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Bay Area California Teen Elected to International Board at BBYO International Convention 2019

Elections held as thousands of teens gathered at IC 2019 in Denver last week to grow as leaders and redefine how they are viewed at one of the largest Jewish teen events in North America

Bay Area, CA – 145 teens from BBYO Central Region West joined more than 5,500 Jewish teen leaders, educators, thought and business leaders, celebrities, political figures and philanthropists from 43 North American states, districts and provinces, and 36 countries, making it one of the largest Jewish leadership events in North America and the largest gathering of Jewish teen leaders worldwide. With an attendance growth of nearly 300% since 2013, [BBYO International Convention 2019](#) offered Jewish teens the unmatched opportunity to connect with their peers from around the globe, learn from speakers from diverse backgrounds and experiences, and participate in teen-led programming throughout the entire weekend.

For the Bay Area community, Sunday's elections of the 2019-2020 AZA and BBG International Boards was a highlight. I-Board elect, Dov Factor, 16, of Kehillah Jewish High School of Palo Alto, was elected to the position of Grand Aleph Moreh, or Teen Vice President of Recruitment and Member Engagement. In this role, Dov will be a part of a twelve-member international teen board that will help set BBYO's vision for the coming year and provide leadership and support to teen leaders in local communities throughout the BBYO Movement.

"It truly is a blessing to have a platform strong and far reaching enough to impact the Jewish people. I'm excited to have this opportunity to focus in on the individual member experience in our organization and engage as many Jewish teens as possible with the sophisticated, unique and fun experiences that BBYO offers." said Dov Factor. "Of course, I owe this to my friends, family, staff, and mentors who have guided and supported me along the way."

Among the many speakers who addressed IC 2019 were Jared Schutz Polis, *Governor of Colorado*; Fred Guttenberg, *Activist, Orange Ribbons for Jamie*; Ty Haney, *Founder and CEO, Outdoor Voices*; Max Greenfield, *Actor and Producer*; MK Rachel Azaria, *Member of the Israeli Knesset*; Adam Rippon, *Olympic Medalist and LGBTQ Activist*; Cory Gardner, *U.S. Senator (R-CO)*; and Chelsea Handler, *Comedian, Actress and Activist*.

In addition to the many incredible speakers throughout the weekend, delegates at IC 2019 participated in and led a wide range of programming. Programs focused on empowering and energizing participants

to partner with each other to bring new ideas to life, including over 50 direct service projects and leadership labs at sites throughout the Denver area. The conference also showcased the diversity of the BBYO community, with 240 delegates from 40 countries attending the iconic event, enhancing BBYO's celebration of global Jewish culture in a way that only BBYO is poised to do.

"Building resilient Jewish teen leaders is at the core of what we do in BBYO. Over the past three years Jewish teens from all over the world have elected Alephs and BBGs from the Bay Area to represent them at the international level. Each of our teens takes such pride and an active role in their chapters and on a regional level and it shows with their elections to BBYO's International Board," said Ross Glinkenhouse, Senior Regional Director, BBYO Central Region West. *"We are so excited to see Dov execute his vision for next year and continue to empower teens to leave their mark on Jewish history not only here in the Bay Area, but, all over the world."*

Select photos and videos from BBYO IC 2019 are available on [BBYO's Facebook page](#) and a complete program guide can be viewed [here](#). Additional photos are provided courtesy of BBYO and should be credited to the photographer indicated on the individual photo.

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About BBYO

BBYO is the leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences. For more than 90 years, BBYO's leadership programs the Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA, high school fraternity) and the B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG, high school sorority) have been providing exceptional leadership programs and identity enrichment experiences, shaping the confidence and character of more than 400,000 alumni who are among the most prominent figures in business, politics, academia, the arts and Jewish communal life. Now, BBYO's network of Jewish teens, alumni, parents, volunteers and philanthropists serves as the Jewish community's most valuable platform for delivering to the post Bar/Bat Mitzvah audience fun, meaningful and affordable experiences. With year-round activities in hundreds of local communities and inspiring world-wide travel experiences, BBYO's broad program menu enables teens to explore areas of leadership, service, civic engagement, Israel education and Jewish values.

Please note that BBYO should not be referred to as the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, but rather as "BBYO."

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