

PENGUIN RAP

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

We have LOVED our term so far!! We can't wait for all of the exciting events coming up!! Our chapters Mazkirim are working hard and we couldn't be prouder! Keep up the good work NTO!! Never hesitate to reach out to us! We would love to talk to everyone!! Special thanks to our advisors!! (March is advisor appreciation month)

And be on the lookout for an aMAZing SURPRISE coming up!!

Submitted with undying love for...

GWBBG, HMAZA + SBBBG, NTO #74, Tracy + Sherrie, 31, Zesmer Co Lovin', Madison sweet<3, Jason ><, Roni + Jacob Co, Impact, CLTC, ILTC, Lexi + Jason, and each of you

We forever remain...

Your 10th regional Mazkirim

Michael Zetune (214-578-7115) + Sarah Balis (214-563-9042)

We are about 2 months in and everything is going really well. Just getting back from IC we are fired up and super motivated to make this year one to remember. We don't want to give away too much about some of our upcoming surprises, but we are looking forward to really getting to know each and everyone one of you along with making NTO's First Annual Spring Convention incredible. We have some new ideas that are really going to bring everyone's passion for BBYO and NTO to a whole new level. Having the convention at Sky Ranch is going to be great! It's always good to change things up with a new location. It is whole new atmosphere, which can be good to bring excitement. You will not be disappointed.

We want to stress again that we really want to get to know all of you so please reach out to us whenever you would like. We want this Region to be run the way YOU want it to, so give us your suggestions, comments or feedback. That way we can give you what you want!

- Max Harberg & Jessie Sureck

We are having an incredible time as your 31st S'ganim. We have started two new committees and have focused on our new initiative "Sganiot Sunday's." In the next few months we hope to develop those even further as we plunge farther into our term.

Spring convention is going to be incredible! We can't wait to help everyone become better leaders. The looks on the new members face's as they get inducted to our order will be priceless. We're all in for the next generation of BBYO leaders

- Nathan Levit and Emily Mailman

We think the Morim are off to a good start to the term. We can't wait to see what our counterparts have in store for their retreat and new members.

For a short term goal, we hope to plan a rockin' spring convention that gets all of the new members excited for the years to come. For a long term goal, we want to focus on making bridging the gap in sisterhood and brotherhood of the Tulsa, Fort Worth and Dallas chapters.

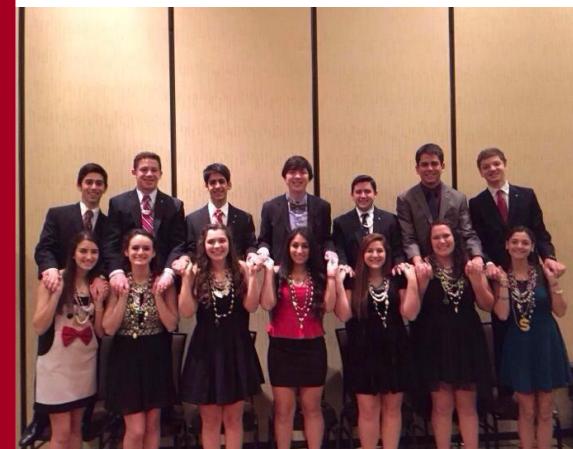
At spring convention, we are really excited to get the new 8th grade members and start introducing them into BBYO. We have some fun ideas on how we will reveal their chapters. You should all sign up
- Yoav Ilan & Sophie Prevere

1. Our board position is going great the chapters Shlichim are on top of their job and innovating in their own chapter and being more efficient than ever before

2. We would really like to see Judaism being quietly incorporated into everything we do, like small amounts of Judaism education in CORRO and in every project we do.

3. We think that Spring convention can be the time that we regain our passion for BBYO and I'm really excited to help plan amazing programs to hopefully inspire each of you

- Ryan Sukenik & Shira Hovav



So far this term Max and I have gone to the Perot museum with connect, and we are very excited that we just welcomed over 100 new AZA and BBG's into the international order at our 8th grade registration!

We want to implement a resource for Mekashrim to use for recruitment and set our goals and locations on how to do so. Also to create lists and flyers for people to add to while maintaining more information of Jewish teens in our community.

