

# CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 63RD MOREH

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### **Vision Statement**

My Brother Alephs, in a blink of the eye it is going to be the end of my BBYO life. There is still so much more that I wish to achieve and I will do everything in my power to accomplish these goals. Primarily, I would like to increase the amount of dedicated leaders in the Aleph community. It is a fact that not enough of our Aleph population in Nassau Suffolk is showing their true passion for what BBYO has to offer. I believe this is due to the lack of strong relationships between younger and older members. I know that more multiple-chapter events is an attainable way to start achieving this goal. I understand that making long lasting friends does not happen overnight. So even if I am not able to accomplish this during my term, I still feel confident that this initiation will be the spark to a more unified group of young men in NSR for the future. Communication between counterparts is going to be one of my main focuses as well, so that ideas are able to spread from chapter to chapter.

### **Through the use of strategic membership initiatives and incentives, how will you stimulate NSR's membership growth?**

It is crucial for everyone on the chapter board to realize that recruitment and membership is part of each board member's responsibility. Especially in the larger chapters of our region, it is not possible for solely the chapter Moreh to establish a deep friendship with every single member. By working together as a board, chapters must divide their membership roster up, so that each board member is responsible for individually reaching out to a group of teens. Either in the region's newsletter or on Instagram, any chapter or individual that goes above and beyond when striving to push recruitment will get a shoutout. I understand that much of a Moreh's hard work can often go unnoticed. This will hopefully give not only chapter Moreh, but also dedicated members the incentive to give other Jewish teens the opportunity to become part of AZA.

### **In what ways will you ensure that younger members of NSR attend life changing summer experiences?**

Having gone on two summer experiences already, there is nothing that I would love to see more than sending more members of NSR to summer programs. Last summer I attended both Stand-Up D.C. and CLTC 8. I believe that if more teens become involved in BBYO as 8th graders, they will have more time to take advantage of all the amazing trips that BBYO has to offer. Many teens go to sleepaway camp for the whole summer, and I did myself for a few years. At first, it was hard to leave all my friends that I had made at that camp; however, my time at the BBYO summer programs gave me a new home. The upperclassmen in the region need to emphasize how important it is to stay involved in BBYO during the summer. Summer programs are a wonderful way to make friends from across the globe and build up qualifications for chapter and regional board.