

Candidate for the 64th Regional Aleph Godol of the Nassau Suffolk Region Chase Nussbaum

My Vision:

Hi, my name is Chase Ryan Nussbaum, I am caucused for the high and honorable position of you 64th regional Godol. “Who am I? And what is my story” has been a question that others have asked me recently. As I reflect on my BBYO journey I can identify myself as a lover of learning new things about others and myself and sharing ideas that inspire and impact each other. And my story begins and does not end with the love I have for the fraternity and brotherhood that is AZA.

Historically prior to this pandemic AZA chapters within the region were full of committed and active members that were able to meet regularly for programs that inspired fraternity and brotherhood. This past year serving as your 63rd regional Rakkaz, it became evident that it is more important now than ever to stay hopeful. Although the year may not have panned out as we hoped, our resiliency helped us to make the most of what we had. When the pandemic hit we struggled with virtual and chapter programming, as well as, overall AZA attendance. This was especially evident during both Fall and Spring Convention. Right now although it seems AZA involvement is low, it is extremely important to stay active. Our brotherhood is seemingly disappearing faster than we know it. With the escalation of hate crimes and anti-semitism it is important that each of us are there for our fellow Alephs. This is why I am running for your 64th regional Godol.

The drop in productivity from AZA chapters has been the catalyst for my strong belief that things must change. We must find our way back to AZA traditions and culture. I believe I am that someone who can make a difference, and help us revert back to what we used to have. Our inclusive brotherhood has brought about so much welcoming comfort, friendship, and a place to call home. I feel that I can lead us to our goals because of my experiences on regional board, chapter board, CLTC, and simply from all the love I have for BBYO.

To reach our goals I will implement new committees that the regional board and I will work closely with to create engaging programs just for Alephs. This committee will create monthly regional events for AZA, whether it's AZAA, separates, or simply just hanging out. I want to educate new members about the traditions of AZA, so that we can safely pass the torch down to them as we graduate. That is the goal of this committee. Also as of now our ability to have in person programming is limited, but that should limit us. As we plan for the hybrid year ahead of us there are still so many uncertainties, therefore our planning must include virtual possibilities that are engaging and full of our AZA traditions. I promise to work tirelessly alongside regional staff to create all types of programming and certainly in person programming. Additionally I will dedicate all my attention, passion, and love for this brotherhood towards making this next year the best year for AZA.