For spring convention we wish to work with the Morim in order to plan and execute a convention that will teach these new members what our organization is all about. We want to light a spark in them so they become passionate young leaders that will seek and strengthen the Jewish community together

- Max Feist & Cammy Resnick

Our positions of Mazkir and Mazkirah have been going great! We've been progressing creating some new committees like the globalization and PR committees and will be working on them soon. Another project has been this newspaper, the penguin rap, which we hope to continue distributing a few more times this year!

In the coming months we want to expand NTO's membership at both conventions and in the region as a whole. BBYO is constantly growing, and with the new influx of 8th graders we are excited to welcome new members.

Spring Convention is going to be a huge success for the region! It is a little different than what we are used to in terms of timing, but having both new members being welcomed to BBYO and current ones aspiring to be better leaders in their chapters will be beneficial to both.

- Michael Zetune & Sarah Balis



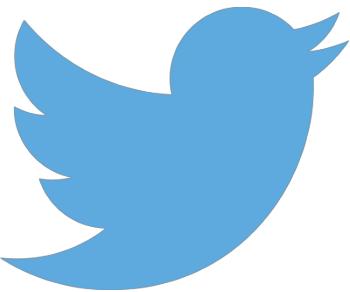
Our position is going great, we have had a wonderful time getting to meet and know our new counterparts. Awesome fundraisers are coming your way in the next few weeks and we can't wait for spring convention. Be on the lookout for our posts about ISF, how to effectively plan and execute a fundraiser, and how-tos for everything dealing with money. You should all get super pumped for the upcoming March Madness: Dance-a-thon at Amazing Jakes!

In these upcoming months we are planning on starting back up the tradition of having a region wide fundraiser to raise money to donate to ISF, to create a larger scholarship fund, or to split up and help the chapters in our region. Along with this we are looking to create an online shuk website so that chapters and other regions in the international order are able to sell and buy shuk in a more convenient way.

At spring convention we can't wait to meet the new 8th graders, the future of our region. We also can't wait to plan and participate in inspiring and exciting programs. Sky Ranch is going to be a great change from the normal convention venue of always being at a hotel. We are super excited to participate in all the different activities that are accessible at Sky Ranch and know that it will be a super fun convention

-Pierce Bell & Maddie Weiner

stay connected to NTO



@NTOregion



Like North Texas
Oklahoma & join our
group



Text “@nto74” to
81010



@nto_74

@nto_bbg

Congrats & shout out to Sophia Fineberg, Lauren Goodman, and Evan Weiss for being chosen for NTO's 1st PR committee!

INSTÀLLS & D'ESTÀLLS



I feel honored to be Jennie Zesmer BBG's spring term Gizborit. I am excited to not only raise money for my chapter but also get closer to others on board and other members of my chapter. Especially only being a freshman, it is good to learn the other positions so I can further help my chapter in the future

- Jaxie, freshman, Jennie Zesmer BBG

NTO NOMS

GWBBG **NBSBBG** **JZBBG**

EVAN W.

Current Beau:
Nathan Levit

KEATON B.

JOSH C.

MITCHELL L.

NOAH A.

SBBBG

ELLIOT J.

TOMMY E.

SETH D.

STEVE L.

JONAH S.

MICHAEL Z.

SETH A.

FSBBG

MAX H.

LANE F.

RYAN S.

MAX F.

YOAV I.

DAVID G.

JON R.

BEN D.

HAYDEN B.

AMITAI A.

GAVIN S.

MOSHE E.

JOEY G.

JACOB L.

ZACH G.

SAM K.

MITCHELL D.

RBBBG

JKBBG

HMAZA RKAZA LDBAZA

ERIN S.

WENDY C.

CAMMY R.

JODI G.

REUT B.

ADINA S.

ELANA O.

TAMMY S.

EMILY M.

CAROLYN S.

STEFANI K.

SHIRA H.

SOPHIE K.

SARAH L.

LEXI V.

M LAZA ELAZA DBAZA

SARAH K.

MADDIE K.

SOPHIE P.

TALIA M.

MADDIE M.

EMILYA

SYDNEY C.

SYDNEY S.

