

Candidate for the 31st NCC Gizborit - Eliana Harr

As we have learned in this past year, it is important to stay connected to teens throughout the world. It is even easier to do this through the virtual environment, which will be fading away in the coming year as in-person events become more prominent. We must keep our connections and continue to build them as North Carolina Council grows and becomes stronger. We have also learned the importance of fundraising, whether it be for creating innovative chapter programming virtually, or for ISF to support those in need all throughout BBYO. I would love to expand each aspect of the position of Gizborit through NCC.

The first step that I will take to achieve this is strengthening our global connections with teens from all over the world. I will provide the opportunity to chapters to have pen pals with members of international chapters in BBYO. I would also emphasize Eastern Region's connection to our sister city, Zaporozhye, Ukraine, and the teens from the Active Jewish Teens chapter there. This would entail inviting them to our Regional Convention as we have done in the past, and having programs with them throughout the year.

The next step that I will take to achieve this goal is by showing and educating the importance of the International Service Fund, Stand UP, and fundraising. These three moving parts are very important to our region and individual chapters. I want to create resources, alongside my NCC AZA counterpart and VAC counterparts, for our chapter counterparts. These resources will include the basics of ISF and Stand UP, and they will also demonstrate how to educate chapters in fun, yet educational ways. Along with this, we will include the best ways to fundraise and fresh ideas for fundraisers so chapters are not being repetitive or predictable.

Finally, I will make sure that shuk is taken to new heights this year. Creating a year-round virtual shuk for chapters to show off their merchandise and raise money all year will be a great project to work on alongside my NCC AZA Counterpart and VAC Counterparts. I also want to hold workshops for my counterparts to show them how to design a meaningful product for shuk, while still having a best-seller. I will also encourage my chapter counterparts to submit their designs to the International Convention 2021 shuk to have their products sold on the international level!

In order to expand every aspect of the position of Gizborit, I will be there to guide my chapter counterparts through their terms and always be there for support. Following these steps will provide NCC with a strong sense of connection to our movement as a whole and ensure that Gizborim are able to do the best for the good of their chapter and our council.