

Eli Cohen - Candidate for 43rd Regional S'gan

In the past there has been some struggle to balance counterparts with regional programming, so how will you balance helping chapter Sganim with running regional programming? (In addition, please attach a fully outlined program you have ran/created)

Since joining BBYO two years ago, I have taken up every opportunity to engage in convention steering. Because of this, I am well adjusted to the workload of regional-level planning. Whenever I do feel overwhelmed, however, it is important for me to accept a helping hand. During times like these, I am still happy to speak my mind or turn to people for aid. Throughout my steering experience, I have realized how important good communication with co-planners are, and as regional S'gan, if I ever feel off balance for a task, I will discuss my issue with the regional S'ganit immediately. I also believe that when handling regional-level work, decisiveness is a crucial factor in getting programming done without feeling overwhelmed. I will not be afraid to act on ideas that are discussed and will make sure to reach conclusions to any obstacles that I face.

In addition to my responsibilities on the regional board, I will come prepared to balance my work with local chapters. As a founding board member of Yalla BBYO, I truly recognize how imperative maintaining an active connection with one's regional counterpart is. Being on chapter board during my first year of BBYO--when Yalla was in the rough process of getting on its feet--I was simply too afraid to ask my regional counterpart for advice. This led to me feeling indecisive and hesitant on how to lead, and ultimately expand, my chapter. So to balance my time as regional S'gan, I will prioritize working with chapters who are still in that 'unsteady' phase of foundation I was in two years ago, where new board members are often lost in the intimidating network of BAR. My goal is to be the counterpart that even first year, founding board members are unafraid to turn to for advice and ideas.

Assuredly, I will hold the responsibilities of regional S'gan to a high degree, but I will not let this thwart me from being unbalanced. I will make sure to prioritize the tasks that are most important to me, I will make sure to act on ideas rather than dwell upon them and waste energy, and I will be in close communication with the S'ganit when problems arise and I do feel overworked.

Attached is a program that I created for a weekly Yalla BBYO Meeting!

<p>Date: 2/25/20 Time: 7:45-9:00 Location: kane street rec room Expected Attendance: 20 Materials: plastic frisbee from cvs; blue and red candy and snacks</p>	<p><u>Opening Activity</u>, write numbers around the circumference of the frisbee from 1-33. throw the frisbee to someone. if that person catches it, whatever number their hand lands on, that number will correspond to a dare on this list (**prospect will be at the meeting. @everyone to introduce their names before tossing frisbee).</p>
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1. Go outside and dance like a cowboy
2. Switch socks with someone
3. Do a model runway outside on the sidewalk
4. Pour a cup of water on yourself outside
5. Pretend that you are underwater for the rest of the game (film it)
6. Ask the group chat if anyone has a spare Kippah
7. Stand outside and ask the first person you see for directions to manhattan
8. Call your crush and explain the rules of monopoly to him/her
9. Chew a stick of gum without removing the wrapper
10. You must ask for permission to talk for the rest of the meeting
11. For the rest of the meeting, pretend to speak like Donald Trump
12. Yell out the first word that comes to your mind
13. Whenever someone says “like” you must say “there you go again” for the rest of the meeting
14. Any time someone new enters the room, ask them if you saw Bella Thorne entering the building and try to convince them that she did
15. For the duration of this game, you must yell out random exclamations
16. Everything you say for the rest of the meeting must be to the tune of “happy birthday to you
17. Pretend to be the person closest to you for the rest of the game
18. Take an embarrassing selfie and post it as your profile picture
19. Talk to you backpack like it’s your crush
20. Sing a song chosen to you by the person nearest to you very loudly
21. Call your mom and tell her you can’t find a girlfriend/boyfriend in a panicked voice
22. Crawl on the ground for the rest of the meeting
23. Have a conversation with yourself in the mirror
24. Sing like an opera singer
25. Go outside and try to summon the rain. Bring one witness

26. *UNKOSHER* Lay on the floor and act like a piece of frying bacon
27. Make up a rap about Judaism
28. Spin in a circle for 60 seconds
29. Do 10 pushups
30. Ask one of your Jewish friends to come to our meetings!!!
31. Run around the block
32. Take charge of the playlist music for this meeting
33. Any time someone enters the room, complement them

Announcements

- March overnight (eli)
- Spring convention/steering (eli) ***make note doc of those who want to attend @ end of mtg***
- New board roles/ruach positions (eli) // refer to google forms application
- Mascot perhaps??? (lucy)

Main Activity: Yalla! BBYO mock presidential election

Lucy briefs everyone with the two party presidential system and the current election

- Split up AZAs and BBGs (two parties)
- Lucy and eli to be on panel asking questions for both primary and general debates
- Primary debates for AZAs
 - Does water have a taste?
 - Vanilla or chocolate ice cream?
 - BBGS in audience to blind vote on candidate
- Primary debates for BBGs
 - Should schools have nap time?
 - Ocean vs Pools for swimming
 - AZAs in audience to blind vote on candidate
- Build campaigns for each winner (AZA and BBG teams divide with respect to their general election candidate)
 - Each candidate has a campaign team: they can make slogans, signs, and/or a chant, they just have 10 minutes - the candidate will not participate in this.
- General debate (more serious discussions)
 - *Talk about not only what you think, but how you might address it*
 - Which is better, BBYO chapters or

- split AZA and BBG chapters?
- Which region is better, NSR (Long Island) or HVR (Westchester)?
- Where should the next international convention be held?
- What is the biggest issue in BBYO?
- Vote on winner
- Sophie and Leah declare winner
- *SUPERDELEGATES*
- *SYSTEM IS PARTISAN*
- President is declared
 - Secretary of State
 - Secretary of the Treasury
 - Secretary of Defense
- Set up fake inauguration
- *Lucy Inaugurates using her red book*
- Setup inaugural ball
 - Buy a red, white, blue candy
 - Buy other snacks
 - Everyone has fun with their new honorary president!!