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Candidate for 29th Virginia Council Aleph Godol

My brother Alephs, we stand in our movement's strongest time, but we can take our success even further. In a world where Jews are again being targeted in the open, we need to make VAC AZA the home for every Jewish teen in Virginia. As your Godol, I will ensure BBYO can serve as many teens as possible in the most effective way.

Many families are unwilling or unable to spend thousands of dollars on a BBYO event or program, which can hold members back from having the full AZA experience. While BBYO has the resources to enable everyone to attend any event in the International Order, not all members know how to utilize these resources. At Regional Execs, we will teach all of the board positions how to use our financial tools. With all chapter board members knowing how to access scholarship forms, we will be able to help general members get scholarships for events, which in turn will raise overall participation.

If elected, I want to ensure that our leaders obtain useful training at Regional Execs. In the past, so much time has been spent learning about what each position should be doing rather than what each position can contribute to a chapter board as a whole. At Regional Execs 2019, counterparts will share concrete ideas for the upcoming year with each other. Oftentimes, one chapter will be struggling in an area where another is flourishing; sharing our success stories with each other will help alleviate some of these troubles.

VAC AZA is made up of visible, proud leaders. However, many Alephs who could contribute heavily to the region are unable to do so because of a busy schedule or other commitments. I want to create a more accessible leadership structure to benefit busy or younger members interested in leading. Adding brotherhood weekend chairs is just one example of how I will engage more Alephs in leadership.

Leadership does not just happen on a regional level; I will encourage local leadership by presenting more incentives for successful and hardworking chapters. At Regionals 2019, to encourage more Alephs to run programs, there will be a chapter showcase in which chapters can earn grants for future programs. At the award ceremony, the best chapter programs will be picked as winners of money which can go towards future programs or chapter expenses. Not only will this encourage more members to submit and run programs at regionals but also it can create more exciting future programs with the money that they won.

Next year, I would like to help enhance the chapter experience. At August execs, board members will learn how to access the Game Changers grant application. Using this, my chapter went to a UVa basketball game and dinner for only \$10 a person. If more chapters utilize this tool, there can be more "Wow-Programming," which can draw in prospective members and excite AITs.

VAC AZA has no limit to how high we can soar. We have great Alephs, and with some refining, we can further enhance every member's experience. My brother Alephs, if elected to serve as the 29th Virginia Council Aleph Godol, Virginia Council will have its greatest year yet.

Fraternaly submitted with undying love for Nitzachon BBYO, Virginia Council #56, Eastern Region #6, and the boys of AZA, I remain Aleph Ari Michael Krupnick