

# THE ROLLING PAPER

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: MARTY AWARDS RETURNS MAY 9

The Marty Awards, Two's AZA's annual Oscar-style awards ceremony, returns for its fourth year on May 9, and the chapter says this year's celebration will be its biggest yet.

Next month, the chapter will reveal nominees for the following awards: Aleph of the Year, BBG of the Year, Mensch of the Year, Senior of the Year, Underclassman of the Year, and Program of the Year. In addition, a new Chapter Sweetheart will be crowned. This year's candidates are: Julia Goldstein, Ella Jerwick, Lila Singer, Ruby Sokol and Ori Zigler.

Last year's Marty Awards were held at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, Kan., and drew more than 160 guests. Attendees celebrated the achievements of KC BBYO, walked the red carpet, enjoyed gourmet desserts, and celebrated the chapter's 101st birthday.

"It was amazing seeing so many people gathering to celebrate BBYO and Two's more than 100 years later," said Aleph Shaefer Spizman.

Two's invites all members of The Order to attend the Fourth Annual Marty Awards on May 9, in Kansas City. For more information, visit [www.twosaza.com](http://www.twosaza.com).



A total of 160 guests attended the Third Annual Marty Awards, and Two's AZA raised more than \$11,000 through donations and ticket sales.

## TWO'S OVER OCHO'S



At Mid-America Region's Fall Regional Convention, held Nov. 7-9, in Clayton, Mo., Two's defeated Ocho's 17-13 in the first round of the FRC 2025 AZAA Basketball Tournament. Freshman Gus Zitron was the leading scorer for Two's, while junior Judah Bassin was the top rebounder. The tournament was won by Nordaunian AZA #22.

# Q&A WITH DIANE MNOOKIN- ARNELL

The daughter of Nathan Mnookin, AZA's first advisor, talks about her father's legacy.

**By Micah Kramer | Two's Sopher**

Two's AZA Sopher Micah Kramer and Two's advisor David Wexler recently sat down with Diane Mnookin Arnell, daughter of AZA founder and Two's first advisor Nathan Mnookin. After starting up AZA's first chapter in Omaha, Neb., Nathan Mnookin moved back home to Kansas City in April 1923, where he formed the second chapter in the order — Kansas City AZA #2.

**Tell us a little bit about Nathan? What were some of his hobbies and interests?**

**Mnookin Arnell:** Outside of work, he liked everything. He just enjoyed life. He loved playing with the kids. And he was just a big kid himself. My mother used to throw up her hands in despair and say, "He's just never going to grow up. He's just never going to grow up." And she enjoyed every minute of it.

He was fun. We used to go sledding and, and ride bikes and do all kinds of fun things. He learned how to fly. He was a pilot. He learned how to fly a Piper Cub. And my mother refused to let him take us up. He really, really wanted to, but she wouldn't allow it. And she was the disciplinarian. He would say, "Ah, so what?" if we did something wrong, but she would lay the law down. I think he was more fun. She was a more serious one of the two. And she'd you know, try and make him straight and narrow. He didn't buy it.



**In 1926, Nate and another Kansas City chemist, J.C. Patrick, made quite a discovery in an artificial rubber called Thiokol, which was later used in rocket fuel. How did that all happen and can you talk about the importance of that invention?**

**Mnookin Arnell:** He was a chemist and he was trying to make antifreeze. It was supposed to be an antifreeze, ethylene glycol, and they cooked it accidentally, and it turned out to be this absolutely stinky rubber. Then they just stuck it and stuck it away and forgot about it. And one day somebody took it out and it was odoriferous, so they didn't want to do anything with it. But ultimately it turned out to be Thiokol, which was a wonderful thing to behold. Synthetic rubber. He really never knew that it was going to be the most wonderful, solid rocket fuel. He never knew any of that. It was all long after he died. And so he was not able to enjoy the benefits of it.

**BBYO is now in 60 different countries worldwide. We just returned from International Convention in Denver, with close to 4,000 Jewish teens from all over the world. What would your father say about all this?**

**Mnookin Arnell:** Oh, he would just ... it would just blow him away. I mean, he would be so proud. He would be so proud of what they had accomplished. He was very, very proud of his boys. He loved them dearly, all of them. It certainly has grown. It's amazing. I had no idea that it was worldwide.