DALIA M.

JESSIE S.

RAQUEL H.

HANNAH C.

MADDIE W.

TORI S.

GABI S.

SERINA R.

FIRAZA

CURRENT SWEETHEART: KENDALL B.

BY: NATHAN & EMILY S'GANIM

recap from Regionals

We're just coming off of one of the best regionals ever! We went *Back to the Future* and elected a whole new regional board, had a great AZAA/BBGG day, heard incredible states from the 30th Regional Godol and Nsiah.

Congratulations to **Brandeis** on their victory in AZAA

Chapter of the year:

BBG: **Ginny Weinstein**

AZA: **Morton Lewis**

Most Improved:

BBG: **Reba Wadel**

AZA: **Eamonn Lacey**

Up & Coming:

BBG: **Fannie Sablosky**

AZA: **Henry Monsky**

2nd Place: **Lacey**

A special thanks to the 30th regional board for the incredible year and even better convention! Back to the Future 2 in December '15?

Note about Nom Period:

Nom Period is here! Here will we offer you with a brief overview of Nom period, examples of awesome Nom programs and Nom programming tips! Be sure to incorporate all 5/6 AZA/BBG folds to uphold the standard of program excellence!! If you need help doing this feel free to reach out to either Nathan or Emily! :)

Nom period is the time when each chapter nominates people to be your chapters next Beau/Sweetheart. Programs should be planned to combine the normal atmosphere of a program (so the noms understand the dynamics of the chapter) and a focus on the noms (so the chapter can get a better idea of who they want to be in their chapter for the next year).

REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 9TH

NTO's Spring
Convention 2015:
New Member Weekend
& LTI

where: Sky Ranch (Van, TX)

when: March 20-22, 2015

Cost: \$225 if you register between February 5th at 6 pm and February 6th at 5 pm. After then, the cost goes up to \$275.

Scholarship is available!

Registration closes on March 9th.

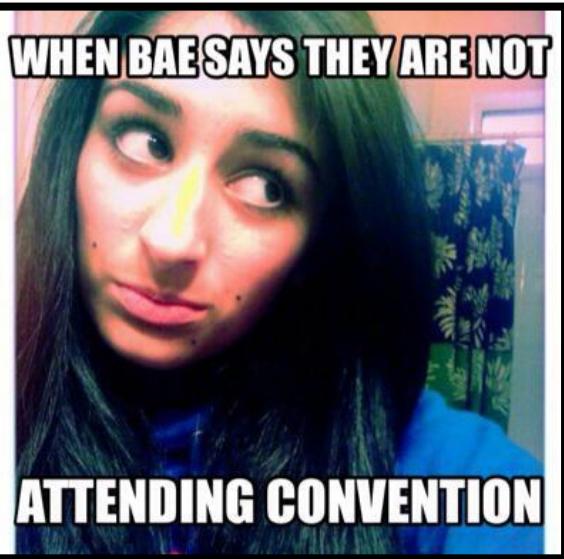


First time ever - Spring Convention - leadership games and welcoming new members into their chapters.

Lots of fun activities outdoors, creative Shabbat observance, strengthening leadership skills, brotherhood, sisterhood and LOTS of FUN!!!!!!

This convention is an opportunity for new members to meet each other in a fun setting and to see the regional officers demonstrate the youth leadership for which BBYO is known - facilitating programs, conducting creative Shabbat services, and generally having a lot of fun. **AT CONVENTION, 8th GRADERS WILL FIND OUT WHAT CHAPTER THEY ARE IN!!!**

[Tinyurl.com/ntospringconvention](http://tinyurl.com/ntospringconvention)



