



# THE RAPTOR REVIEW

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## Top 4 Top Lists

Top Ten Potential Chap Con Locations by Josh Averbach

10. Airy
9. Sherwood's media center
8. The workout room of Eli's basement
7. Louise
6. BWI airport
5. The Hotel California
4. Fox River Penitentiary
3. Paddy's
2. Camp David
1. Mar-a-Lago

Top Ten Bald People, by Shawn Tarloff

10. Homer Simpson (Kinda)
9. Caillou
8. Patrick Stewart
7. Pit Bull
6. Elmer Fudd
5. Donald Trump
4. Shawn Tarloff
3. Avatar Aang
2. Squidward
1. Mr. Clean

Top 5 Conspiracies by Shawn Tarloff

5. The Earth is Flat/Hollow
4. Hillary is a Hologram
3. The Universe is a Hologram
2. Stephen Freedman has been dead for years and this is his secret twin brother
1. A Hot Dog is not a Sandwich

Top Ten Reasons to go to CLTC

- By: Eli Bloom
- Have the best 12 days of your life
- Make lifelong friends
- Be part of an amazing community
- Gain leadership skills
- Learn how to succeed on board
- Spend 12 days surrounded by people who all love BBYO
- Learn about other BBYO regions
- Run for mock chapter board
- Plan programs for a large audience
- Have many friends to hang out with at IC

## Operation ESPIONAGE: Declassified By Guppy Fishman



## Important Pollin Information Released to the Public

Recently, Abe Pollin's governing board recently declassified some very important documents regarding previous and (allegedly) discontinued programs within the chapter. The most controversial of these was Operation ESPIONAGE, a series of missions dedicated to improving the chapter through use of spies and spy networks. These spies were elaborately concealed and kept under wraps throughout DC council. The following are a few of the most astonishing revelations. Please note, these were recently declassified, and Abe Pollin's board has neglected to comment.

As Abe Pollin's Moreh, Ben Fishman had a great idea. Too great to share, because other chapters may have attempted to copy us. Fishman had noticed that SiAt always had a plethora of prospects and members, but nobody could figure out why. They were a good chapter, but there was something else that smelled fishy. During Fishman's Moreh term, he used his contacts within Abe Pollin to fund a mission to find out what was up. Many chapter members at the time noted Fishman's lack of attendance. This was because Fishman was in deep cover as a SiAt prospect. Fishman found SiAt's spooky mind control machines, but was unable to steal one before the end of the term. Abe Pollin's current Moreh, Eli Bloom, has neglected to comment on whether he will be stealing his own scary mind control machine. Many conspiracy theorists believe that Bloom has contracted Evan

Rubenstein to do this job, seeing as Rubenstein has a history as a SiAt prospect. Many have theorized about Eric Sayag's Batman mask. Many people also don't realize that this was a failed attempt to intimidate people into voting for Cole Margol as Council Mazkir. Curiously, before Eric Schwartz was elected Godol, he was seen stroking the mask and whispering "Yes, this will do, yes..." to himself. Finally, the most recent report that was declassified was about our current Godol. Stephen "Stevy" Freedman has a history with Operation ESPIONAGE. Freedman was one of the few people in Pollin history to use this Operation as S'gan, interestingly. Freedman activated a secret program that very few people know about. Many people noticed that Jake Alalouf was missing for most of Freedman's S'gan term. While most of this report is still classified, there are individual sentences that hint at Alalouf "Grilled Cheesing" anybody that could stand in Stevo's way, and to put all these people "In the Pit." What this exactly means is unknown. Suspiciously, Josh Averbach was acting strangely after these orders were given. "He acted almost... robotic," said Matt Levine, the Kohane Godol at the time. Freedman neglected to comment.

As more documents surface, I will be providing more news. Currently, there is a knock on my door, as well as a strange shipment of robot parts I didn't order at my front door.

With more news to come, this is Guppy Fishman



## The New Abe Pollin: What to Expect



In June, I was honored with being elected as Godol of this fine chapter and I ran on a platform of change. I wanted to work to change things so that the chapter could reach its very best. As the term has started, I wanted to share with you all some of the new changes that you will see. First, dues will be collected at the beginning of the term. This allows for people to know that the payment is there for them to make as opposed to people only being informed about it last minute. Second, the Sopher will be creating birthday shoutouts. This is an extended effort to share how valued each member of the chapter is and how we are celebrating that you chose Pollin as your home. Changes in programming include more variety between addressing initiatives such as stand up and speak up, having more out-of-the-basement programming and having more programs with other chapters. We are looking to create new and exciting spiritwear this term. There is a lot to look forward to this term and if you know of something you want to see change this is the platform.

