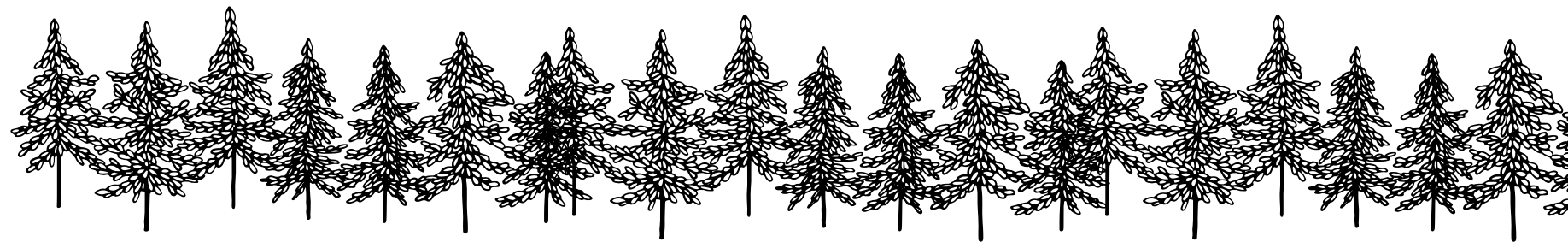


NICOLE ELLEN BRAGER



PROUD CANDIDATE FOR THE HIGH AND HONORABLE POSITION OF VAC BBG'S 31ST MORAH

My sister B'nai Brith girls,

When embarking on a new trail there are always unexpected obstacles, whether it be getting lost or chased by a bear, however, we always can rely on our trusty map to guide the way to our destination. Throughout the past four years BBYO has been my map and support system. The incredible sisterhood within VAC has guided me through the paths of high school and provided me some of the most incredible memories, friendships, and opportunities. This past year has been a crazy and unexpected journey with continuous twists and turns, however, what has remained constant has been BBYO. In this upcoming term as we work to strengthen and recover connections within Eastern, I want to be the map within VAC to guide our council towards growth and welcome new members to the passionate and strong community of VAC BBG. Join me as we lace up our hiking boots and prepare for an incredible journey in this upcoming year filled with passion, hard work, love, and most importantly sisterhood.

Submitted with undying love for MITs, , Cohen BBG #1172, Eastern Region #6, you, me & VAC BBG, I forever and always remain

Nicole Ellen Brager

Proud BBG & candidate for your 31st Virginia Council Morah



Qualifications

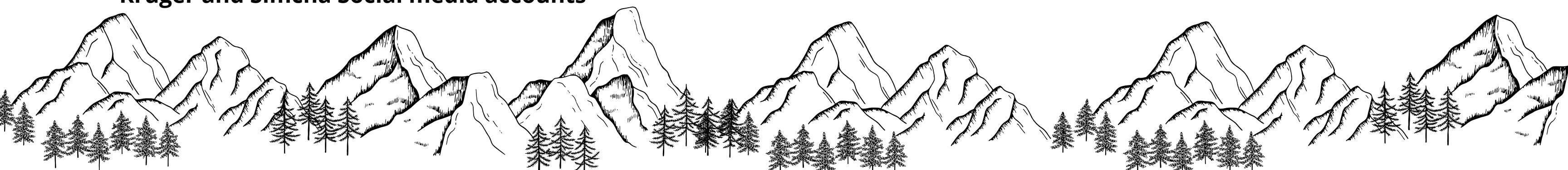
BBYO

- MIT Board Mazkirah
 - assisted chapter Mazkirah in programming communication
- Spring 2018 Safranit
 - found innovative ways to document Cohen programing
 - led Senior celebration programming
- Regionals 2019 Press Corps Team Member
 - Led convention Remind
 - Led convention social media planning
- Fall and Spring 2019 - 2020 Morah
 - implemented 7 highly successful big-lil families
 - sent 8 MITs to MIT-AIT,
 - recruited 13 new members to Cohen
 - hit chapter membership goal within the first term
 - created "Introduction to Cohen" video which received recognition on the international level
 - Led 6 MITs to sign up for CLTC
- Recived the Morah of the Year Award
- 30th VAC Council Safranit
 - worked with mazkirah to utilize social media to engage members virtually
 - led Regionals Talent and Awards Show
 - created IC, Regionals, and Board videos for instagram engagement
 - worked with counterparts to reestablish Kruger and Simcha Social media accounts

- Attended CLTC 4 in 2019
 - Led mock chapter programming
- Good member in standing for the past four years
- Conventions Attended
 - Spring Cultural 2018
 - Mit AIT 2018
 - Regionals 2018
 - Spring Cultural 2019
 - Excecs 2019
 - Regionals 2019
 - IC 2020
 - Excecs 2020
 - Regionals 2020
- Attending ILSI this coming summer