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# RACE, CREED & COLOR

By Philip Klutznick | Two's AZA  
1925 Grand Aleph Godol



(The following essay was written by Philip Klutznick and first appeared in the 1924 edition of *The Nautilus*, the Manual High School yearbook)

Into a land where peace predominates, into a land where liberty, beauty and love have found their resting places, creeps the God of War. He exacts his toll and all is gone. Life, beauty, peace must again begin at the bottom and build up. Civilization receives the shock, rebounds momentarily and all is well again. Those who are gone are forgotten and those who live put their shoulders to the wheel of life and grind it slowly around again.

What is war? From what source does such a monster spring to stamp under his feet the bubbling springs of life. Friends. war is bred in the hearts of the discontented, those whose ideals have been shattered, and here enters the consideration of race, creed and color.

One race has its ideals, another opposite ideals and likewise with creeds and colors. When we, as a race, shatter the ideals of another through scorn and mimicry, we sow into the hearts of that race the seeds of discontent. To such conditions, the world owes the shocks it has received, the blows to civilization and the loss of human life.

When at Concord, the shot which sounded and resounded throughout the world, was fired, it marked the beginning of a war in which friend was fighting against friend. Out of that war came the ideals of America – the greatest of which is toleration. Out of that struggle, even shining through the wearisome hours of warfare as the shining sun, shone the

principles of a people fighting for its rights, fighting for its ideals, fighting for its posterity, and when

Do not assume that racial differences, creed and color wars are a part of the dim and distant past. Russia is today bringing upon herself well-earned scorn because of her utter disregard of that which is sacred to the man who possesses it – religion.

Racial differences mean war. War means the loss of human life, and life is dear to us all, for it holds in reserve the glittering array of achievements and tasks well done.

Life is truly such. When you enter into a worldly existence, life is not imposed upon you as a privilege to abuse, to throw into a seething caldron of racial discontent. You are not born to scorn those of opposite creeds, to oppose those of other color, o. This privilege is given to you to build up in this world of ours some achievement to be dedicated to you after your worldly work is done. But, when you turn from that which is wonderful to a life of radicalism, a life in which war and fight are dominant, you have abused nature's greatest gift, the right to life.

We are taught, but we forget. It seems we have already forgotten the black-robed horrors of that last world struggle—a war of race against race and creed against creed. God grant that such a struggle be never repeated.

On one side we had Germany, with her one predominant ideal to rule over a world free of all traces of democracy. **(CONTINUED PAGE 10)**

# FROM THE ALEPH SOPHER

## From the Editor:

We are thrilled to announce the international debut of **The Rolling Paper**, our beloved chapter newspaper, at the 2026 BBYO International Convention in Philadelphia.

**The Rolling Paper** has a rich history, alongside its predecessors: The Lazy A, The Aleph Beth, The North American Hyper Bible, The original Rolling Paper, The Bolling Paper and the Two's Aficionado. Each of these publications has contributed to our shared narrative, celebrating our unique stories, achievements and perspectives. We are committed to making **The Rolling Paper** a true reflection of our chapter and its 101-year-old history. In addition, you can explore all the latest news and information about Kansas City AZA No. 2 on our new website, twosaza.com.



**“The winds of change are blowing. So get ready to roll.”**

**- Bob Marley**

**Micah Kramer**, Aleph Sopher

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**“Number 2 in the order. Number 1 in our heart.”**

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# THE SHOFAR TURNS 100

Philip M. Klutznick, an original Kansas City AZA No. 2 charter member, was the editor of the first issue of *The Shofar*, published in November 1925.



(Philip M. Klutznick was the order's Grand Aleph Godol in 1925 and Two's Aleph Godol in 1924. Below is a reprint of his article from the first issue of *The Shofar*.)