8TH GRADE REGISTRATION



AZABBGIC2015 ATL



Darina's take on IC 2015

"International convention 2015 was one of the best experiences of my high school career so far! I was very worried at first, because I had not previously attended a summer program, and had no friends outside of my region. The first day was very hard, because all the CLTC's were re-uniting and I felt very alone. I understood my friends weren't trying to leave me out, but they were just really excited to be back with their old friends. As time went on, I made so many new friends and memories I will never forget. The fact that my friends were always with their other friends gave me the push I needed to branch out, and become more social. I attended many different limud sessions that really encouraged me to be a leader, and I talked to other teens that had the same drive as me. I also got in touch with my inner Jewish side when I attended a program where we all sang many prayers on Shabbat, and teens from different countries explained what Shabbat and being Jewish was like where they lived. I was also put into a touring group where I didn't know anyone, and that caused me to make even more friends and have a deeper connection with them, because our group was so small. We visited the aquarium and coca cola world, and in my opinion what made it fun were the people in my group, and not the actual destination. We all had a lot of fun, and some of us still keep in touch. I am so excited for IC next year, because now I have new friends, and I will meet many more new people. I have also been inspired to sign up for a summer program, because I heard such great things. I've had so many great memories from bbyo, and I plan on making so many more."

- Darina, sophomore, Judy Kravitz BBG

SEE YOU IN BALTIMORE
FOR AZA BBG IC 2016

Mazels to the 91st & 71st

Grand Aleph and International Board



Lauren Keats

Ellie Bodker

Stephanie Hausman

Meredith Galanti

Deena Notowich

Colin Silverman

Cole Pergament

Jake Davis

Matthew Rabinowitz

Hunter Cohn



**Special Shout out to
Melissa Kurtzman
and Jacob Herstein
for being IC
Administrative
Assistants! Thanks
for all your hard
work!**

NTO CHEERS

NTO GO GO GO

1 we are NTO 2 we cannot hear you 3 a little louder 4 more
more more

NTO is the best they say, Yeah we rock with the maroon
and roll with the grey

North Texas
Oklahoma, NTO's the
best! Hell yeah, listen
now we're better than
the rest! Our mascot
is the penguin and our
colors maroon and
gray! You can go to
hell cause this is what
we say... N-T-O (Clap
3x) GO GO GO! We're
the best, so screw the
rest!

(to the tune of row your boat)
N-N-NTO we are number 1,
Maroon and grey we're here to
stay, we have just begun

(to the tune of the Flintstones)
NTO's our region We're the best
damn region of them all. We've go so
much spirit NTO will never fall. So
now to Lonestar we say goodnight.
Sorry, But you'll never have our
might. North Texas Oklahoma We'll
pass you all up We'll pass you all up



Ginny Weinstein BBG:
Leukemia & Lymphoma
Society

**Nona Bloch Salomon
BBG:** Parents Child
Center of Tulsa

Judy Kravitz BBG:
North Texas Food Bank

Jennie Zesmer BBG:
Autism Speaks

Reba Wadel BBG: JDRF
(Juvenile Diabetes
Research Foundation)

Sally Blum BBG: I\$F
Fannie Sablosky BBG:
The Vogel Alcove

Louis D. Brandeis AZA:
Suicide Prevention

David Berger AZA:
North Texas Food Bank

FRAZA: Tulsa SPCA

Rubin Kaplan AZA:
Breast Cancer Research

Eamonn Lacey AZA:
Meningitis Research

Morton Lewis AZA:
Texas Scottish Rite
Hospital for Children

Henry Monsky AZA:
Chai House

important upcoming events

March 5th – Purim

March 6th – Chapters Host Beau/Sweetheart Shabbat

March 7th – Beau/Sweetheart Walkdown

March 9th - LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR SC (SPRING CONVENTION)

March 10th – Dallas Connect: Volunteer @ the Legacy

March 12th – Dallas Connect: Field Trip

March 20th – 22nd – Spring Convention: LTI/New Member

March 28th – March Madness Dance-a-thon at Amazing Jakes

April 3rd/4th/5th – Passover (Blackout)

April 10th/11th – Passover (Blackout)

April 12th – J-Serve #1

April 13th – 27th – March of the Living

April 17th – 19th – Dallas Connect: Campout

April 19th – J-Serve #2

April 23rd – Israel Independence Day Celebration

April 26th – J-Serve #3

May 3rd – J-Serve Celebration

May 17th – Dallas Connect: Pool Party BBQ

May 23rd – 25th – Shavout (Blackout)

WHAT'S UP IN TULSA?

