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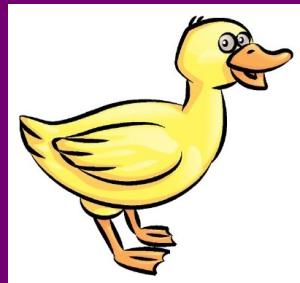
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# The Quack



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## Letter From Your Mazkirim

Dear KIO,  
WOW! What a summer it has been. Since the last time a QUACK has been released, so much has changed in KIO. We held a Regional Roundtables with the chapter boards which was a HUGE success. Then, we followed that up with a basketball tournament for AZA where Drew Corson AZA won their second consecutive title and a Sisterhood Weekend for the BBGs where the girls of KIO became more unified. We have also fully introduced KIO

Rapid Stand-Up!, KIOs new community service initiative. We have welcomed two new city directors in Cincinnati and Columbus. Finally, we have also passed 300 members in our region which is an incredible accomplishment for this early in the programming year! These are just a few of KIOs successes in the past few months and we can't wait for more in the future. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and "like" us on Facebook to keep updated with the most recent KIO news.

Submitted with undying love for KIO

We remain,  
Jaimie Pauline Maxwell  
and Grant Braden  
Hansell

Your 57th Regional Mazkirim



## A Note From Your Coordinators

Dear Spirit Convention Participants,

We are so excited that you all are here to show off your chapter's spirit! This convention is completely different from all the others, because you get a chance to bond so much with your chapter, while still being with the entire region. Every single member of KIO has so much RUACH, and spirit convention is your place to let it show! We hope you all have had fun preparing for the weekend, and we know you'll have a blast.

Love Your Coordinators,

Mark Kravitz and Alyssa Bardach



# Chapter updates

Welcome back KIO! Spirit Convention is the first convention of the year that we are all together again, united after the summer and back in the swing of BBYO. Even when the region isn't united as one, individual chapters are at the busiest in their home cities. It's been a long four months, so I had to find out what individual chapters were up to.

September and October were jam-packed for **Jay Levine!** We participated in our local Hunger Walk, held our first ever kidnapping - Inductions sleepover/Havdallah ceremony, planned a Masquerade-themed six folds sleepover, and held multiple chapter meetings. We had the privilege of officially inducting eleven beautiful and promising freshmen into our chapter who have proven to be great additions and have even formed a MIT board.

Kelsey Bardach gave us some insight on the hectic life of **Ner Tamid**. Not only did they incorporate Shabbat dinner and services into a sleepover, they added community service in as well by making 46 PB&Js for an organization called Our Daily Bread. They created their first Eternal Light newsletter of the term which came out in the beginning of October, and they even made their own chapter Twitter page! Lastly, Ner Tamid held a fundraiser at City BBQ to raise money for their chapter.

KIO has recently welcomed a new chapter, **Bat Shalom** -- Rachel Canowitz states they've been having a term of first's. First sleepovers, first rounds of spirit wear, and the first time recruiting new girls! To help get further acquainted, they've been working with Aliah to plan programs that advance in quality AND quantity. Keep it up Bat Shalom!

**Hatikvah** has been doing some serious programming lately. They have planned a Game of Life program, a Jewish debate program, a Photo Scavenger Hunt, and a yoga program. They're continuing their tradition of a sleepover with Ner Tamid (two amazing chapters in one sleepover?!?) and recently had a lock in.

**Aliah**'s board has officially been completed with Marissa Cohen being elected sh'licha! Not only did they create a BBG Gives You Hope program, they made bags for people put on their wheel chairs and hold their belongings for the local nursing home. Lastly, Aliah has been avidly trying to recruit more and more girls to join their incredible chapter -- keep it up girls!

Lastly, **B'Yachad** has been in the swing of things by holding lots of meetings to plan for Spirit and even found the time to hold MIT board elections! They are currently planning a sleepover for after Spirit, perhaps to celebrate a victory?!

The beautiful BBG chapters of KIO are always doing something, despite hectic schedules. BBG never stops! Incredible work girls!

- Rachel Bass, Jay Levine BBG

# Chapter updates

**Indy Brae Sheath #246** has been very busy in the last couple of months. Indy BBYO had their first annual Fun Run for Acceptance. It raised a little over \$1000 dollars for the city and our Stand -Up cause of Acceptance. Also, Indy BBYO is sending 3 delegates to Panim's summit on equality and has one delegate going to APAC too. Indy BBYO also had a night of talking about anti-semitism with the anti defamation league (ADL) . Overall Indy AZA has been on move and is looking at bright future.

Last weekend **Mishpocha AZA** had our Chug-a-thon event! It was really fun and we got multiple new members to come and enjoy it with all of us. In a few weeks we are having an event with Ner Tamid at the Festival of Lights at the zoo.

**Drew Corson AZA** recently has been working on becoming stronger as a chapter. Over the past few months we have had many successful meetings and events. Not only have we become closer as a chapter but we have also started to follow AZA traditions a lot more. We had our first inductions in about 4 years, and ratified our first chapter constitution.

Since AIT/MIT 2011, **Pops AZA** had gotten closer as a chapter. In weekly meetings we have sparked from an average of 5-6 members in attendance to an average of an amazing 11-12!Also, our programming has brought us closer together — including a recent Jewish Epic Meal Time night where we got an amazing 16 member turnout. Lastly, Pops has gotten our highest for a regional convention. I am proud to say that Pops is young and growing with a bright future ahead of us.

**Weprin AZA** is looking to bounce back from a weaker spring term with stronger programming, heavier emphasis on recruitment, and closer relationships between our current members. So far this term, we have held numerous city-wide programs with Hatikvah, such as building a Sukkah, participating in a Sukkot dinner, and a haunted trail/lock-in. Although it is fairly early in this term, Weprin is very optimistic in the direction we are headed.

**Heart of Ohio AZAs** membership has increased by a staggering amount and the chapter is stronger than ever! The freshman have really stepped up by recruiting their friends and the board has been successful in planning new events like the “Fat Boy Faceoff” and our Rosh Hashanah apple smash. Chapter spirit has never been higher and we are excited to show off our strong, new chapter to the region.

—Joey Slovin, Mishpocha AZA

# Top 10 Reasons YOU Should Go To IC 2012

- 10. Loudest Cheer Sessions EVER**
- 9. Jason DuBro might be International Shotare Godol**
- 8. Top 10's at International Elections**
- 7. Tons of Coca-Cola**
- 6. International Separates**
- 5. You get to miss two days of school**
- 4. Eric Hunker and Zach Singer**
- 3. KIO is going to win the Spirit Cop and Gavel**
- 2. Two insane dances**
- 1. Meet life long friends from across the world!**

## Upcoming Events in KIO

### **November 19th—Heart of Ohio Toga Party, Columbus**

Go back to the time of the Romans and hang out with the region at Heart of Ohio's annual Toga party. This event is home housed, so find someone to stay with! This event will be on [www.b-linked.org](http://www.b-linked.org) soon

### **December 16-19—Regional Convention, Dayton**

Come join your fellow Alephs and BBGs for an extended weekend full of amazing opportunities including senior lives, awards banquet, and of course elected KIOs 58th Regional Board

### **February 16-20—International Convention, Atlanta**

Help KIO fulfill our goal of having 27 members represent KIO at International Convention in Atlanta! Be a part of one of the most influential events you can attend while in BBYO. Registration is open on [www.b-linked.org](http://www.b-linked.org) right now so go sign up before capacity is hit!