

# ALEPH RYAN ASHER KERTZNER

Caucusing for the high and honorable position of  
**64th Regional Aleph Godol**

## Masada AZA #2417

- κ Member in good standing 2018-present.
- κ Aleph Shaliach (full year) 2018-2019
- κ Aleph Shaliach fall 2019 (half year)
- κ Planned numerous inter-chapter services
- κ Raised nearly \$500 for Stand-Up cause, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

## International Order

- κ Virtual Shabbat Task Force Coordinator 2020-2021
- κ IC 2021 Steering Admin (Saturday Morning Shabbat)
- κ Global Israel Fellow, 2020-2021
- κ Explore Israel Committee 2019-2021
- κ IC 2020 Steering (LEADS Day)
- κ Ambassador to ZWST Winter Machine 2019
- κ CLTC 4 2019
- κ Elevating AZA 2020
- κ Movement Makers 2020
- κ ILSI 2021<sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup> Denotes future event.

My Brother Alephs,

After the election of the 63rd Regional Board, I began to think about what I'd write in this letter. I wished to not mention the coronavirus pandemic, since I knew that our region was more than the circumstances we were facing—that the pandemic did not define us. It has since passed through like a tornado, leaving our region in a dismantled state. Many of our chapters haven't been meeting, and those that have are struggling to get many attendees. We struggle to engage prospects, find new ones, and even keep once-active members interested. Nevertheless, our region is in a state of reconstruction, and we have much work to do. How are we going to get it done?

Through planning carefully and close work with chapters, we can begin our work. Of course brotherhood-centric programming will be a priority, and the godolim network will be a hub of ideation and creation, but if elected, I will bring to light an underlying aspect of this region; one that is not new, but rather doesn't receive sufficient notice: the connections. For AZA to flourish in our region, we must restore fraternity, and in order to restore fraternity in NSR, we must meet future alephs; make the ask; create a bond; and then through that bond, share the true spirit and fraternity that AZA has to hold. Join me, brothers, in restoring the fraternity in this region through connections, friendships, and brotherhoods.

## Nassau-Suffolk Region

- κ Aleph Shaliach 2020-2021 (full year)
- κ Planned and led multiple regional events and Shabbat moments.
- κ Headed a network of 9 chapter shlichim.
- κ J-Serve 2019 Steering
- κ Emerging Leaders 2018-2019
- κ Shabbat Steering Committee for WC 2018; Spring 2019; Winter 2019\*, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- κ Judaic Programming for SC 2020
- κ FC 2020
- κ RLTI 1 2018; Winter 2019; Fall 2019; Fall 2020; Winter 2021
- κ Stand Up Committee 2019-2020
- κ Israel Impact Committee 2021 (founder)

## Outside of BBYO

- κ Youth Ambassador of the Tourette Association of America
- κ Honors and AP Student
- κ Member of National, English, Spanish, Science, and Social Studies Honor Society; BuildOn; FBLA.
- κ Bicycle Technician, Brands Cycle

\*Denotes Captain

# Our Home...

# Reimagined

Jewish tradition has been flourishing. I will work with our regional Shlichim to ensure that our region remains a celebrating, practicing, Jewish community.

## Judaism

*Ours is a progressive organization. It has achieved remarkable growth and its physical structure has undergone constant change. The principles, however, which are embodied in our Seven Cardinal Principles are exactly the same today as they were on that memorable third day in May in 1924 when our first unit was chartered in Omaha.*

## Filial Love

Parents of NSR play a vital role in engaging new prospects. We will work intensively with NSR parents to expand our network of prospects, promote, and community organize.

AZA stresses humility. I intend on hosting annual, regional/chapter mock business meetings and mock elections. This wouldn't just be fun, but would teach young Alephs about the traditions that make AZA unique.

## Conduct

## Fraternity

According to the Blue Book, fraternity is "A spirit of sociability, of cooperation and of friendship toward all Alephs that shall make us one fellowship; a love of and a loyalty to AZA and its ideals". Fostering a strong sense of fraternity is the first step in reconstructing the AZA in our region.

### Consistent Brotherhood Programming:

✧ Brotherhood overnights are unique ways to bring Jewish teens together, turning them into brothers. However, we can do more. Success comes from consistency. Hosting monthly AZAA events, NSR fantasy leagues, and heavily encouraging chapters to host biweekly, inter-chapter dinners would give prospects and new members consistent opportunities to meet and connect with new Alephs. From there, those connections can draw prospects and new members to events, where they will get hooked on AZA.

### The Power of a Single Relationship:

✧ One Person is all it takes to make an Aleph. If it weren't for one person, I myself would not be an Aleph. A mutual friend, interest, or idea is all it takes to spark a conversation that fosters a connection—a friendship. Regional and Chapter Big-Little initiatives will connect like-minded alephs who can connect and build trust, so that younger members have reason to get involved and give AZA a shot. Next year I want to connect with all of you. Don't wanna wait? Let's connect now.

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## Patriotism

Next year, our region will continue our dedication to the Homeland. We will foster a strong relationship with Long Island's Israeli Shinshinim, who will help us bring a love for Israel to NSR.

Wellness is at the core of NSR's priorities. AZAA and BGG events will get NSR teens active, and monthly study sessions will allow teens to collaborate and seek educational support from their brothers and sisters.

## Purity

*What we have accomplished in the past is a record of unswerving loyalty and devotion to these principles. What we hope to achieve in the years to come will likewise be measured by the extent to which we adhere to those principles.*

*-Sam Beber, z"l*

## Charity

I will work to make J-Serve as impactful as possible, but our Tikkun Olam must transcend that one day. We'll connect with new charities to expand our impact.

*Fraternally submitted with undying love for my heart and home Masada AZA #2417, The Nassau Suffolk Region #19, The Grand Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, all Alephs of the past, present, and future, and fraternity, I forever remain one damn proud Aleph, Ryan Asher Kertzner*