The new term is off to a flying start! Koby and Maeghan have provided firm leadership in the Tulsa transition period. Here's a quick recap of what has happened: FRAZA's term began with an incredible Super Bowl party. We had great turnout and tons of fun. Kendall Sweetheart is doing an amazing job and keeping us all in line. The steady hand of S'gan Micah Cash has ensured programming excellence. Three freshmen are on board: Ben Wagman, Miles Zeligson and Lance Lehman. This board has all the necessary ingredients to create a great term. Salomon is also doing extraordinarily well. I write this only a few days after the Salomon overnight, which incorporated all six folds. Between the ab workouts and mirror decorations it proved to be an incredibly rewarding (and tiring) program. S'ganit Zoe Weinstein is showcasing great programs to everyone in the region as she continues her successful tenure as head of programming. NBS is on an awesome path. We have had one joint program this past term. The Havdallah at Paige Rudd's house was based around a Jewish version of Trivia Crack. It was one of the most educational and fun programs I have ever been at. Past actions connote future actions, and what has happened in Tulsa BBYO the past few months signifies that the rest of the term will be incredibly successful.

- Nathan L, Junior, FRAZA



TownMapsUSA.com



NO NEED TO FEAR— YOU CAN STILL REGISTER FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS!

Bbyo.org/summer



WHICH BBYO SUMMER EXPERIENCE

IS RIGHT FOR ME?



Are you a BBYO member?

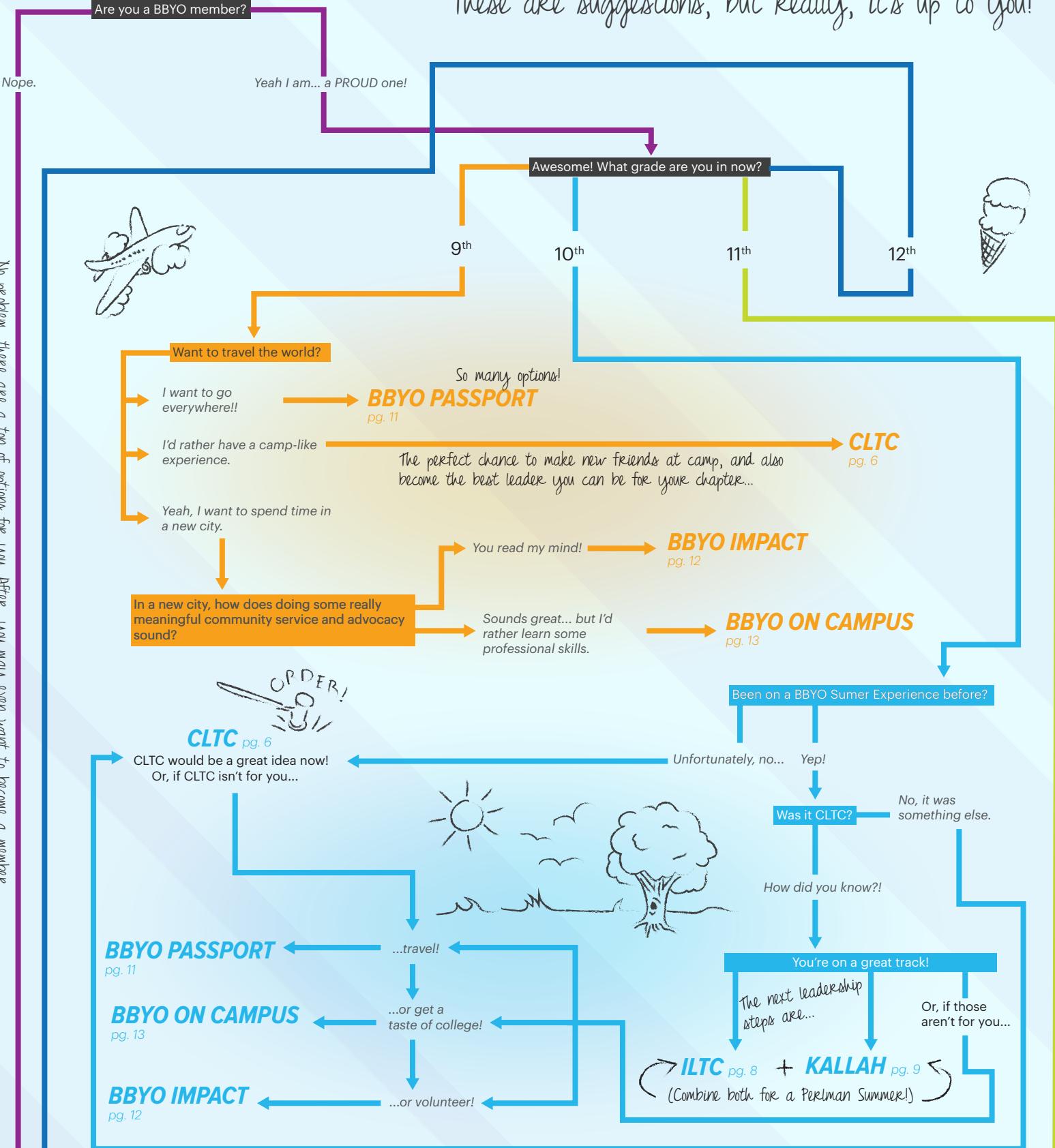
Nope.

