

To My Brother Alephs,

It is the concept of *Kehillah* (meaning 'community') that has shaped the Jew. I have come to realize that between and beneath the concrete infrastructure of the urban world, Jews are deeply hidden and hard to find—Jews that share the same love for Judaism that I do, despite their secular ethnicity. When we connect with Jews from anywhere in the world, it is truly awesome (in the biblical sense, that is) to have that automatic, intrinsic connection with a random person in a random place. BBYO has done an incredible job bringing the Jews together as a *Kehillah*. However, this task is not complete. As a small component to the massive organization, NTO has sufficient power and influence that we must all become aware of. Moreover, it is in our best interest to utilize this power and become a unified region—thus being a light unto the nations (*Or Lagoyim*) in the community. To do so, we must emulate the reputation that has been coined by the Jew, by starting with the affluent men and women of NTO. In future programs, we will come together as a community and collectively grow spiritually by building Jewish pride. Religious pride is contagious and I know this from personal experiences. We're halfway along the path to unification—in fact, we have the people. I have confidence in the path that this region is taking, and I want to be your leader.

I remain,

Aleph Gary Meir Levine



*Seven Cardinal Principles of  
the Aleph Zadik Aleph*

Judaism—יהודה

Filial Love—בְּהֵאָבִיב

Purity—טהרה

Fraternity—הוֹרָאָה

Conduct—לִוְהֵג

Patriotism—בְּהֵאָדָלֻם

Charity—חֶסֶד

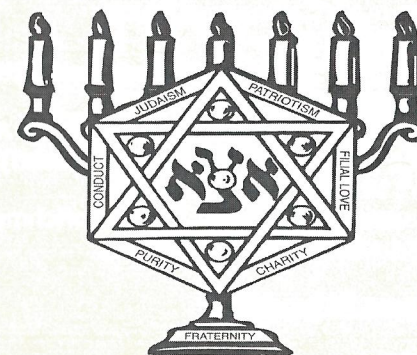
"...If statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky way. properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other 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 this world, in all the ages; and had done it with his hands tied behind him."

-Mark Twain

**Aleph**

**Gary Meir Levine**

**Aspiring to be  
North Texas-  
Oklahoma's 29<sup>th</sup>  
Regional Aleph  
Shaliach**



**"To be yourself in a world  
that is constantly trying to  
make you something else is  
the greatest  
accomplishment"**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**





## Qualifications

**School—** Member of Helping Hands for the Homeless charity club, Member of Students4Students charity club, Member of Mock Trial attorney training club.

## **Chapter—**

- AIT Godol
- Moreh (Spring 2012)
- Shaliach x2 (Fall 2011, 2012)

## **Regional & International**

- Steered NTO Regional Kallah **(Regional)**
- AZA/BBG Shabbat Steering Committee **(International)**
- Coordinated Voice Your Vote 2012: A Teen Issue Summit **(International)**
- Part of 2012-13 International Leadership Network: Judaic Enrichment Committee **(International)**

## Programs Attended

### **Regional—**

- MIT/AIT Convention 2010
- NTO LTI 2011
- AZA/BBG Shabbat 2011, 2012
- Texoma Convention 2011
- Dallas Council Shabbat 2012
- NTO Execs 2012
- NTO Regional Kallah 2012

### **International—**

- CLTC 1 2011
- International Convention 2012
- International Kallah 2012
- Voice Your Vote 2012: A Teen Issue Summit
- International Convention 2013\*
- International Leadership Seminar Israel (ILSI) 2013\*

**\*Denotes registration for future event**

## Goals as Shaliach

### **1) Regional Kallah**

Kallah is an opportunity to take time for self-reflection. This captures the essence of NTO's Judaic programming.

### **2) AZA/BBG Shabbat**

Despite the fact it's an international tradition, NTO will continue to strive for excellence in short, substantial programs that impact each participant.

### **3) Dallas Council Shabbat**

This is an opportunity to bring Jewish identities and prayer together with love to our sweethearts and beaus.

### **4) Services at Every Convention**

To remind us to appreciate our Judaism when focusing solely on leadership skills.

### **5) Working with Shaliach Counterparts/Counterpart**

**Chapters** Working many hours with a counterpart chapter as well as each Chapter Shaliach on a regular basis.

### **6) Promote Stand UP! and Speak UP! Campaign**

Make these initiatives a higher priority when considering regional programming as well as counterpart work. Each chapter will need to feature these campaigns in at least one program or meeting per month so that the whole region is together on this.

## Goals as Shaliach (Continued)

### **7) Preserve Traditional Programming**

In order to move forward in establishing new initiatives and events, we must bear in mind the past success from great programs. So, event programs will consist of mostly new ideas with a hint to tradition.

### **8) Compile a Weekly D'var Torah for the entire Region**

I truly believe that weekly Judaic enrichment is key to spiritual success. In the past, I have written weekly D'var Torahs for my chapter and currently do so for the International order. It will be short and concise—something that everyone can read and relate to.

### **3) Form Committees for all Events and Initiatives**

New Committees for both Stand UP!/Speak UP! to ensure that both campaigns are one of the biggest priorities this year. All regional Jewish events will have their own separate planning committees to strive for excellence.

### **4) Hold Bi-Monthly Shaliach meetings**

To ensure Shlichim are efficient. Shlichim will report their progress and future goals to be openly discussed with the Shaliach team twice every month.

### **5) Hold New Regional Events for Holidays**

To provide a feeling of community within the region. (i.e. NTO Channukah lighting, Purim party)

### **6) Hold Special Events for Stand UP! and Speak UP! Campaigns**

To broadcast NTO's philanthropical and pro-Israel efforts. (i.e. rallies, dinner fundraisers, extra emphasis/programs at conventions)