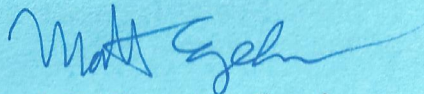


Aleph Godol, my brother Alephs of NTO #74,

I have been a part of this organization for 2 ½ years. If I could find a point where I could begin to explain how much it has given me, I would. The experience that BBYO gives to teenage kids like us is truly spectacular. When you first join you focus mostly on having fun and you don't look too deep into what BBYO really is. As you experience more of BBYO you see that it is a lot more than that. Kids have to take responsibility in order to make things happen in this organization. Lately, I have felt, that BBYO has taken a turn towards a BBYO that is known internationally as the organization that it is. While this isn't necessarily a bad thing, I have noticed that due to this more recent initiative, more stress is put on the chapters individually to help give BBYO this recognition. While some would view this as a great way to make BBYO even better, I would tend to disagree. I find that the base of this organization was to give Jewish boys a high school experience that they could remember their entire lives. I plan to do this, but not from a business perspective, but by focusing on the chapter needs, not what International wants.

Fraternally submitted with Undying Love for NTO #74 and the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, I remain



Aleph Matthew Alan Engelson,

Proud Candidate for the 29th Regional Aleph Godol of North Texas Oklahoma Region #74

Quotes

"Look, if you had one shot, one opportunity, to seize everything you ever wanted – one moment, would you capture it or just let it slip?" – Eminem

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go" – T.S. Elliot

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" – Wayne Gretzky

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"Sometimes, it's hard to pick right from wrong. The best thing we can do is go with our heart and hope it all goes well." – Mac Miller

Goals

Regional Spirit

Right now in NTO, we are very chapter spirited, which is great, but we don't have a lot of Regional Pride. We are in NTO. That is something to be proud of! I think that we should embrace it! I want to usher in a new era of regional spirit to run alongside the chapter spirit that everyone possesses. By making a major push of regional apparel and more regional programming, I hope to inspire this regional spirit. GO PENGUINS!

Meaningful Jewish Experiences

What is the definition of a meaningful Jewish experience? It is different to every person. BBYO defines it as encouraging Jewish teens to find meaning in Judaism and to develop their own Jewish identities. While this great, it isn't what everyone wants to get out of BBYO. There is no lie in saying that some kids just want to come to projects to have a really fun time with their Jewish friends that they might not get to see everyday at school. So why not try something new and focus on that perspective to increase programming based on that. My idea is to try something new. Focus on creating a meaningful Jewish experience, but not the way it is done now. To me, a meaningful Jewish experience is as simple as having a fun time in a Jewish environment with my Jewish friends. Simple right?

Goals Continued

Fort Worth and FRAZA

I am determined to help Ft. Worth get back on its feet. It is unfair to every Jewish teen in that city that they don't have access to the same experience that we have here in Dallas and Tulsa. They were prosperous once, so they can be prosperous again. And there is still hope. Earlier this term, my home chapter of Louis D. Brandeis AZA was lucky enough to receive a teen from Ft. Worth. However, is it fair to him to have to drive out to Dallas every weekend just so he can experience BBYO? Absolutely not. Gilbert AZA needs to be resuscitated. Speaking of out of town, FRAZA, I will not forget about you. You are apart of NTO just as much as any of the other chapters, so we should treat you like it. It's not fair to you all that every regional event is in Dallas. I will try my best to have events either in Tulsa, or at least halfway. I want to make you guys an involved part of the region.

Regional Priorities

It is my belief that in order to be the best region that we can be, we must set our priorities straight. What is really most important to US, The members of NTO! Is it globalization? Is it ISF? Or is it how the programming is going in each chapter, or how we can get attendance up. These are the priorities we should be focusing on. The base of our organization and the fundamental values it was started on. A bunch of Jewish guys getting together, and having fun.

Qualifications

Leadership:

International Leadership Network
- AZAA/BBGG Committee
Chapter Godol–Spring 2012, Fall 2012
Chapter Mazkir–Spring 2011, Fall 2011
AIT Godol – Fall 2010
Member of Best Chapter-2011

Conventions

ILTC - 2012
CLTC 7 - 2011
AZA Shabbat - 2011
Frat/Sis Shabbat – 2011
Regionals – 2010
Regionals – 2011
- Delegate
Regionals – 2012
- Delegate
LTI – 2011
LTI – 2012
Feb Execs – 2012 (Pending)
International Convention – 2012 (Pending)
Brandeis Retreat–2010, 2011
Extra-Curricular Activities
Student Congress -2010, 2011, 2012
- Public Relations Committee
HOSA – 2011, 2012, 2013
- 5th in State: Dental Terminology
Clinical Rotations Program – 2012, 2013
FBLA – 2010
-State Qualified
Synagogue Teacher's assistant – 2010, 2011, 2012