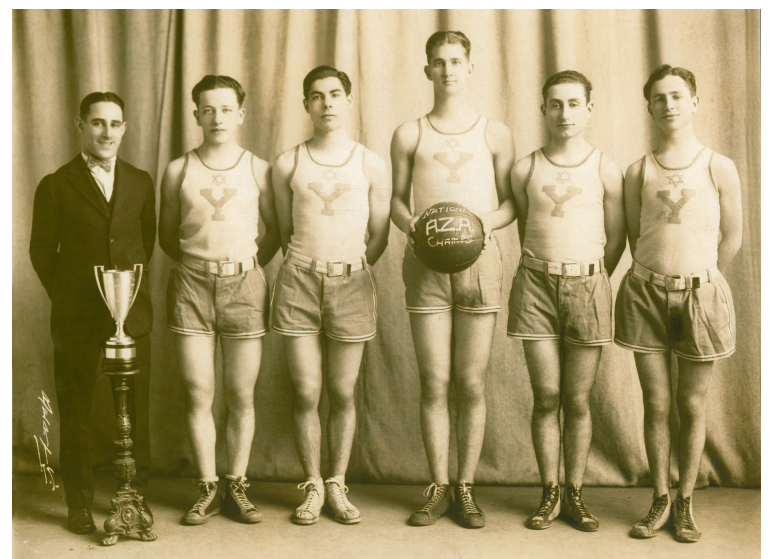
## By Philip Klutznick

Our Order is again swinging into a season of real activity. It was practically dormant during the summer months as most organizations of its type are. But the summer months are past. The time for action is at hand. Our work must be carried on. The number of chapters, as well the number of members, must be increased. We must do this, however, without depreciating the reputation of our chapters and

without lowering the caliber of our men. Furthermore, the activities of each individual chapter must not suffer. Every chapter must be intent on building up its activities. Lay a solid foundation so that future building will have something to rest on.

A lot must be accomplished by our Order in the next year. We cannot be selfish and self-centered. We must build from within, but we must not forget that we are part and parcel of our respective Jewish communities. Let each chapter resolve that it will be a force for the better in its community, and that it will do everything possible to propagate the interests of Judaism in its own circle. A.Z.A.'s, let "Service" be the keynote of your activity.

## AZAA BASKETBALL CHAMPS



Kansas City AZA #2 defeated Nordaunian AZA #22 by the score of 32-28 on April 6, 2025 in Overland Park, Kan. in a game that commemorated the 100th anniversary of AZA #2 winning the first AZA national basketball championship. Two's was led by Thomas and Andrew Burns, who were named co-MVPs. On March 22, 1925, Two's won the first AZA national basketball tournament, held in Omaha, Neb. Two's, led by Phil Copland and Sidney Magazine, defeated Gary, Ind., Chapter #9 in the finals by the score of 31-24.

# FROM AZA TO THE NFL

Former Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Bob Stein was the first Jewish NFL player to win a Super Bowl.



Bob Stein makes a tackle in Super Bowl IV.

## By Micah Kramer | Two's Sopher

On January 11, 1970, former Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Bob Stein made history. At age 21, not only was he the youngest player to win the Super Bowl, he was also the first Jewish football player to play for and win a Super Bowl.

At the same time he was playing for the Chiefs, Stein, a former AZA aleph, was attending classes at the UMKC Law School. Later on he would become the first CEO and president of the Minnesota Timberwolves NBA team.

Two's Sopher Micah Kramer recently interviewed the Minnesota native about his life, career and legacy.

**Do you have like a favorite memory from either your NFL football career generally or more specifically Super Bowl IV?**

Bob Stein: Yeah, well playing in the Super Bowl was a big deal – even then. It was nothing like it is now as far as publicity or viewers or anything like that. But I do remember my rookie year and I was 21 years old – so things were happening going by pretty fast – but I remember the first day of training camp standing near some of the older veterans before practice and hearing them talk about how horrible it was to get into the first Super Bowl and lose to Green Bay, and how it felt like you're letting everybody down, your relatives, your friends, your teammates, and that they would much rather never get back to the Super Bowl and get back and lose it. It was something that stuck with me, partly because over the years I've seen so many great teams in every sport who get to the championship

game, but then for whatever reason they lose it, but then they came back with substantially the same team in the next year or two years and win it. And I think a lot of that is just the mental framework of thinking, “Our goal as a group is we want to get to the championship versus get to the championship and win.”

It was fun to play in the NFL. It was never my goal when I started. I started college in pre-med and ended up taking the pre-med courses but not wanting to continue it. I got interested in political science, and that kind of led to law school. I never expected to play in the NFL frankly. Growing up, I was the first one in our family to go to college and growing up all my grandparents had been first-generation immigrants and education was a big priority in my family.

