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BBYO's story is told through the courage, energy, and determination that has kept our order thriving for almost a century. Our spirit continues to grow through programming, and Big Apple Region is no different. This year, we will elevate programming on both a chapter and regional level. My vision for Big Apple Region is to enhance our traditions, implemented through new and exciting programs, in order to build interest and engagement. I will do this by working with chapter counterparts to truly evaluate programs, implementing a fold of the month, and bringing the region together more often through chapter-led events.

My plan is to implement a system of evaluation for leaders to reflect on programs that they ran. Those who ran a program will be able to take a step back and think about what parts of it were effective, and what parts weren't. Then, they can build upon these strengths, and utilize those aspects to enhance future programs. To do this, I want to create a program evaluation form. It will have open-ended questions for whoever led a program to think back. As the results come in after each week, the chapter S'ganit will be able to see trends and make adjustments for future meetings.

If elected as Regional S'ganit, I will introduce a fold of the month. This fold will be announced early in advance for calendaring purposes, but it will be talked about more in-depth in a monthly email. The goal of this is to have every chapter have at least one program each month that highlights the given fold, which will, in turn, create a wider variety in the meetings throughout the year.

Lastly, I want regional programming to be more of a common occurrence. This will be accomplished through small regional events that are hosted by one or more of our chapters. These events will be less formal than conventions and overnights and will have the main goal of bringing together our community. By making these a standard, we have the opportunity to introduce MITs to the region, strengthen bonds, and allow chapters to fundraise. Then, when we get to bigger events, everyone will be even more excited and ready to plan and participate in amazing programming.

Big Apple is ready to start the next chapter of our story, which is why I believe that we need to focus on programming at a chapter level, which then will benefit regional events. If people are exposed to strong programming on a weekly basis, that will translate to running amazing programs on a regional level. Together, we will tell our story through programming.