

Qualifications

Morton Arthur Lewis AZA #135

Chapter Aleph Godol (Fall 2016)

Lewis Neon Dance 2016 (The most profitable dance in our chapter's history)

Recruited 30+ AITs

Chapter Aleph Godol (Spring 2016)

Chapter Retreat Consisting of 50+ Members

Chapter Aleph Moreh (Fall 2015)

Regional Award-Winning AIT Education Program

Chapter Aleph Shaliach (Spring 2015)

Sweetheart Appreciation Shabbat

Chapter Retreat (2014, 2015, 2016)

Aleph in Good Standing (Spring 2014-Present)

North-Texas Oklahoma #74

Regional Convention (2014, 2015, 2016)

Regional New Membership Committee (2016)

Spring Convention (2016 - Steering)

Regional Execs (2015, 2016)

JLTI (2015)

MIT/AIT Convention (2014)

Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph

August Execs Training 2017*

ILTC 2016

International Convention (2016, 2017*)

CLTC 5 2015

Aleph Godol, My Brother Alephs,

At separates during ILTC this past summer, we discussed the importance of BBYO in our own lives. When going around the room, sharing why BBYO is important to each of us, my close friend, Dylan Emert, proclaimed,

"I Would Not Be Jewish If Not For BBYO."

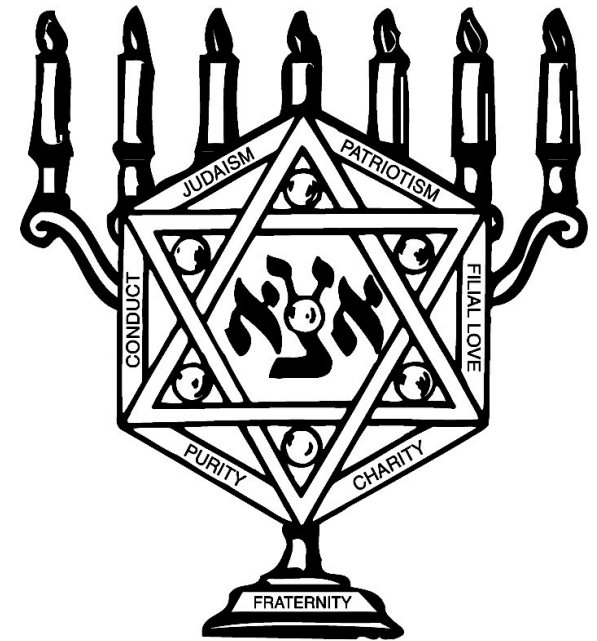
This statement sent chills down my spine. Even more disturbing was the fact that he started what would become a trend among countless others, announcing that they too would have no connection to Judaism without BBYO. Having attended Jewish day school my whole life, and growing up in the tight-knit Dallas Jewish Community, I identify very strongly with my religion. I could not imagine life without it.

This moment had taken me aback. It was, and still is, difficult for me to fathom the fact that so many teenagers, around the globe, would have no connection to Judaism, if not for BBYO. My eyes have been opened to the sheer beauty behind BBYO, an organization dedicated to connecting and empowering Jewish teens worldwide. This experience instilled in me an unwavering fervor for the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph. This passion is ultimately what has brought me here today, aspiring for Regional Godol. I strive to give back to our great region, to make an impact, and inspire others, in hopes to ignite their passion for BBYO. I want to make a difference in the lives of my brother alephs. I want to see our region thrive. Together, we will reach higher than ever before and see North Texas-Oklahoma Region #74 accomplish things that no region has before.

Fraternally Submitted with Undying Love for Morton Arthur Lewis AZA#135, North Texas-Oklahoma Region #74, and the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, I remain,

Aleph Zachary Logan Denn
Proud Candidate for North Texas-Oklahoma's 33rd Regional Aleph Godol

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Aspiring for the
High and Honorable Position
Of North Texas-Oklahoma's
33rd Regional Aleph Godol

"Some want it to happen, some wish
it would happen, others make it
happen."


Michael Jordan


NTO's 33rd Regional Board


 Aleph S'gan: Work closely with the S'gan in ensuring that all convention programming is well-thought-out and worthwhile. Establish a new format for all conventions where members will be able to select what type of programming they wish to partake in at conventions. Work personally with chapter S'ganim on a consistent basis to improve weekly programming.

