

# **Aleph Samuel Albert Abemayor**

## **Aspiring for the High and Honorable Position of your 59th Regional Aleph Shaliach**

### **Ridgefield BBYO and Achla #2532:**

- Aleph Moreh '17-'18
- Helped my Nsiah organize and coordinate call lists
- Programmed and ran 2 chapter AIT meetings
- Created a fun and enthusiastic atmosphere for all members at chapter events
- Inducted into Achla AZA #2532
- Ran multiple chapter programs
- Member in good standing since April 2016

\*-Denotes Steering or part of program write-up

\*\*.-Denotes future events

### **Connecticut Valley Region #17:**

#### **Regional Brotherhood Chair '17-'18:**

- Spread the message of the importance of brotherhood throughout the region
- Made new Alephs feel comfortable and happy to be in AZA

#### **First year all around Aleph Award ('17)**

- Co-programed and ran an Israeli themed friday night service at Fall 2017.
- Co-ran saturday morning services and Havadallah
- Co-programmed and ran AZA seperates at Kallah 2018

### **The Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph:**

Dedicated Aleph (April 2016-Life)

LEV ('17)

- Attended the first ever Lift Every Voice (L.E.V) song leading conference at Camp Beber
- Learned how to be a song leader and incorporate music more throughout services
- International Convention ('18)
- Will be attending International Leadership Training Conference this summer at Camp Perlman

### **Outside Qualifications:**

- Goalkeeper for my high school's junior varsity soccer team
- Went to a Jewish summer camp, Camp Monroe, for 7 years.
- Student Council Member
- Volunteer and help program sporting events for Adults and Adolescents who are Developmentally/Physically delayed at North East Westchester Special Recreation
- Honor Roll student
- I help special needs kids at my school with their homework

### **Events Attended:**

**Chapter:** Attended every chapter meeting and event since April of 2016, Overnight ('16,'17), Passover Program ('17\*,'18), Kickoff ('16,'17)

**Regional:** Fall Convention ('16,'17\*), Kallah ('17,'18\*), Spring Convention ('17,'18), RLTI ('17,'18), Regional Kickoff ('16,'17), Stomp It Out ('17), Beau Sweetheart ('17,'18), AZAA ('16), J-Serve ('17,'18)

**International:** LEV ('17), International Convention ('18), ILTC ('18\*\*)

### **My Brother Alephs,**

Let me ask you a simple, but yet intriguing question. What makes a Jew a Jew? Is it based on how many times he goes to temple, where he had his Bar Mitzvah, or if he even believes in g-d? None of these responses are truly correct. What makes a Jew is his Jewish identity and usage of culture in his everyday life. Our Jewish identities allow us to recognize the importance of when to stand up and say "enough is enough" to all forms of anti-semitism existing in our lives. Our Strength in preserving and expanding Jewish culture in the region has been tremendous this past year. I've seen many new members come into a convention, curious and shy about their Jewish identity. By the end of a convention, many of them become eager and excited to share their newfound Jewish identity and culture. If elected, I would further strengthen regional Jewish experiences so every aleph can successfully develop what truly makes them a Jew.

**Separate reeds are weak and easily broken but bound together they are strong and hard to tear apart - The Midrash**

<p><b>Consistent Counterpart Communication:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Have monthly calls with all chapter Shlichim to discuss potential ideas for future Judaic programs.</li><li>-These calls will also give Shlichim the option to critique and enhance their programs.</li><li>-Individually contact my counterparts regularly to make sure their programs are being ran successfully and that they are comfortable with their position's work.</li><li>-Will work diligently with the Grand Aleph Shaliach, Liam Mclean, to make sure our region is the strongest in Judaic programming and heritage around the International Order.</li></ul>	<p><b>Goals and Ideas:</b></p> <table><tr><td><p><b>Global Shabbat:</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Global Shabbat will put our ability to successfully program and run services on display to the rest of the International Order.</li><li>-In preparation for this event, I would advise my counterparts to form small committees to organize services in their community.</li><li>-These committees will also create opportunities for new members to build relationships with chapter members and the Regional Shlichim.</li><li>-Chapters will be strongly encouraged to use Build-A-Prayer and the program bank to generate ideas for services.</li></ul></td><td><p><b>Combating AntiSemitism:</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Antisemitism has been prevalent in many of our towns in the past two years</li><li>-If elected, I would require every Shaliach to run one program about combating AntiSemitism.</li><li>-These programs would educate new and old members on how to advocate against Antisemitism using Jewish morals in their communities.</li><li>-It is very crucial to teach all Alephs on how to create a safer world for all Jews. It's our moral duty to stand up and say that these forms of hatred have no place in any our communities. We should be proud our religion and not scared of the hate we may face.</li></ul></td></tr></table>		<p><b>Global Shabbat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Global Shabbat will put our ability to successfully program and run services on display to the rest of the International Order.</li><li>-In preparation for this event, I would advise my counterparts to form small committees to organize services in their community.</li><li>-These committees will also create opportunities for new members to build relationships with chapter members and the Regional Shlichim.</li><li>-Chapters will be strongly encouraged to use Build-A-Prayer and the program bank to generate ideas for services.</li></ul>	<p><b>Combating AntiSemitism:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Antisemitism has been prevalent in many of our towns in the past two years</li><li>-If elected, I would require every Shaliach to run one program about combating AntiSemitism.</li><li>-These programs would educate new and old members on how to advocate against Antisemitism using Jewish morals in their communities.</li><li>-It is very crucial to teach all Alephs on how to create a safer world for all Jews. It's our moral duty to stand up and say that these forms of hatred have no place in any our communities. We should be proud our religion and not scared of the hate we may face.</li></ul>	<p><b>Regional Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- One of my ultimate goals as Regional Aleph Shaliach would be to diversify Regional Services.</li><li>- A myriad of ideas will allow more Alephs to relate to Jewish culture and develop a true Judaic identity.</li><li>-The proper way to help a beginning Aleph would be by picking certain aspects of the Torah and culture and incorporating them into services.</li><li>- An Israeli food tasting service, a campfire themed service, and a Intergenerational service would just be the beginning of potential service ideas.</li></ul>
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<p><b>Communication Among the Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Work hand in hand with the Regional Aleph S'gan for regional Judaic programs.</li><li>-Notify the Regional Aleph Godol about potential program ideas.</li><li>-Prepare bi-weekly board reports to inform the board on my current projects.</li></ul>	<p><b><i>A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots. -Marcus Garvey</i></b></p>	<p><b>Incorporate Music More in Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Without a doubt, music unites us as one whole community during services and Havdalah.</li><li>-Music has already helped and will help many members in the future with discovering their Jewish identity.</li><li>-If elected, I will work with Regional staff to get a professional songleader at every single convention next year.</li><li>-Music is the voice of our religion and culture, we need to express it as much as we can.</li></ul>			
	<p><b><i>Fraternally submitted with undying love and dedication to Ridgefield BBYO, Achla AZA #2532, Connecticut Valley Region #17, and the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, I forever remain , Aleph Samuel Albert Abemayor.</i></b></p>				