

CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 63RD GODOL
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VISION STATEMENT:

Our internationally known region has flourished for years due to the success filled environment we have created, however we must always strive for greatness. Our region can be utilized to not only better the Alephs involved, but the community around us. Our 10 diverse AZA chapters are not given the specific attention they deserve. Each chapter struggles with their own unique issues and requires distinct advice geared towards them. We have so many engaged members instilled with so much passion, yet there is so much more we can do. Absolute brotherhood throughout our region cannot be obtained without opportunity. We must utilize our region as a resource to develop Jewish leaders ready to take on and better the world around them.

Given the large number of chapters in NSR, how will you make sure that each individual chapter has its needs met and identity recognized while still aligning their vision with your overall plan for the region?

I have seen both the highest of highs alongside the lowest of lows within a chapter. Each individual chapter is in need of their own specific support. No two chapters possess the same issues, which means no two chapters can thrive off the same guidance. A different approach is needed to benefit each and every chapter. My overall plan for our region works hand in hand with our individual chapters' needs. I want to bring our region beyond its limits, and this can only be reached with the lone success of each chapter. Our chapters play a pivotal role in the overall advancement of our region. When our chapters experience progress, our individual Alephs are left with a greater experience and feel more connected to our region.

One of the most prevalent issues with our region is a lack of general knowledge on AZA and BBYO. How will you work with the rest of your board to ensure that the future AITs of NSR have strong knowledge of AZA?

Knowledge of both AZA and BBYO is what keeps tradition alive, and simply giving our new brothers a blue book and pin is not enough. The education of our Alephs is vital to understanding our roots and developing our leaders. There is a current stigma around education claiming it cannot be enjoyable, but this is so far from true. I see BBYO and AZA knowledge as a resource and opportunity for improved programming and a greater impact left on our Alephs. Our fraternity's roots must never be forgotten. To ensure *all* our Alephs are informed, we must create a cycle resulting in the educated teaching the uneducated. This cycle not only gives purpose to our dedicated older brothers, but allows for our younger ones to learn and build a relationship while doing so.