



# Aleph Douglas Spencer Rich

Proud Candidate for the High and Honorable Position of your  
**92<sup>nd</sup> Grand Aleph Godol**

## The Grand Order of AZA

**CLTC 5  
Coordinator:**  
2016

**IC  
Steering:**  
2016

CLTC 4 2014  
ILTC 2015  
Kallah 2015  
IC 2015<sup>^</sup>, 2016<sup>^</sup>

Will impact the lives of young Alephs to inspire them to be change agents in their communities.

Worked with chapters to develop their programs for showcase and led Speak Up: Start Up Nation.

### My Brother Alephs,

It is an honor to stand before you today running for the high and honorable position of your 92<sup>nd</sup> Grand Aleph Godol. This year I will lead our order towards inspiring Jewish teens around the world to live Jewish lives and to make an impact. We must come together as one Order and one fraternity, to solidify a future for the Jewish people. I promise to give you everything I have in order to move AZA to new heights this year. Fraternally submitted with undying love for The Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, The Ohio Northern region #23 and Samson AZA #2076, I forever remain:

## The Ohio Northern Region #23

**Regional  
S'gan:**  
2015 - 2016

**J-Serve  
Chair:**  
2014 - 2015

**Fall Kickoff  
Coordinator:**  
2014

Kickoff: '12, '13, '14@, '15  
LTI: '12<sup>^</sup>, '14<sup>^</sup>, '15<sup>^</sup>@  
Kallah: '14, '15, '16  
AIT/MIT: '15, '16\*  
RC: '13<sup>^</sup>, '14<sup>^</sup>,  
'15<sup>^</sup>, '16<sup>^</sup>\*

Delegate	<sup>^</sup>
Coordinator	@
Future	*

Enhanced program quality in ONR by getting out of basements.

Planned J-Serve with leaders from all of the Cleveland youth groups.

Started a new tradition in ONR to have a Color War at Kickoff.

“A man has control over three things in his life: his honor, his respect, and his name”  
-Aleph Todd Kay

## Samson AZA #2076

**Godol: F/W**  
2014 - 2015

**S'gan: S/S**  
2014

**Shaliach:**  
S/S 2013

**Mazkir:**  
F/W 2012 -  
2013

Established chapter's first Calling Committee to raise attendance.

**Gizbor:**  
F/W 2013 -  
2014

Generated over \$300 by having people pledge money towards a wing-a-thon.

**Sopher:**  
F/W 2015 -  
2016

Printed the first edition of the Samsonite seen in over 10 years.

Led board to achieve their full potential and win COTY for major accomplishments.

Helped young members learn how to program to become leaders in the chapter.

Created volunteer opportunities with the *National Council of Jewish Women*.

**Awards:**  
Bronze Shield of David  
Silver Shield of David  
Tree of Life

## Fraternity

- We must foster fraternity throughout our Order because we are more than different regions; we are one Order.
- Let us celebrate the accomplishments of each of our chapters and regions to acknowledge excellence around the Order.
- Fraternity is what separates AZA from any other Jewish Youth Movement in the world and we must continue to embrace what makes us unique.
- With many chapters and regions in our Order operating differently, it is easy to feel disconnected from your fellow brother Alephs, but fraternity is what holds us all together to form an Order wide connection.
- Encourage inter-regional programming to show Alephs how Jewish life is different in different cities, states, and countries.

## Renew Focus On Our Teen Priorities

### Grow AZA:

Recruitment is all about making personal bonds, and it is important for chapters create these bonds in their communities.

### Program Excellence:

Program excellence helps keeps teens interested and involved which leads to a stronger Order.

### BBYO Stand Up:

BBYO Stand Up helps members make an impact in the short run and allows them to become agents of change in the long run.

### Globalization:

Acting globally to help other Jewish communities will help improve your own community in the end.

### Stand Up: Our Commitment to Israel:

The more Jewish teens that experience the splendor of our homeland through visiting and programming, the more supporters we gain to protect it.

## Pre-Visit

Before my visit I will work with the Regional or Council Godol to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their region. This will be a great opportunity to decipher what I can do on my visit to have the biggest impact. I will also take pre-visit time to figure out what each region can do better on as a whole and what they can do to improve.

## Visit

During a visit I want to meet as many Alephs as possible. It is very important for me to make a connection with every Aleph I meet to foster fraternity across the Grand Order. Using my knowledge that I gained from building my own chapter, I will be able to help chapters learn how to grow by trying new things and focusing on their weaknesses.

## Post-Visit

My visits will not end when my plane takes off. Instead, I'll follow up with Alephs and chapters that I advised or helped plan something with (programs, PNM calls, etc). I will always be an available resource for the regional or council board and the chapters. I am always glad to give my number out, so I can continue to be a friend and a mentor to my brother alephs.

## Build Our Chapters

- This year I will work with the International and Regional/Council boards to create a database that stores information about every chapter in the order to track the progress of their strengths and weaknesses.
- This year we must create a group effort towards progressing our movement through our chapters, and utilizing international initiatives to help guide them.
- Whether it was being taken in by an older member, or just having a really fun time with your friends at a chapter program, some of our most amazing memories and experiences originated in our chapters.
- Chapters are the base and framework of our Order, without strong chapters we wouldn't have strong regions or the strong Order we have today.

## Secure a Promising Future for the Jewish People

- Our goal this year should be to empower more Jewish teens to want to live Jewish lives.
- About 80% of Jewish teens drop out of Jewish life after Bar/Bat Mitzvah.
- It is our duty to stop the drop out rate from happening in order to strengthen the future of the Jewish people.
- Every Aleph that joins our movement is another chance to create another advocate for Jewish life.
- Not a lot of people have the courage to stand up for us Jews, so it is up to us to make our voices heard.