



Aleph Matthew Sean Sturt

Caucusing For the High and Honorable Position of Your

16th Regional Aleph S'gan

Events Attended

Outside of BBYO

Positions Held

✂ Majority of Chapter Events

- 2016, 2017

✂ Fall Convention

- 2015, 2016[^]

✂ Invite Convention

- 2016, 2017^{*}

✂ Spring Convention

- 2016[^], 2017[^]

✂ AIT/MIT

- 2017[^]

✂ Regional Kickoff

- 2015, 2016^{*}

✂ International Convention/MGS

- 2017

✂ Debate Team Member, Ranked Top 5 in State of Illinois

✂ High Honor Roll at Niles North High School

✂ Football Team Captain

✂ Often Attend Services at Local Synagogue

✂ Will Attend JCC Camp Chi For 5th Summer This Year

✂ AP Student

✂ Have played the clarinet for 6 years

✂ Member of Niles North marching band

✂ Member of the Aleph Zadik Aleph – April 2015 - Life

✂ Chapter Sopher of Haganah AZA #2379 – Spring 2016

- Created Chapter Snapchat as well as informing current members and alumni about chapter functions

- Increased communications about events through multiple outlets

✂ Chapter S'gan of Haganah AZA #2379 – Fall 2016

- Organized programming for the fastest growing chapter in GMR
- Planned the highest attended chapter kickoff in recent history
- Coordinated the largest regional kickoff in Great Midwest Region history, with over 500 teens in attendance
- Allowed younger members to help with programming, which allows for better leadership opportunities
- Held a successful Hanukkah candle fundraiser, which raised funds for our chapter budget

✂ Chapter Godol of Haganah AZA #2379 – Spring 2017

- Led a young board to a successful term, in which we hit our membership goal
- Created more leadership opportunities for general members
- Coordinator of Invite convention, when I led a program about the IDF

✂ Chair of Services Committee of GMR #61 – 2016-2017

- Led a Saturday morning Shabbat service at every regional convention I did not coordinate

[^]Committee Member ^{*}Coordinator

MGS – Membership Growth Summit

MY BROTHER ALEPHS,

We are only 16 years into the life of the Great Midwest Region, and it sometimes shocks me that the region is thriving farther and faster than much historic regions. The key to the rapid growth in the region is creating leaders within the region and allowing them to flourish. Therefore, one of my main initiatives that I would like to put in place is creating regional programming committees. These will allow younger leaders in our region to have experience in leading programs on the regional level, as well as become better leaders overall. The future of GMR is a bright one, and can only get brighter by making opportunities for our brother Alephs.

Fraternally submitted, with undying love for the Great Midwest Region #61, and my heart and home Haganah AZA #2379, I will forever remain Aleph
Matthew Sean Sturt

The Five Folds

Community Service

The implementation of invite points being given for stand – up hours is a great initiative, but this should not be the only reason community service happens. Good deeds day is also a great initiative so why not provide more opportunities for people to give back? That is why I want to add more events for people to give back to the community around them, as well as those around the world through national BBYO stand-up causes.

Education

A key to the future of GMR as well as AZA in general is education. The order that we are a part of is over 90 years old, and that is a beautiful thing. The best way to maintain membership is to spread the traditions that have lasted almost a century in this amazing organization. By educating more alephs about this order, we can create better leaders not only in AZA, but in the world as well.



Social

While most events (both regionally and on the chapter level) isolate this fold, I want to improve the social aspect of the region. I would like to incorporate this by allowing each AZA chapter to host the region at one of their events. This will allow each chapter to display their programming and allow more opportunities to create better AZA bonding. This not only creates better friendships throughout the region, but allows more people to gain experience programming in front of a big audience.

Judaic

This is the most underrated fold in AZA. This is the most important fold because this is what brings us all together, the one thing we all have in common. While I don't necessarily think this needs to be integrated into every event, there can be more. This should be embraced, it is what makes us all alike.

Athletic

If I have learned one thing from GMR, it's that most if not all of the alephs in this region enjoy sports. However, if you are not the most athletic there is something about the camaraderie of winning a basketball tournament together as a chapter that creates a bond unlike any other. This being said, I want to create an athletic committee and have Alephs be able to plan more athletic events for the region.