Fraternally submitted with undying love for CA 2k17, Camp Airy, ILTC 2017, the Maryland Terrapins, the Chainsmokers, and my heart and home Abe Pollin AZA #2545, I forever remain Stephen Jacob Freedman, a damn proud Aleph and Godol.

## A Mistake for Ice Cream By Joshua Bloomberg



A long time ago in a galaxy not far away lived two rivaling gangs, the Humanoids and Kangaroos. In the Milky Way galaxy, on the planet Mars, were the Humanoids who lived in peace with their luscious hair and massive army. The Kangaroos too were civilized and built strong from birth. The two gangs lived peacefully until one day on September 25, 2087.

That Sunday morning a large shriek came out "Ahhh!" yelled the leader of the Kangaroos, Henry Lee. "Somebody has taken all of our ice cream. Who could have done such a thing?" he asked.

"We found a note sir" responded Lieutenant Joey, "it says 'Thanks for the supply - H.D.' this is the work of those Humanoids sir!"

"Indeed it is Lieutenant. Prepare for war and rally the troops. Nobody takes our tasty treats and gets away with it." exclaimed Henry.

Immediately alarms were blazing and kangaroos were hopping. Within minutes hundreds of squadrons were standing in the bay waiting to board their ship. Every 'roo was equipped with machine guns and belted with their joeys for a sneak attack.

Leader Lee hopped out of the main ship to energize the 'roos. "Remember my brothers. . . we do this for our kind, our families, and our future. Nobody takes our shrine of ice cream, our god, and gets away with it!" he shouted "I want each of you to bring those human like thieves to their knees begging for mercy! Let's go my brothers we have a long journey ahead."

"For ice cream!!!" shouted the army in unison as they marched towards the battleships. The beginning to an end has begun as soon as they stepped foot into those ships.

Across the red colored planet were the Humanoids. Tiny in numbers, but they were ginormous and strong. Everything was silent and calm on their sleepy island. Not a creature was stirring since it was their mid-day nap. Gang leader Scan Tron woke up in his home to this buzzing noise he heard in the distance. He sat up in his cozy pajamas and looked out his window. What he saw terrified the leader. FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ON RAPTOR REVIEW Z (the next issue)





## How our summers went

### My Magical Summer By Michael Boden

During my summer I went to a camp called Tannen's magic camp. This camp was all about magic doing magic day and night. This camp was at the college BrynMawr. This college looked like it was from Harry Potter. This camp was one full week. During this week it was packed with a lot of fun activities. One activity was touring the campus and one tourist sight a scene in the movie Wonder Women was filmed there. A normal day at this camp would be waking up going to breakfast after breakfast we would split up into skill levels and go to class and learn new magic tricks next we went to lunch and then a lecture by a magician who has experience in shows from last vegas to New York. Then we had dinner and then a professional magic show and then there was lights out. This was an unforgettable camp experience that I will never forget.

### Camp Ramah By Shawn Tarloff

Let me start off by saying that camp Ramah New England is the best place on earth. At camp I have had the happiest moments of my life. My age group was called Nivonim. These 97 campers are my greatest friends in the world, in fact one of these campers is Zach Leventhal. At camp we all became leaders while bonding with our fellow campers. I also participated in plenty of shenanigans. We went fishing, with a fishing rod made of broomsticks and a butterfly net. We found a dead fish and brought it to our counselor. We even took an entire tree and taped it to the ceiling of our building. But Ramah is not a place of moments. To sum up Ramah in four or five bullet points would be a great disservice. Ramah is a belief, an idea, a feeling. A feeling of love and camaraderie. A feeling of closeness and brotherhood. A feeling of being part of a family of 106. One hundred and six people, yet you know each and everyone of them in a unique and special way.

Faternally submitted with undying love for Camp Ramah New England, BBYO, Dan Avidan, Stand Proud The Flat Earth Society, Nivonim 2017, and Abe Pollin AZA #2545

### Our Parents Summer

"Tobi and I had a great summer. We spent many Saturday nights out, spent a weekend at the beach, and added a screened in porch and deck to our house." -Larry Dickstein

"In July, I had the opportunity to go with 4 friends to an outdoor concert at Jiffy Lube Live. We saw Cindy Lauper and Rod Stewart. Our seats were upgraded so we were even closer to the stage. We sang, danced and had a great time.

