



WHAT IS BBYO?

BBYO is the largest Jewish youth organization in the world, providing Jewish teens with opportunities to strengthen their Jewish identity, develop leadership skills, enhance personal growth, and connect with their community and peers globally. Its membership program includes the Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) fraternity and the B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) sorority, which have been proudly member-led since their founding in 1924 and 1944, fostering a legacy of empowerment and engagement.



A LARGE OVERVIEW OF WHO WE ARE...

The International Order:

The international orders of AZA and BBG consists of every chapter, council, region, and BBYO program in the world. Currently there are over 700 teen-led chapters that span 60 countries across the globe!

Lonestar Region #73:

Chapters in a larger area are grouped into regions. Regions serve to bring chapters together by having regional events, athletic leagues, conventions, and service, advocacy, and philanthropy projects. Fun Fact: there are 18 chapters in the Lonestar Region!

Our 2 Chapters: Erich Weiss AZA and Sababa BBG....

The “Chapters” are the smallest and most personal groups within AZA and BBG. Chapters plan and regularly host programs geared towards the interests of their members. Every teen is part of a chapter (think of a chapter as a large family); it’s where you have meetings, plan programs, and hang with other Jewish teens in your town. In San Antonio we have 2 chapters, the boys chapter [Erich Weiss AZA](#) and the girls chapter [Sababa BBG](#).

WHAT ARE AZA AND BBG?

AZA: Division of BBYO for those who identify as males; stands for Aleph Zadik Aleph. Members are referred to as “Alephs.”

BBG: Division of BBYO for those who identify as females; stands for B’nai B’rith Girls. Members are referred to as “BBGs.”



ERICH WEISS AZA

Chapter Mascot: Coyotes
Chapter Colors: Blue, White, and Grey
Chapter #: 2501
Region: Lonestar #73
Instagram: [erichweiss_2501](#)

SABABA BBG

Chapter Mascot: Abba the Sababa Tiger
Chapter Colors: Navy Blue and Orange
Chapter #: 2488
Region: Lonestar #73
Instagram: [sababa.bbg](#)



MORE ABOUT CHAPTERS...

- **EACH CHAPTER IS TEEN LED!** A chapter is made up of an executive board of individuals who are democratically-elected by their peers to conduct the business of the chapter. These boards are elected by the rest of the chapter for one term, which lasts six months to a year. Each chapter has a volunteer advisor(s) who supports, suggests, and supervises their chapters, works with chapter boards, and acts as a friend (with authority) to our youth.
 - Chapter executive boards who serve these 6-12 month terms consists of the following positions for both AZA and BBG chapters:
 - **Godol** (AZA) and **N’siah** (BBG) – President
 - **S’gan** (AZA) and **S’ganit** (BBG) – Vice President
 - **Moreh** (AZA) and **Mit Mom** (BBG) – Vice President of Membership
 - **Shaliach** (AZA) and **Sh’lichah** (BBG) – Vice President of Judaism, Social Action, and Community Service
 - **Mazkir** (AZA) and **Mazkirah** (BBG) – Secretary
 - **Gizbor** (AZA) and **Gizborit** (BBG) – Treasurer
 - **Mekasher** (AZA) and **Mekasheret** (BBG) – Recruitment
 - Chapters organize regularly scheduled events to provide opportunities for local Jewish teens to gather socially and to enrich their Jewish experience. Additionally, by participating in the process of programming, from brainstorming to budgeting, marketing to evaluation, BBYO teens learn and utilize important skills that will help them for years to come.



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EXAMPLES OF CHAPTER EVENTS:

- EWAZA x Sababa Superbowl Watch Party
- Chapter Overnights
- Sababa Apples and Honey Event
- Sababa in the Sukkah
- Sababa Big Little Reveal
- EWAZA Wings
- EWAZA Interfaith Shabbat
- EWAZA Dodgeball Fundraiser

SOME OF THE ABC'S OF BBYO:

- **Advisor** - An adult designated to oversee a chapter and ensure everything runs smoothly.
- **AIT** - Aleph-In-Training for AZA; new member in a period of training; lasts 4 to 6 weeks.
- **Aleph** - Official name for an AZA member.
- **BBG** - Official name for a BBG member.
- **Beau** - An Aleph who is an honorary member of a BBG chapter. (A boy from an AZA Chapter who is designated to being dedicated to a BBG chapter).
- **Blue Book** - A small handbook every Aleph gets when he is inducted.
- **Kickoff** - An event that happens at the beginning of the term. It is a great event for prospects!
- **MIT** - Member-In-Training for BBG; new member in a period of training; lasts 4 to 6 weeks.
- **Red Book** - A small book every BBG gets when she is inducted.
- **Summer Programs** - BBYO offers numerous summer programs. Learn all about them on the BBYO website!
- **Sweetheart** - A BBG who is an honorary member of a AZA chapter. (A girl from an BBG Chapter who is designated to being dedicated to a AZA chapter).

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

- **Leadership Development:** BBYO provides leadership training and opportunities to develop practical skills that can be useful in the future through experience on chapter boards or through summer programs.
- **Community Service:** BBYO offers community service opportunities like J-Serve as well as numerous other opportunities for service hours for teens.
- **Cross-Cultural Connections:** BBYO has chapters in over 725 communities in 60 countries, providing opportunities to connect with Jewish teens from around the world.
- **New Friends:** BBYO provides opportunities to make new friends and build a peer group.
- **Alumni Network:** BBYO has a robust alumni network that can support members beyond high school.
- **Special Events and Exclusive Programs:** Like mentioned throughout this sheet, BBYO members have access to special events and exclusive programs hosted by their Chapters, Region, and the International Order.

HOW TO JOIN!

You are eligible to join and become a member anytime between 8th grade - 12th grade! Membership in BBYO is a one-time fee of only \$249, and grants teens access to special events, exclusive programs, a peer group that spans the globe (With over 700 teen-led chapters across 60 countries around the world), and many other things!

BBYO welcomes Jewish teens of all backgrounds, denominational affiliation, gender, race, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, including those with a range of intellectual, emotional, and physical abilities.



CONVENTIONS!?!

One of the other benefits that BBYO offers is the various Conventions that are put on both by the Region and by BBYO International. These are great opportunities for teens to meet other Jewish teens from across the region and the world!

Regional Convention:

- Fall Con (During Fall Term)
- Spring Con (During Spring Term)

Summer Programs:

- CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training)
- ILTC (International Leadership Training Conference)
- International Kallah
- BBYO Passport

* More information on Summer Programs can be found at <https://bbyosummer.org>

SIGN UP BELOW!



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