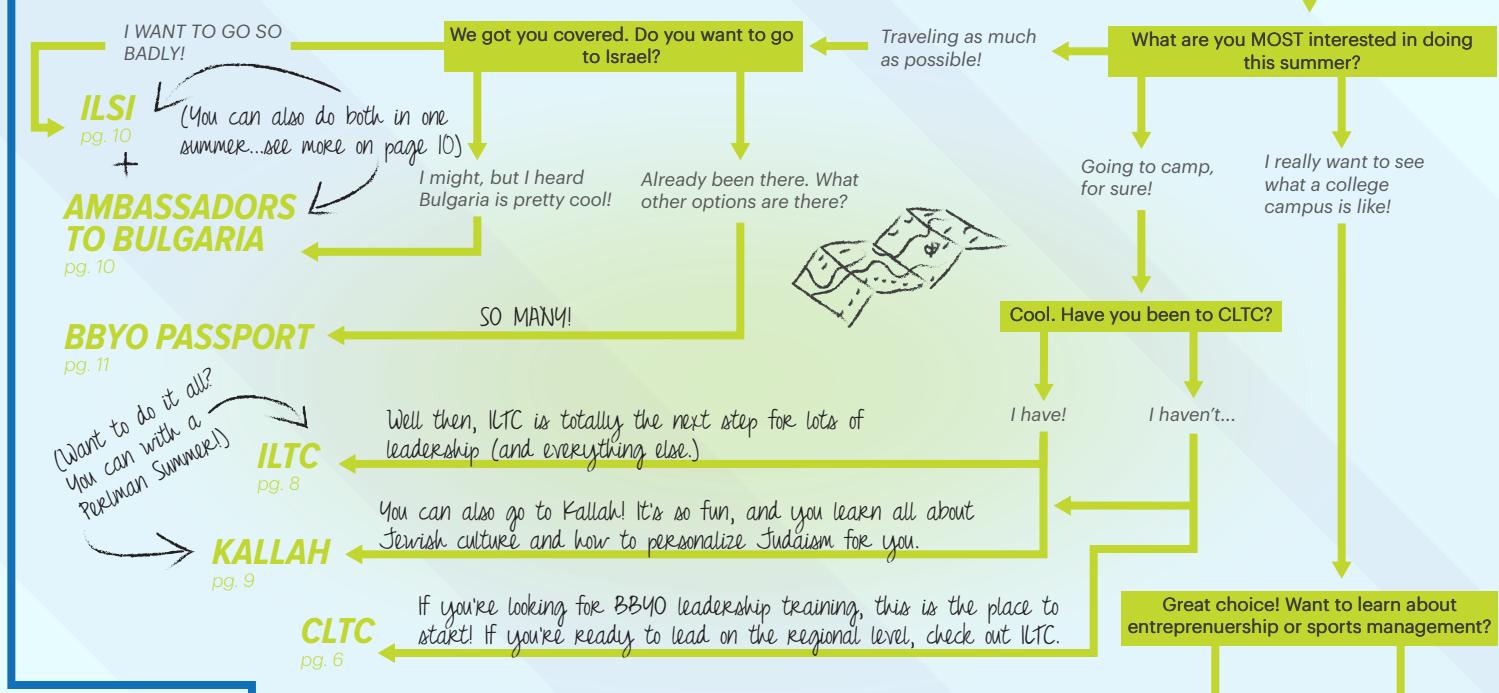
Yeah I am... a PROUD one!