**What does it mean to you to be the first like Jewish football player to play with a Super Bowl? I mean, I don't know any other good people that have played football at the NFL level, let alone won a Super Bowl.**

**Stein:** Well, if you look into it, I think you'll find a lot more Jewish players than you realize. I had a conversation one time with Ron Mix. He was a Jewish player, went to Southern Cal, was, was an All-Pro and eventual NFL Hall of Famer for the Chargers. And we were talking about that subject, how many Jewish guys were playing. And he said that at one time he was sitting in the locker room and he overheard two of the other offensive linemen starting along with him talking about the high holidays. And he hadn't even known they were Jewish, and he had played together with them. So there's a lot more guys than people know, because your name isn't always an easy giveaway. **(CONTINUED PAGE 9)**

# NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

A poem by Micah Kramer

Every New Year, the first day to be exact  
A legion of schmucks all make a pact

From then on starting in the year 20-whatever  
They'll just magically become a better human forever

In concept it sounds like a convenient silver bullet  
But in my experience it's uglier than growing out a mullet

It sounds lovely in theory, though it's ludicrous in practice  
By the end of this poem you'll see why it collapses

They promise to change, to mature, to reinvent  
To right wrongs, just get along, or maybe repent

Of their future deeds and goals they boast so loud  
All the relatives around them just act so proud

They go home post holidays, gym card in hand  
Their ambition so high, their plans so grand

They tell themselves they'll succeed, that's what they intend  
But after 2 months, they shall never attend

No matter the promise, nevermind the mad hatter  
Slim down, step up, it really doesn't matter

Over the course of two months, their delusion gets older  
And traces of commitment just come up colder

There is a reason I loathe new years resolutions  
They delude people into believing they can just wish about solutions

It puts off the hard work and suffering in improvement  
They get the family applause without doing any movement

When the lazy bum then proceeds to peter out and fail  
They keep their mouth shut and silently bail

But wait til next year and the cycle repeats  
Another year of failing a personal feat

In sum and in all this is an apt attribution  
Of why I can't stand those New Year's Resolutions

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# MNOOKIN-ARNELL (CONTINUED)

I really didn't know that. That really is amazing. I know that he was very involved in this youth organization. I know that it was the love of his life and he enjoyed every minute of it.

## How was Nate remembered by the family?

**Mnookin Arnell:** He was just an awesome person, a wonderful sense of humor, wonderful intelligence. He was very, very, very bright and enjoyed passing that on to the young people. I think that's what he really loved doing, was showing people how wonderful life is and how much you can enjoy and help others. He was just an amazing person. He was brilliant and worked hard.

## Tell us about his sense of humor?

**Mnookin Arnell:** He loved to ... if there was a fully set table, he liked to try and pull the tablecloth out without disturbing the dishes. It never ever worked. He tried it many, many times and it never worked. But he tried. He liked trying. Of course, my mother got furious. But of course he did it anyway.

In addition to starting AZA and inventing artificial rubber, your father also served in both world wars, World War I and World War II, even lying on his draft card to get into the first war, correct?

**Mnookin Arnell:** Well, he wanted to to go play soldier, and in order to do that, he put himself into the hospital for a week so that his blood pressure would get down low enough so he could pass the test. What can I tell you? My mother threw up her hands and said, "Go be a soldier." And she did back him up in that. She let him do the things that he loved to do. So he went into the Army, into the Chemical Warfare Service. He was stationed for officers training in Baltimore, Maryland, and then he was stationed in Denver, and we spent a summer in Evergreen, Colorado, when he was stationed in Denver.

And he made a lot of friendships in the Army that stayed friends long after. He loved it. I mean, you know, we were here in Kansas City and he was off playing soldier. And my mother was very tolerant of that. She allowed him to do the things he loved.

**It sounds like Nathan was an incredible person and pursued a level of excellence in everything he did. For AZA, we have our ceremonial meetings and our rituals and procedures, and in there it says that to join AZA you have to be "a Jew of good moral character." And then it says a desire to be helpful. How much do you feel Nate really exemplified that?**

**Mnookin Arnell:** That was his life. He always wanted to be helpful in one way or another. Even through humor. But definitely wanting to be helpful. That was his — that was his life. He loved helping people.

