

BBYO Experience:

2019-20 Virginia Council Sh'lichah

2019 Spring Term Chapter Sh'lichah
**Director of the BBYO International
Climate Crisis Task Force**
International Kallah 2019 (Shabbat to
Remember Admin)
IC 2020
Eastern August Execs 2019
Junior/Senior 2019
Regionals '17 '18 '19
Spring Cultural '16 '17 '18 '19
MIT/AIT 2017
Global Shabbat '18 '19

BBYO Judaic Moments:

Created first ever Eastern Region JLAB
(2019), a pluralistic space for all Jewish teens
Led Friday and Saturday Shabbat services
with counterparts at all Eastern conventions
2019-2020
**Developed & led the 2019 Virginia Annual
Holocaust Education Havdalah**
Global Shabbat 2018 (Chapter Sh'lichah) and
Global Shabbat 2019 (Council Sh'lichah)
Cohen BBG Mother Daughter Shabbat 2019
**IC 2020: "Self Love Shabbat" "Traditional
Egalitarian Shabbat" and "There is No
Planet B Leads Day"**



Claudia Rose Sachs *Candidate for your 30th Virginia Council Sh'lichah*



Outside BBYO:

- Climate Strike VA Regional Organizer
- Member of the Temple Beth El Underground Band
- Performed at DC Global Climate Strike with Greta Thunberg
- "Never Again" Holocaust Education Essay Contest winner
- **Testified before the Virginia Legislature about a Holocaust Education Bill**
- Volunteer teaching English to a refugee family from the Congo
- President of Glen Allen High School Girl Up Club, Yoga Club, and Jewish Student Union
- Forensics Public Speaking Competition Virginia State finalist
- Member of National Honors Society, History Honors Society, Music Honors Society, and Spanish Honors Society
- **Activism featured in the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, *NBC12*, *Virginia Public Media*, and the *Forward***

Skills for Sh'lichah:

- Song leading as the Music Director of Temple Beth El
- Certified youth Yoga Instructor
- **Experience with song leading at Eastern Conventions, Kallah, IC, and Richmond events**
- