

# ALEPH MATTHEW KORY ROOMBERG

משה בן רחמיאל

## Caucused for the Highly Esteemed Position of your 26th Grand Aleph Shaliach

### Positions Held:

#### Einstein AZA #2134 (6 Month Terms)

Aleph Godol, Spring 2013

- Managed the planning and execution of 12 programs, two of which are award-winning
- Facilitated the recruitment and induction of 12 Alephs
- Raised \$800 for Autism Awareness and Research

Aleph Moreh, Spring 2014

Aleph Mazkir, Spring 2012

- Developed D.C. Council-recognized "video comms" communication technique

#### International Order of AZA (1 Year Terms)

Member on the Shaliach Committee, 2013-2014

- Helped develop program resources for Jewish holidays
- Member on the Speak UP For Israel Committee, 2012-2013
- Helped plan and lead first ever Speak UP Week
  - Helped develop a program bank of Israel programs

#### Quince Orchard High School

Founder and President of American-Israel Alliance, 2013-2014 (1 Year Term)

- Will lead first ever delegation from a public high school at AIPAC Policy Conference 2014
- Captain of Debate Team, 2012-2014 (2x 1 Year Term)
- Two consecutive playoff seasons

Vice President of Chess Club, 2013-2014 (1 Year Term)

Member of National Tri-M Music Honors Society (2 Years)

Member of Math Honors Society (1 Year)

Saxophonist, Honors Jazz Band (2 Years)

#### B'nai Israel Congregation

Student Teacher, 2013-2014

### \*=Future Event Events Attended:

#### International Order of AZA

International Convention 2013, 2014

February Executives Conference 2013, 2014

East Coast Kallah 2014\*

ILSI 2014\*

ILTC 2013

International Kallah 2013

CLTC 7 2012

#### AIPAC

Policy Conference 2013, 2014\*

Winter Saban Leadership Seminar 2013

Schusterman Advocacy Institute High School Summit 2013

#### Northern Region East/D.C. Council

Regional Convention 2011, 2012, 2014

Regional Leadership Training Institute 2013

Delegate, D.C. Council Convention 2012, 2013

NRE New Member Weekend 2011

#### Einstein AZA #2134

Chapter Convention 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014\*

### Awards/Achievements:

Henry Monsky Award for Chapter Excellence, 2012, 2013, 2014

Silver Shield of David Award

Bronze Shield of David Award

Award for Educational Programming Excellence, D.C. Council, 2013

Confirmation in Judaism, B'nai Israel Congregation, 2013

Maryland and Virginia State Judo Champion, 2012

Pennsylvania State Judo Runner-Up, 2012

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# GOALS AND IDEAS

## Hitting The Gaps

As the largest pluralistic and predominant Jewish youth movement, we have the ability and responsibility to better serve the causes we are passionate about. Through organization and combination of chapter and regional Stand UP efforts, we can hit the gaps and maximize our methods of service, and thereby our impact. As our society becomes more and more destructive, the need for a greater impact is now.

### Goals:

- Have every chapter's cause represented on the Stand UP website
- Create networks of regional and chapter Sh'lichim that communicate to accomplish similar service goals

## Proactive Advocacy

Since its beginnings, the Speak UP movement has done a good job of informing members about and connecting members to the land of Israel, but where we can improve is paying it forward, taking real action to support the State of Israel. Through further, more specified education, not just about the issues, but also about how to get involved and make a difference, we can truly support our homeland and its infrastructure. With and beyond partners like AIPAC, we can engage in political and nonpolitical advocacy as well as direct service.

### Goals:

- Expand Speak UP Week beyond the movement by incorporating partners and schools
- Use chapter programming to augment Israel education including its history, politics, technology, culture, and ways to get involved in the pro-Israel movement

## A Deeper Understanding

Jewish enrichment has been a priority of this organization since its founding, but many members today do not engage with that part of the movement and prefer to focus only on the social aspects. In order to connect those members to the Jewish identity of this organization, we must get smarter with our Judaic programming. We must redefine the role of secondary Jewish education by creating stimulating interactive programs that engage our audience.

### Goals:

- Develop more programming resources for Jewish enrichment on the chapter level
- Create an online forum in which members can analyze and discuss interpretations of Divrei Torah

## My Brother Alephs,

For thousands of years, the Jewish People have been persecuted all over the world. We have survived many tragedies through it we maintained our unique culture, faith, and rituals. It has been only in recent history when Jews have had the liberty to openly practice that faith. Today, we freely practice throughout many parts of the world, but with the freedom to practice our Judaism, comes the freedom not to practice.

As its most prominent members, we are proud to be the world's largest pluralistic Jewish youth movement, but we must never take it for granted, because while we may have engaged over thirty thousand Jewish teens worldwide, there are two million more we haven't. Your presence here is the first step to securing a lifelong Jewish identity, but that is not enough. We must proliferate and maximize our impact so that our Jewish communities around the world maintain their Jewish identities, too. We have a great start, but there's work to be done. The opportunity is right in front of us, so let's take the next steps together to further our reach.

Fraternally Submitted with undying love for the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph and my heart and home, Einstein AZA #2134, I remain,



Aleph Matthew Kory Roomberg