bat Mitzvah and actual BBYO. These young men are the future of our Order, and we can help them have a smoother transition to AZA once they are of age. That's why I want to **improve the interaction/communication with the chapters and BBYO Connect**. I would like to have different members from each chapter attend the next BBYO Connect event and talk to the kids about their own personal BBYO experience.

Summer Programs:

Although not an official job of the Regional Moreh, I **want to send the most Alephs NTO has ever sent on summer programs**, especially CLTC. I don't want to leave families in the dark on what these programs are and what they have to offer, which is why I want to **create presentations of each summer program with testimonials from people who have previously attended** along with **fundraising ideas and scholarship applications**. With our Alephs meeting fellow Alephs from all over the country and learning how BBYO works in their respective regions, along with the education they receive, they will return with **creative and original ideas** to help improve this astounding region.

Counterpart Communication:

In order to be successful, I must **communicate with Chapter Morim**. I would like to **set up monthly phone/video calls** with every Chapter Morim to get updated with them and help with any problems they are facing.

I would also like to **increase inter-chapter brotherhood programming**. With our brotherhood already so strong, there is no doubt in my mind we can still improve it! Not only will the **new members meet and bond with other new members from their own chapters**, older members can **re-ignite old friendships and create new ones**.

Goals (cont.)

AIT Period:

One of the most critical jobs of Regional Moreh is to ensure a spectacular AIT Period for the region. Before the chapters receive their freshmen, I would like to **meet up and get to know the Chapter Morim and provide ideas to help organize a fantastic AIT Period**. I will check on the Morim bi-weekly throughout the entire AIT Period to see how well things are going and offer guidance when necessary. I want this experience for the AITs to have them to constantly ask when the next project is.

MIT/AIT Convention:

Ever since my own MIT/AIT, I've wanted to be in charge of planning it. But I and my Regional Co cannot do it by ourselves, which is why I plan to **organize a steering committee**, where they, along with the other Regional Board members, will actively help lead the convention. I want to share my love and passion for AZA with the AITs and help spark that same fire inside of them.

Retreat:

The success of a remarkable Chapter Retreat is directly related to the success of the chapter. Retreats promote **brotherhood, community, and inclusion**, getting all chapter members involved with committees. Throughout the Spring Term, I would like to **meet with the Chapter Morim and provide a list of retreat sites and bus services including estimates** to help ease the burden of the Morim. Along with the sites and services, I will provide a few program and service ideas to help push the Morim in the right direction if they are struggling, and also possible retreat themes to put a new twist to reduce repetition in programming. Retreat is one of the most entertaining and thrilling events of the term and all chapters deserve to have the best possible retreat.

YOU:

You, my brothers, are the reason I am running for this position. I **live for your feedback and ideas**. Gentlemen, the **time has come for your voices to be heard; let me be your medium**.