



ALEPH ARI ABRAHAM NEZARIA



Aspiring for the high and honorable position of Regional Aleph Moreh for the Nassau Suffolk Region #19

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world" - Mahatma Gandhi

My Brother Alephs,

The Nassau Suffolk Region has grown strong, but no doubt we can grow stronger. It is imperative that you all challenge my initiative, as your 61st Regional Aleph Moreh, for us to reach that point. Three years ago, my life was changed, and at that same point I joined what I now know to be the greatest organization of Jewish people worldwide. I also know that I joined the greatest order of Jewish brothers worldwide, Aleph Zadik Aleph, but it took me way too long to realize it. That is the problem we are facing, and it is my goal to change that. Many of our members join but only become active half a year later, leaving them with a void of knowledge with AZA and BBYO itself. I am running to be your Regional Aleph Moreh for the sole purpose of furthering and quickening the education of our prospective and new members to make for more efficient recruitment, retention, and re-education.

BBYO has no doubt changed my life, but why is it that I stand here today declaring my ambitions for us as a region? It is this perception that cannot be defined but only experienced, this union that brings our order strength, and the fraternalism that makes us one. It is the brotherhood and the shared traditions of AZA that allow us to prevail from generation to generation. Fraternally submitted with undying love for the Alephs of the past, present, and future; my brothers of Samson AZA #1656; the Nassau Suffolk Region #19; and the Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, I will endlessly remain one damn proud Aleph Ari Abraham Nezarria.

Chapter: Samson AZA #1656

- Active member since 9th grade
- 27th Chapter Moreh Sagreer 16'-17'
- 28th Chapter S'gan 17'
- Re-Elected 29th Chapter S'gan 17'-18'
- Samson Spring Overnight 16', 17'
- Samson Winter Overnight 16'-17'
- Recruitment of 15 members
- Planned and led 10 programs and 3 overnights with the help of the boards

Award Aspirations

As a region, we seek out excellence. As Regional Moreh, I will push more members to strive for international recruiting awards. This includes the AZA Tree of Life Recruitment Award and The Shield of David Award of the AZA.

Regional NSR #19:

- Winter Convention 16',17'
 - Led God-Talk Program
- Spring Convention 18'
 - Regional Band '18
- Kickoff Shabbat 16',17'
- Winter Kickoff Shabbat 17',18'
- Fall Kickoff 16',17'
- Kickoff 2.0 17', 18'
- Brotherhood Overnight 16',17',18'
 - Steered 17'
- Marathon Madness 16'
- RLTI 16',17'
- AZAA 17', 18'
 - Champions 17'

International

- IC 2018
- ILSI 2018

Outside of BBYO:

- Jewish Summer Camp 10'-17'
- Active Volunteer at Stony Brook University Medical Hospital
- The Presidents Volunteer Service Award
- The Walt Whitman Birthplace Association Writing Award
- Outstanding Service Award (Key Club)
- Tenor Saxophone in Jazz Band
- National Honors Society

Recruitment

- Continue our focus on reviving Maccabee AZA
- Increase of Aleph Membership in the Unity BBYO chapter
- Further the successful recruitment within the Long Beach area
- Every chapter should grow between 5%-15% during the year
 - 2-3 Alephs a month
- Create more AZA regional programs focusing on brotherhood
- Hold a bring your friend to BBYO day meeting within chapters
- Execute a more efficient Regional Rush Month with incentives
- Break 1500 Members threshold

Retain

- Establish an annual upperclassman program
- Big Brother-Little Brother relationships strengthening the bond between young and old
- Eliminate the term “Paper Member”
- Work with S’ganim to ensure quality programming keeping the new and old members involved
- Work with the Morim to target member retention by working with the active members to bring their friends to meetings

Remember

- Be there to provide newer members with opportunities and experiences they will always remember
- Make it a priority to promote summer programs (i.e. CLTC, Kallah, ILSI, etc.)
- Encourage leadership opportunities making them feel engaged, inspired, and active leaders within AZA
- No Member Left Behind

Education

- As my main focus, I want to enforce more education about AZA and BBYO itself
- Require chapter Morim to plan at least 2 AIT/MIT meetings every month teaching the history, traditions, principles, folds, and fraternal aspects of AZA through engaging programs
- Promote region wide education by working with S’gan to encourage education oriented programs using the five folds and cardinal principles
- Hold informational meetings for both members and parents
- Take advantage of the gaps in the calendar for Brotherhood Education

Communication

- Build a relationship with the chapter Morim to be able to accurately assess to their goals and needs through monthly conference calls with our Regional staff
- Work with the Ozer of Suffolk/Nassau to find the ideal chapter for each prospective Aleph
- Always be available to answer any questions or concerns from the board, active members, and both new and prospective members
- Lead in an environment that is open to Alephs sharing new ideas and engaging with other chapter Morim, leading to the success of their chapters
- Work cohesively with each and every one of my board members, counterparts and Regional staff