## Can you end with the story about BBYO founder Sam Beber that you were telling us earlier?

**Mnookin Arnell:** When my husband and I were moving to Chicago, he was going to have a law practice in Chicago and we couldn't find an apartment. And we knew from Kansas City that Sam Beber was one of the owners of Park Forest, Illinois, which was a housing development. So I took it upon myself to go into his office and I said that I knew of him because he was one of my father's boys in AZA in Kansas City, and could he help me get an apartment? He was wonderful to us, got us an apartment. They gave us a royal welcome, and they were very, very nice to us. It just so happened that we were changing our name and we happened to change it in Sam Beber's office. In that office, we went through the phone book trying to find a name that wasn't Aronovsky, which our name was. All of the other family picked the name Arnold, but we saw pages and pages of Arnold in the phone book, so we didn't want to pick that. So we just out of the blue picked Arnell and that became our name.

**"AZA was born to unite young men in the pursuit of the dream of human betterment. The Jewish people have undergone challenges of life and death, yet they have persisted in their purpose to be one people in a world torn by differences in political, economic and social spheres."**

**- PHIL KLUTZNICK | AZA #2 charter member**

# BOB STEIN (CONTINUED)

I guess it isn't for me. But it was a big honor and it was a big deal to be able to play football in the Super Bowl period ... Jewish or not Jewish. I always had that in mind that there weren't a lot of Jewish players, and I wanted to try to equip myself well and be as tough as the next guy as much as I could, partly because of that.

## **Did you face any antisemitism during your time in the NFL?**

**Stein:** Not very much. I've been asked that before. There were a couple of guys who made comments, but it was definitely the exception rather than the rule.

The thing that happened a lot was I played with guys who had never played and, and in many cases, even known any Jewish people. So they didn't know what to expect and a few of them gave me what they intended as compliments saying, "Geez, you're like a regular guy." "Well, yeah, I am a regular guy," but wherever they had grown up and lived their life, they hadn't experienced Jewish people.

## **What's your favorite part about your time in Kansas City? Just as a little side note, is there any places or establishments that you really remember?**

**Stein:** Oh, yeah. I love Kansas City. In a lot of ways physically it's much like Minneapolis. When I played with the Chiefs, the Chiefs were a big deal, having won that Super Bowl and when I started. And that was very exciting and fun. The other part of it was that by going to law school, I had friends apart from football. And not that I wouldn't have met other people, but some of my best friends still today were people I went through law school with. And so there's a whole different sense of the community. You had two different groups that I got to know there very quickly.

## **Going back to Minnesota, your first home, what were some of the challenges you faced as the first president and CEO of the Minnesota Timberwolves?**

**Stein:** Well, I was responsible for starting the team

– the basketball team part, the finance and sales part, and then also building the arena. So the development challenge of the Target Center, the arena. Everything was brand new to me, and there's no book on how to start a franchise. So what I did is I sought out as many people as I could within the NBA and talked to them about everything, really.

## **Were you ever involved with, with the local AZA chapter in Minneapolis?**

**Stein:** I was a member, but I wasn't real active. My main activities were trying to get good grades and do the best I could in my sports. I was in a AZA for a while, but I can't say it was a big part of my life.

## **To wrap things up, what advice do you have for today's Jewish youth?**

**Stein:** I think we're entering a more challenging environment than it had in my lifetime, being Jewish and growing up in America or any place in the world based on what's going on politically. And it is a time to remember who you are and take care of yourself, be aware of threats because I think they're very significant. I guess we don't want to get into your political diatribe, but I think it's really important for everybody personally to have their own goals, that are realistic. I was asked at a speaking engagement about what to advice to give to kids who wanted to play in the NFL. And the first thing I thought of is, well you need to realize that statistically it's about impossible. But you never know. And the important thing is to make significant goals for yourself but make them realistic. ... As far as unique to Jewish people, I'd say, things like AZA or anything else that ties you closely to the Jewish community is more important now than for many, many decades.

