

### Listen, Listen, Listen.

Gentlemen, I am running for this position to serve **you**. I'm sure that each of you has great ideas that I am leaving off of this platform. That's where you come in. If elected, I will **unconditionally listen** to all of your thoughts and ideas. Then, I will try my best to positively impact this region in any way that I can.

### Illusions of Communication

As stated by George Bernard Shaw, the single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place. As Mazkir, I will **never assume** that something is obvious. I will always make sure that every possible piece of important information is communicated between the region and regional board.

### Just Imagine

This region and this order has already accomplished so much in the short amount of time that it has been alive. Just imagine how much more we can accomplish. The **possibilities are limitless**. If elected, I promise to open all of these opportunities up for AZA as well as NTO so that we will be able to accomplish all of the amazing things that we have been imagining for so long.

### 7 Cardinal Principles of the Aleph Zadik Aleph

Patriotism, Judaism, Filial Love, Charity,  
Conduct, Purity, & Fraternity

Aleph Godol and my Brother Alephs,

In August of my freshmen year, I joined Rubin Kaplan AZA #841. AIT pickup was one of the most fun afternoons of my life. I remember riding in the car with a bunch of strange kids that I didn't know and wondering where I was heading. To say that I had no idea that the long road called my career as an aleph would lead me to be standing here in front of you all today would be an understatement. All I knew when I was riding in that car was that I had finally found the place for me. AZA is my home.

Gentlemen, I am happy to say that the region I loved so much back then as a freshman is still the same today. It is just as welcoming, fun, and inspirational to me as it was on that hot August afternoon several years ago. I cannot even begin to describe what being an aleph means to me. AZA has done so much for me. Besides introducing me to my best friends and giving me a fun, safe place to be on Saturday nights, AZA has changed my life. I want to be able to give every member in this fantastic order the same opportunities that I have had. The question is how do I accomplish all of this?

It all starts with communication. Gentlemen, this is why I am running for Mazkir on regional board. If elected as your 2012-2013 Regional Aleph Mazkir, I promise to fulfill all of my obligations and go above and beyond the expectations set by this region. Without effective means of communication, this region would fall apart. A good Mazkir is the key to the success of all other positions on board, and therefore, the chapter as a whole.

Fraternally Submitted with Undying Love for North Texas-Oklahoma #74, Rubin Kaplan AZA #841, the Aleph Zadik Aleph, and every member in it,  
I remain,



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## Qualifications

### Rubin Kaplan AZA #841

Aleph Gizbor- Spring '12

Aleph Mazkir- Fall '12

Member of NTO Chapter of the Year- '10

Nom Chair- '13 (Pending)

Kaplan Retreat- '11, '12

Member in Good Standing- '10-Present

Planned an award-winning best program- '11

### North Texas-Oklahoma #74 & International

Regional Convention- '10, '11, '12

MIT/AIT Convention- '10

Leadership Training Institute- '12

CLTC #5- '11

Impact: Boston- '12

International Convention- '13 (Pending)

### Outside Qualifications

National Honor Society- '10-Present

Young Men's Service League- '10-Present

- V.P. of Dal-Rich for 3 years

Spanish National Honor Society- '11-Present

Junior Volunteer at Scottish Rite Hospital

- Member of Crayon Club (service organization at the hospital)

Maccabi Baseball Team- '11

Plano West Baseball Team- '11-'12

Member & Volunteer of Temple Shalom- Present

## Goals

### Minutes

Organization is the key to success. Taking minutes is an important part of being Mazkir on regional board. These notes help us to stay **organized and on track**. They are also helpful when looking back at previous meetings to see what was discussed and what was said about it. I will make sure to **be at every regional board meeting** so I can take minutes and keep NTO organized. I will also **attend all of my chapter counterpart's meetings** so I can help out when needed.

### Corresponding

It is extremely important for every chapter to be able to communicate with the regional board. I will make sure to correspond regularly with every chapter and their Mazkir to make sure that any and all questions they may have are answered in a **timely manner**. I will make sure to always make myself available for anyone that may need to speak with me. I will always have my phone so I can communicate with the rest of regional board and any chapter members that need help.

### Summer Programs

Summer programs are an important part of AZA. I want to make sure that every aleph has the opportunity to go on a program to learn more about the order and enhance their experience in BBYO. Summer programs are **really fun** and I want to make sure that as many people know about all of the different

opportunities available throughout the order as possible. Many of my **best friends** were met over the summer through BBYO. Programs like CLTC make people want to continue their experience in AZA while programs like Kallah help people to focus on themselves and learn more about being Jewish. The **opportunities are limitless** and I will make sure to answer any and all questions that may be asked about a particular program in order to get the most people possible to go on a BBYO summer experience. I will also make sure to **promote regional events** and help to get the word out in a timely manner.

### Counterparts and the 411 Plan

Beyond the obvious communication that needs to take place between the chapters and myself, I will make sure to have **monthly meetings** (every 4 weeks) with each Mazkir in person. This will help to ensure that they are staying on top of their work and will also allow me the opportunity to see their progress in person. This way, I can see their strengths and weaknesses before providing **suggestions for improvement**. In addition to the monthly meetings, I will also be sure to make **weekly phone calls** (1 week apart) to each Mazkir to make sure that we are on the same page. This will eliminate all problems pertaining to poor communication and will enhance my relationship with each of the chapters. It will also give me the chance to see how each Mazkir is doing. I will also make sure to **create 1 Facebook group** for every Mazkir in NTO to allow them the opportunity to ask each other and myself questions. Smooth communication is the key to success.