 Aleph Moreh: Have spring executive board training (execs), where new boards learn and improve membership strategies. Establish new chapters in Dallas and beyond, potential cities outside of Dallas include: Oklahoma City, Southlake, and Arlington. Strengthen ties with Tulsa and Fort Worth. Work with chapter Morim in preserving chapter fraternity and culture. Ensure that all AITs are well educated. Provide Morim with basic curriculum for AITs. Re-institute the MIT/AIT convention. Hold Senior Lock-in towards end of spring term. Be in constant communication with chapter Morim and help create guide for retreat.

 Aleph Shaliach: Establish regional Stand Up Cause. Provide more opportunities for community service. Keep alephs aware of news surrounding Israel. Promote Speak Up. Bring in more speakers for the region to discuss topics surrounding Israel and Judaism. Better connect alephs with their Judaism through increase of shabbat dinners. Explore different ways for alephs to connect spiritually. Cater to all forms of Judaism.

 Aleph Mekasher: Hold increased amount of recruitment events (regional and chapter). Develop elaborate list of Jewish middle schoolers and potential members. Plan fun, thorough programs for Dallas Connect. Establish Connect in Tulsa and Fort Worth. Utilize recruitment techniques in order to grow and strengthen chapters who need. Provide incentive for recruitment. Develop a more fair, logical system for distributing new members to chapters.

 Aleph Mazkir: Promote International initiatives. Establish better connection between NTO and BBYO Balkans. Utilize Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat. Create regional website. Send out monthly regional correspondence. Work with chapter Mazkirim to set up chapter websites.

 Aleph Gizbor: Implement more regional fundraisers such as: dances, barbecues, or perhaps, a formal dinner with parents. Train chapter Gizborim to fundraise more effectively. Attain regional sponsors. Build a stronger Regional Scholarship Fund to ensure that no Aleph is left out due to finances.

Goals

Spring Training

While I do wish to establish new chapters, we first must focus on the current chapters. To do so, **I plan on holding Spring Execs**, where boards of each chapter will gauge a better idea of where their chapters stand. As a result, our regional board will hold workshops, providing exec boards the tools necessary to improve these ranging factors of their respective chapters. Traditionally, our region holds execs strictly in the fall, but I see no conflict in having this training both terms, as they improve the overall function of exec boards as well as the chapter as a whole.

Effective Counterparts

- It is imperative that each chapter board member works closely with their regional board counterpart. Monthly counterpart meetings will greatly aid the effectiveness of each position and improve their overall function.

- Additionally, each regional board member will be paired with a chapter counterpart. The regional board member will attend chapter meetings, and occasional programs, ensuring that progress is being made.

- **I personally plan on scheduling calls with every chapter Godol, twice per month.**

- Additionally, I will hold several meetings, as well as hangouts, for chapter Godolim. I will do so in order to strengthen our bond, and ultimately, get more accomplished.

Strength in Numbers

After ensuring the welfare of current chapters, **our next priority will be establishing new chapters across NTO**. In doing so, we will present more opportunities for leadership, and allow better access to teens who do not live close but still wish to partake in the BBYO experience.

- For new chapters on the rise, I will fully devote myself, working closely with chapter leaders in strengthening them to the point of fruition.

Goals (Continued)

Dallas and Beyond

Improvements must be made in closing the gap between Dallas and our other major cities: Fort Worth and Tulsa.

- **In order to close this gap, we will hold one regional event, or fundraiser, each term in these areas**, where a bus can transport the Dallas teens back and forth.

- To monitor progress, I personally intend on visiting both Fort Worth, and Tulsa.

Regional Pride

In the past, we have not been known as the most spirited region. With IC being held in Dallas this year, it is time for that to change.

- Our region will make spirit packages before major conventions like IC. These inexpensive packages will include: T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other such swag, featuring appealing designs.

- Additionally, **I believe that a spring regional business meeting would improve members' overall awareness regarding the region**. In effect, this meeting would grant every member the opportunity to voice their input, and ultimately create a more informed, unified region.

Regional Stand-Up Cause

This year's annual Lewis Neon Dance was more profitable than ever before. With a significant portion of the proceeds going toward our chapter's Stand-Up Cause, SAVE (Suicide Voices of Education), we truly made an impact.

- **Together, we will decide, and implement, a Regional Stand-Up Cause.**

- Additionally, I will provide more opportunities for community service so that our region can make a larger impact on the world around us.