

CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 14TH
OZER SUFFOLK
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Vision Statement

If elected as your 14th Regional Ozer of Suffolk I will devote my time and energy to ensure the success of all Suffolk chapters within NSR. In the upcoming year I will assist the boards to help make sure their chapter reaches their potential in all aspects, membership, programming, chapter funds and leadership. I will attend every chapter meeting and board meeting to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the chapter to see what we must devote our time on improving. Along with helping the preexisting chapters, I will try to expand NSR. BBYO on Long Island doesn't extend past Smithtown. There is so much potential to grow the number of Alephs in NSR to many towns. This will increase the overall brotherhood we have in NSR and help maintain the status we have at the top of the international order.

How will you ensure the success of newer chapters such as Hills AZA and Unity BBYO?

To ensure success of newer chapters I would devote myself to helping make sure programs they have are well planned and satisfying to all members. These programs must build brotherhood to make stronger bonds within the chapter and ensure the retention of members and prospects. Another idea I have is "Mentor, Mentee". This will pair up older board members with more experience to board members of developing chapters and newer leadership. This will also help strengthen bonds between chapters, increasing brotherhood within the region.

How will your leadership style change in maintaining stability in successful chapters as opposed to building up less developed chapters?

With the wide variety of success among Suffolk county chapters this could bring a challenge to the Ozer. I would use my experience on board from successful terms and bring that to the developing chapters. This will put them in the mindset of success and put them on the path they need to go. I will help the board find future leaders within their chapter and encourage those Alephs to become involved in the chapter board as a chair and strongly recruit to summer programs to gain the knowledge and experience it takes to lead a chapter. For the more successful chapters, I would act as an extra board member and assist in any position that needs help or lacks experience.