-Heidi Cohen

"Abe Pollin Aza is really the best thing ever. I can't imagine life with out it. Lets go Raptors, I love you guys"

-Like literally every parent ever





## Spotlight

### The weather still exists

## DID YOU KNOW?

Scientists have recently discovered that velociraptors had feathers. This means that our featherless mascot is fake news.

# School Uniforms: Aye or Nay by Justin Bloomberg

Friends, students, fellow Pollinites, every morning we wake up and face the stressful task of deciding what to wear to school. At least once, we all have stood at our dressers and stared, wondering, what should I wear today? While deciding what will make you look good for school, has it ever crossed your minds the negatives of choosing your own clothing? Almost every girl wears leggings and they can be a distraction. I have seen people stop and stare at a girl's behind as she walks by, distracting them from their work. This is not just the girls fault; the person is to blame here as well. People that wear shirts that reveal their muscles can cause a distraction for girls as well. The University of Houston did a study and found an improvement in test scores after implementing a school uniform. With everyone wearing the same outfit, it reduces the number of distractions and causes students to focus on their work more. As we have transitioned into high school, our friends and fellow students have changed over the years. New school, new year means new look. Vineyard Vines, Uggs, Sperrys, Patagonia, and Converse are just a few of the "popular fashion trends" people buy to fit in. Students try to change themselves to look "cool" to be someone they really are not like Patrick Dempsey in the movie Can't Buy Me Love. In the movie, he tries to fit in with the popular kids by changing everything about him, even leaving behind his old friends. No one wants to see their friends see

their friends change for the worse by changing their entire outfit to fit in. Additionally, if schools implemented a school uniform that required a tucked in shirt, which shows the beltline, it reduces the possibility of a student concealing a gun. Around 150,000 guns are brought to schools nationwide each day. There is a high possibility a student in this very classroom, but hopefully not, has a gun on them. I do not know about you, but that thought scares me.

Everyone likes the ability to choose, so those that are against school uniforms think that they suppress student expression and limit our ability to be who we want to be. Although it may seem like it, schools now offer many other ways to allow student expression. Students can pick their schedules and choose classes such as art or women's studies. In English, we are allowed to pick a topic and give a speech about it to express our feelings on issues that are important to us. Even former President Clinton supported the idea of school uniforms. It may appear that school uniforms take away a student's voice, but there are many other places for our voices to be heard. Obviously not everyone is going to want to write



a letter or sign a petition to instate school uniforms. I am not saying, "Let's all wear clothes that makes us look bad so we can focus on our school work." What I am asking is for you to think about the outfit you are going to wear and ask yourself, is it too revealing? Am I trying to show off to look good for others? Can I be a possible distraction to others? If the answer to these questions is a yes, consider choosing something that makes you look good like going to a family outing, not a party with your friends. If we continue to dress like this, maybe the next time you go to your dresser, you pick out the uniform you have to wear on that day.

## Sammy Dicksteins DC Sports Update



There are only two DC sports team active right now. The Redskins and the Nationals. Since people believe football is more enjoyable than Baseball, I'll talk about baseball first. The Washington Nationals are a dominating 95-61 this season and riding the second place position in the NL. With their top 3 pitchers under a 3.00 ERA, their pitching looks stellar going into playoffs. With their new bullpen now, which is the best in the league now, the Nationals look dominant going into the playoffs. Even though the Nationals have not gotten past the first round of the playoffs in a while, with their pitching and hitting, many of the people believe the Nationals will face off against the red-hot Dodgers in the NLCS. Now for a Redskins update. The Redskins are currently 2-1 on the season coming off a stunning 27-10 win over the 2-0 Raiders on Sunday night football. The Redskins got off to a shaky start with a loss to the Eagles in week 1 but have bounced back the last 2 weeks. Their defense has improved each week giving up 30 in week 1, 20 in week 2, and 10 in week 3. Their defense will be tested yet again on Monday night when they face off against the 3-0 Chiefs. Many ESPN and NFL reporters say that if the Redskins can keep playing like they did in week 3, then they will be able to compete with the Eagles and the Cowboys for the division title. The capitals and Wizards start their seasons in mid-October.