## **What advice would you give your 18-year-old self?**

**Stein:** Well, try to maintain perspective, do the important things first. I think the lesson I always tried to impart for my kids – it is pretty straightforward. And it's that you can rarely control a lot of things that happen to you, but you can always control how you react and respond to them.

And I just think that's so important in interpersonal relationships – in athletics or academics or business.

# RACE, CREED & COLOR (CONTINUED)

A taunt by Serbia, and the German ideal had been given the impetus necessary for it to exhibit its lashing, biting tongues of hate. Into a state of war swept Germany, for her ideals were not the ideals of other nations.

But the combined forces of England, France, Belgium and Italy did not hold those death-defying Germans, and a nation whose taste of liberty had hardened its people against one-man rule and world dominance by one nation, entered the combat. The people of the United States of America had their ideals, had their principles, had their desires, and they did not conform with those of Germany. So, we entered the war to fight for the maintenance of that ever-inspiring liberty we hold so dear. Out of that war came the American stars and stripes flying freely in the breeze without the imprint of that dastardly foot of autocracy upon them.

But as we rejoice in the victory, we forget the results. Where was that never-to-be-forgotten battle fought? Some say it was the field of honor. It might have been that, but notwithstanding, it was rightfully named "No Man's Land." Picture, friends, barren devastated fields, dotted with barbed wire fences and vermin-filled trenches. Throughout the day and night the air boomed and vibrated with sounds of opposing guns. Into this flame of almost unimaginable hell went the finest of the young manhood of America, France, Germany and almost every other nation in the world. Some came out, some became heroes through the supreme sacrifice, and others were torn, maimed and shattered for life. The tragedy of that war is overwhelming.

When you shear a man of his principles, deprive him of his honor, you bring into being a Flanders field where:

"The poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields."

When we realize the sacrifices of others, their overbounding faith in humanity and civilization, can we scorn the other man because of his race, can we laugh at his creed or his color?

Members of the coming generation, the world is looking to you to bring about an era in which "Good will to man and peace on earth" will predominate. Start at the bottom, eradicate the racial differences, the opposition of creed against creed, when they are both working toward the same end, and the struggle of color against color. Breathe into the world the ideal of races, creeds and colors co-operating, and humanity will breathe more freely.

*(Philip Klutznick was the second Aleph Godol of Kansas City AZA No. 2 and the second Grand Aleph Godol.)*



**"It's more than just a chapter  
... it's a state of mind."**

# ADVISOR'S CORNER: RESPECT FOR RESPECT

By David Wexler | Two's Advisor

"Respect for Respect." If you've been to any BBYO program in the last three years, there's a good chance you've heard me echo these three words once or twice. But what do these three words really mean?

Respect is not merely a buzzword but a foundational value that shapes our identities, nurtures our communities and strengthens our bonds. Respect is embedded in the essence of BBYO and AZA, fostering a culture where every individual is valued and empowered.

At its core, respect is about understanding and appreciating the inherent worth of every person and by creating inclusive environments where diverse backgrounds, perspectives and experiences are celebrated. Respect requires that each member of BBYO actively listens and engages with one another.

Moreover, respect means celebrating one another's achievements, no matter how small. It is crucial to recognize the effort and dedication of our peers. When we cheer each other on — not just in our successes but also in our attempts — we cultivate an atmosphere of support, making each member feel valued and chosen to be part of this incredible organization

Perhaps one of the most impactful ways we can show respect is through inclusivity. Every member of AZA brings unique experiences and perspectives that can enrich our collective journey.

As we navigate our responsibilities within AZA, let's ensure that respect is not just a value we speak about during meetings but a principle woven into the fabric of our daily lives.

**Respect for respect — it's more than a chant; it's our promise to one another.**

As I look back upon the year and the future of Two's AZA, I thought it would be appropriate to end with comments from former advisor Wayne Spritz from The North American Hyper Bible, SRC 1995 edition when Two's officially regained its charter 30 years ago.

"Congratulations on your recognition as a full-fledged member of the AZA community. As the judge and the jury, I deem you all independent to create new and strange paths into the undiscovered. No longer shall you look over your shoulders wondering whether the road is being torn up faster than you can build it. Look forward, always, to keep your brotherhood alive and your nature strong. Never take your eyes off of the prize of honor, dignity, and the American Way (whatever that may be ... ). The TWO's spirit will stay strong and alive only through dedication.

