



# *Aleph Jake Austin Nessel*



Candidate for the High and Honorable Position of

## **Aleph Shaliach**

### **Events Attended**

**\*denotes will be attending**

#### **Max Fisher AZA #337**

Chapter Functions  
2013-Present

Chapter Meetings  
2013-Present

AIT Functions  
2013-2014

Chapter Installs  
2014, 2015\*

#### **International Order**

CLTC 5  
2014

Impact Boston  
2015\*

#### **Metro Detroit**

Fall Fix-Up 2014

J-Serve 2015

Relay for Life 2014

Walk4Friendship 2011-14

Bookstock 2014

Friendship Circle 2013-14

#### **Michigan Region #1701**

Regional Convention 2013

YLC 2 2014

Regional Kickoffs 2014-15

Council Meetings 2013-14

Hunger Games Pre-Screening 2013-14

### **Qualifications**

#### **Max Fisher AZA #337**

Dedicated Fisherman 2013-Life

Aleph Sopher 2014-2015

#### **Michigan Region #1701**

Team Membership Committee 2014

YLC Aleph Mazkir 2014

#### **International Order**

Dedicated Aleph 2013-Life

Communications Committee (CLTC) 2014

#### **Metro Detroit**

Friendship Circle Volunteer 2013-2015

**“The Ladder of Success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity”**

**—Ayn Rand**

# Goals and Ideas

## Community Service

- § Get at least 25 members signed up for every community service, particularly J-Serve,
  - ☞ This can be accomplished by individually contacting members and promoting it on social media. Another way is by offering incentives, such as reserving a Bittker spot for the first person to sign up for a service project.
- § Meticulously record community service hours
  - ☞ This will be organized on a spreadsheet that is accessible to all.
- § Help the Mazkir bring back the Katvanim system
  - ☞ This is important because we can use it to contact Fishermen about community service opportunities
- § As your Aleph Shaliach, I will introduce new organizations to get involved with, giving you more opportunities to serve the community, in ways that fit your interests best. Aside from volunteering at Fall Fix Up, J-Serve, and Relay for Life, the following are some of the other organizations that I hope to get more involved with:
  - ☞ I hope to get more involved with Friendship Circle, JARC, and other local organizations that benefit those with special needs. Last year, I planned a program at the Friendship Circle and it was a life-changing experience. I also hope to volunteer with the Motor City Blight Busters, an organization that helps rebuild homes in Detroit.

## Judaic Programming

- § Hold one Shabbat dinner and Havdalah service with new exciting themes every other month.
  - ☞ An example is a camp themed Havdalah service where we all gather and sing around the bonfire. Another example is an Israeli themed Shabbat dinner where we enjoy Israeli foods and music.
- § Incorporate Judaism into programming in a fun and interactive way
  - ☞ This can be done by appealing to members' interests. An example would be having a game where we use Jewish celebrities to show the impact that Jewish people have made on the world and how proud we should be of our heritage.
- § Allow younger members to play a more active role in planning Judaic programs
  - ☞ Not only will this give them an insight on what it is like to lead a program, but it will also help keep them involved.
- § Make sure programs are scheduled far in advance
  - ☞ By organizing a location and time ahead of time, this will avoid any last-minute miscommunications.
- § Hold Fisher's first ever trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center.
  - ☞ This is a great, interactive way to educate our chapter about the Holocaust. Fisher has never really programmed at points of attraction and large venues in Michigan, so this could be a big first step in that direction.
- § Plan more functions to celebrate Jewish holidays
  - ☞ Some examples would be having a bonfire hangout on Passover where we make matzah s'mores, having a chocolate Seder, or sleeping over in a sukkah on Sukkot.
- § Hold a Krav Maga boot camp function.
  - ☞ This will allow us to have fun learning Israeli Self-Defense, while also learning about the challenges that the Israel Defense Forces face every day.

## Social Action

- § Work with the Gizbor to plan more fundraisers to raise money for Stand Up! Cause.
  - ☞ At CLTC, I helped lead my chapter's fundraiser, which allowed me to learn about what it takes to create a successful fundraiser.
- § Work with Sopherim to make spirit wear to promote our Stand Up! Cause
  - ☞ As your Sopher this year, I have learned how to take my creativity to the next level. These skills will help me create a design that others can wear with pride, while promoting our Stand Up! Cause.
- § Hold more social action programs with guest speakers
  - ☞ This will be organized by contacting local organizations to come speak about particular issues.
- § Help the AIT Class create their own Stand Up! Cause
  - ☞ Last year, the AITs elected the American Cancer Society as their class' Stand Up! Cause. This is a tradition that I hope to continue in the next term.
- § Hold a program that simulates what it is like to be physically disabled.
  - ☞ This will allow others to experience the struggle that physically disabled people go through every day, encouraging them to stand up for those who are disabled.

## *My Brother Alephs...*

We are the lucky ones. We come from families who endured the Holocaust and other forms of anti-Semitism, and continued to fight like warriors. We come from families who strived to pass on their traditions and culture. We come from families who have allowed us to unite as one Jewish movement and celebrate how far we have come. Now, it is our job to continue these traditions. As your Aleph Shaliach, I will take Judaic programming to a new level. In doing so, I will help others discover their Jewish identity and expand their knowledge of the Jewish culture. It is important to continue being educated about Judaism and Jewish culture because many of us will eventually pass down this knowledge to our children. More importantly, these traditions are what brings us together. Whether you are the varsity captain or the athlete, there are so many differences among us all. Yet, we will always share our passion and love for Judaism.

Fraternally submitted with undying love for Max Fisher AZA #337, Tony the Tiger, Michigan Region #1701, and the International Order, I remain