Use this with your teen!

These are suggestions, but really, it's up to you!

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Okay, you senior you... how do you want to spend your last summer of high school?



I'm so done with high school...I just want to be at college already!

BBYO IMPACT pg. 12

That could be cool, but I really want to make an impact on a community...

That sounds awesome!

BBYO ON CAMPUS pg. 13



beyond
GAP YEAR IN ISRAEL
Why not take a gap year? Go Beyond!
beyondyear.org

Are you in 6th-8th grade or 9th-12th grade?

I'm in 6th - 8th!

I'm in 9th - 12th!

Travel the U.S. with...

BBYO PASSPORT

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BBYO ON CAMPUS

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Want an Israeli adventure?

YES YES YES! → **ILSI** pg. 10

So much! But I want it to be longer than a summer...

I'm thinking something a little different...

I just can't decide!

Go everywhere! **BBYO PASSPORT** pg. 11

AMBASSADORS TO BULGARIA pg. 10

That also sounds good, but I'm looking for more adventure.

Want to hone in on some professional skills to help your future career?

Totally.

Interested in community service, and maybe advocacy?

Yeah, but I might not want to spend my summer ONLY doing that...

Definitely!

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BIG BBYO SUMMER EXPERIENCES!

CLTC

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

B'nai B'rith Beber Camp, Mukwonago, WI

Session 1: June 9 - June 21, 2015
 Session 3: June 23 - July 5, 2015
 Session 5: July 7 - July 19, 2015
 Session 7: July 21 - August 2, 2015
 Session 8: August 4 - August 16, 2015

Bethany College, Bethany, WV:

Session 2: June 16 - June 28, 2015
 Session 4: June 30 - July 12, 2015
 Session 6: July 14 - July 26, 2015

Pricing: \$2,150

bbyo.org/cltc CLTC is the place for 9th – 11th graders who are starting to figure out what it means to be a leader and who want to enjoy the best parts of the teen years – making friends, discovering new interests and having an unforgettable summer.

With eight sessions to choose from, each with fewer than 100 teens, participants join a welcoming community where every member can shine. The sessions are all staffed by high-energy and dedicated BBYO professionals and year-round advisors. Teens learn best practices in time management, public speaking and representing oneself (in person and online). At CLTC, participants form “mock chapters” where they learn Sean Covey’s *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. They plan and run programs that highlight AZA and BBG values (brotherhood, sisterhood, leadership, social action, education, Jewish heritage and more) and grow and develop as leaders and individuals.

At CLTC, teens will have a meaningful summer, and it’ll also be fun! They’ll make strong friendships while enjoying free time (or *chofesh*), new hobbies, sports competitions, leading and celebrating Shabbat and so much more!

CONNECT THEM!

CLTC 1 + Impact: Boston at Brandeis University (pg. 12)

CLTC 4 + Impact: DC at University of Maryland (pg. 12)

CLTC 5 + BBYO Michigan Business and Entrepreneurship Institute (pg. 13)



YOUR TEEN WILL COME HOME AND HAVE:

A NEW COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS • GREATER SELF-CONFIDENCE • A SENSE OF JEWISH PRIDE • LIFELONG MEMORIES



INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp, Lake Como, PA

June 25 – July 12, 2015

Pricing: \$3,050

bbyo.org/iltc At ILTC, the ideal program for high schoolers in 10th – 12th grade, participants can raise their voice and realize their potential through peer leadership.

By further developing their leadership abilities and learning how to shape a worldwide movement, teens gain invaluable skills like effective team collaboration, tips for working with adults and communication strategies. All of these skills, and more, will help them succeed long after their AZA and BBG high school experience comes to an end. Through fun camp activities and unique bonding moments, teens build confidence, grow their personal networks with friends from around the world, strengthen their Jewish pride and continue to develop their interests.