Outside of BBYO

- Richmond Strikers 2020 Soccer Captain
- Nominated to be an Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Student of the Year
 - worked for several months to raise \$70,000 in donations for blood cancer research and advocacy
 - worked and led a team of fundraisers
 - communicated directly with several corporations to gain donations
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Junior Advisory Leader
 - mentor and guide to 2021 Student of the Year teens
- 2020 - 2021 Historian for National Spanish Honor Society
- Student in the Center of Education and Human Development At Glen Allen High School
 - Member of National Honor Society
 - Member of Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society
 - Member of Rho Kappa Honor Society
 - Member of Spanish National Honor Society
- Honor Roll for all years of high school
- Advvid member of State of the Students



Recruitment

- Speak to 7th in 8th graders in Sunday schools
- Expand interest in BBYO through Southern VA
- Establish connections with local Jewish organizations
- Work with chapters that don't have elected Morim to combat membership roadblocks
- Work with local Jewish organizations across VAC to recruit new prospects (ex. JCC, school JSUs, etc)
- Create incentives for bringing prospects to programs
- Create and update prospect submission forms for all chapters
- Hold both prospect-open & members-only events

Sisterhood

- Work with Siganit to host council wide BBG events
- Work with convention planners to find empowering female speakers
- Assist in planning meaningful AND enjoyable separates at council events

Personal Goals

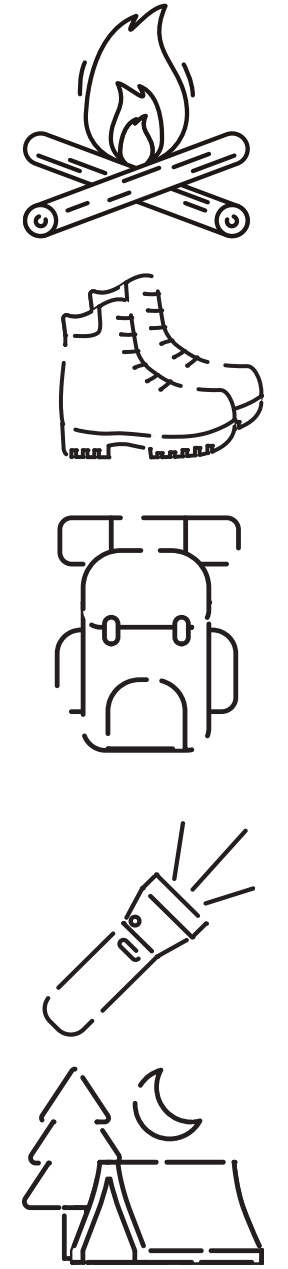
- Keep in constant communication with counterparts
- Be a role model for all BBGs
- Be a friend to all BBGs
- Help establish a welcoming community for ALL BBYO members of VAC

MIT AIT

- Select qualified and enthusiastic trainers
- Create "Welcome to BBG" info packets for all new members
- Continue mock chapter communication throughout the year
- Emphasize interest in CLTC through programming
- Create incentives for gaining chapter attendance at convention
- Teach counterparts how to prepare MITs for their first convention
- Work with Sh'lichim to incorporate components of Jewish identity
- Plan bonding activities for cabin time
- Work to break the council/chapter cliques through programming

Education

- Send welcome letters and packets to new members to welcome and educate them about all the opportunities BBYO has to offer
- Add membership education to weekly Membership Mondays
- Have all counterparts create welcome packets for their new chapter members
- Work with cos to create a MIT crash course
- Send a parent information packet to new member parents to educate them about BBYO and summer experiences



New Ideas

- Create pen pal system between MITs of different councils prior to MIT AIT to establish connections before the convention
- Implement more MIT programming at all conventions
- Host MIT AIT trainer calls prior to convention to teach them how to be good mentors and role models
- Visit all chapters to help with recruitment/retention/re-education
- Work with Peninsula BBYO members to gain more members and establish consistent programming
- Plan a sisterhood overnight just for VAC BBGs
- Have each chapter create their own "Welcome to BBYO Video" for their MITs
- Have each chapter create prospect submission forms

Retention

- Work with Mazkirah to emphasize senior appreciation through social media
- Work with Siganit to emphasize senior appreciation through senior driven programs
- Create upperclassmen retention initiatives
- Update contact information database for everyone in VAC
- Work with S'ganim to create programming that targets all grade levels
- Ensure events are marketed towards members of all ages, not just MITs or upperclassmen
- Encourage all ages to fulfill leadership positions
- Emphasize Big Little programs to encourage chapter bonding