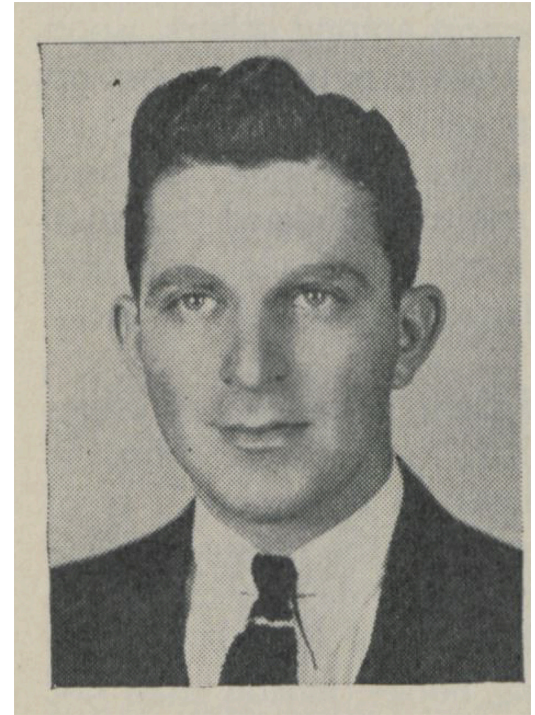
Each of you is a member of the greatest democracy on all the green earth. The democracy of BBYO is lucky. It does not have the tarnish of your average murdering sports hero. It lives knowing that each and every member has the capacity and responsibility to make a difference by creating programs and remaining active. It also thrives on respect for each other."



**"It's a floor wax ... and a dessert topping."**

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF AZA'S PURPOSES, IDEALS AND PURPOSES

By Jack Brown | Two's AZA  
1929 Grand Aleph Mazkir



*(This article first appeared in the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle on Dec. 16, 1927)*

Nearly four years have now elapsed since the first chapter of the Order of Aleph Zadik Aleph of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith was granted its charter. The Kansas City, Missouri, Chapter of the Order takes pride in the fact that it was the second chapter to be instituted in this great brotherhood which, through yet in its infancy, has grown from but seven chapters into a nationwide organization embracing over 65 chapters, extending into all parts of the United States.

Little do we stop to ponder over the wonderful significance of this national youth movement, this offspring of that international Jewish stronghold – the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith.

While the Jews in the United States have been forming organizations to combat the bigotry and hatred that have been manifested against the people of Israel throughout the ages, organizations for young men were seriously neglected.

But why may we say this was a serious neglect? For youth is a builder, a dreamer. He thinks always of the future and endeavors to build toward the realization of his dreams. The hope of the world is its youth. The hope of youth is the future of the world. Jewish youth, thinking proudly of his past, and knowing the possibilities of the world about him, is possessed of a new born hope.

The dynasties of Rome, of Greece, of Troy, of

Babylon, have long since gone the road to destruction. For these peoples, powerful though they were, had not the faith which the Jews possess. To this great faith in God and man, the children of Israel owe their continued existence.

Israel, scattered, misunderstood, despised and hated, lives on in anticipation of the day when the hope of youth will be realized. With patience born of age-old suffering, being driven from land to land, the Jew prays and hopes for the day when all men will acknowledge the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

But the realization of our goal cannot be attained unless our Jewish youth is prepared to combat that bigotry which is caused by more ignorance.

Thus, out of the efforts of that powerful organization, the B'nai B'rith, there has been built a fraternity based upon lofty ideals, the A.Z.A. To be associated in the enterprise that the A.Z.A. represents is a privilege – an opportunity for red-blooded boys to have a good education in vigorous, wholesome, body-building sport, and to train their bodies and minds to stand up under the physical and mental struggles in the battle of life. It offers a means whereby youth can go far in the broadening of the vision, elevating the thoughts, and purifying the souls of itself and world about it. Above all, it presents an unexcelled opportunity for the Jewish boys of this continent to be of service to their people and to civilization by showing the way up the rocky path of determination and effort to the beautiful and peaceful mountaintop of tolerance, brotherhood and goodwill.