Throughout ILTC, teens not only learn from each other and knowledgeable staff, but they're also joined by guest speakers and expert leaders in the Jewish communal world. When they're not in sessions, they're doing all the typical camp activities – sports, relaxing, singing and dancing and more. ILTC is truly a mix of learning, leading and having fun!

CONNECT THEM!

ILTC + Kallah Make it a Perlman Summer (pg. 9)

ILTC + Impact: DC at University of Maryland (pg. 12)



"Spending my whole summer at Perlman... is something that **changed me**... I know who I am as a person. I know who I am as a Jew... **I am able to educate others on things that I am newly passionate about.**"

ANDREW ECKSTEIN • GREENSBORO, NC • Perlman Summer 2014

YOUR TEEN WILL COME HOME AND HAVE:

CONFIDENCE IN LEADING PEERS AND WORKING WITH ADULTS • A STRONG PERSONAL IDENTITY • A WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF FRIENDS



MAKE IT A PERLMAN SUMMER!

A **Perlman Summer** combines **ILTC** and **Kallah** for a total of six weeks at **B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp** for learning, leading and self-exploration. At both ILTC and Kallah, teens have all the fun of summer camp – color war (or *Maccabiah*), time at the pool, lake, ropes course or archery field and Shabbat under the stars – but during a Perlman Summer, they'll **double that fun!** Included with the Perlman Summer package: additional laundry service, down time and a field trip – all supervised by BBYO staff at no extra cost!

Located in Lake Como, PA, Perlman Camp is better than ever with renovations to all of the major structures and expanded living spaces. There's lots of green grass and space outdoors for activities, sports, programs and time to relax around the iconic Perlman tree. Participants stay in cabins of 25-30 teens, divided into 4-6 rooms, which are staffed by our dedicated college counselors (*madrichim*) and the whole camp is walkable in about 15 minutes.

Find out more at bbyo.org/summer.



INTERNATIONAL **KALLAH**



B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp, Lake Como, PA

July 14 – August 3, 2015

Pricing: \$3,050

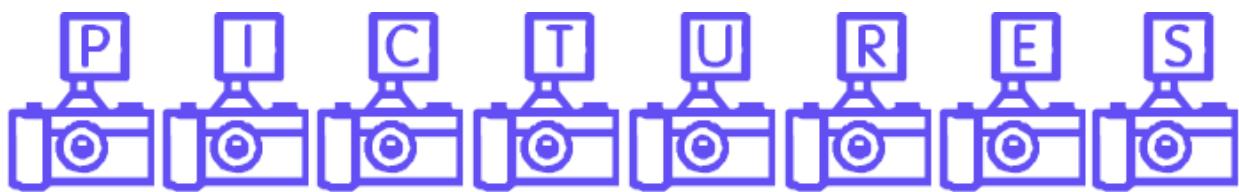
bbyo.org/kallah Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, International Kallah goes beyond the traditional classroom and is where teens in 10th - 12th grade create their own Jewish experience in the way that works for them. They find their "Jewish selves" through interactive sessions and one-on-one conversations about a spectrum of topics, making Jewish learning individualized and so much fun!

Facilitated by Jewish educators of different backgrounds – from rabbis of all denominations to meditation specialists to BBYO staff and expert guest speakers – teens have access to a variety of resources and many new activities. One day could feature Israeli dancing taught by counselors from Israel, the next could be a field trip to a Jewish camp nearby to learn from even more people and see even more perspectives and the next could be a day of inspiring discussions with friends and mentors. There's something new every day!

With time to spend outside reflecting and bonding with new friends, Kallah is the perfect place to build strong relationships and create a diverse and cultured community. Teens also connect with AZA and BBG's Jewish roots through all kinds of electives: art, music, cooking, photography, social media and sports, just to name a few!

YOUR TEEN WILL COME HOME AND HAVE:

A BONDED COMMUNITY • A PERSONAL CONNECTION TO JUDAISM • SUPPORTIVE MENTORS • ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS & MORE QUESTIONS



Email ntomazkirah74@gmail.com any pictures/quotes you want to be featured in the next edition!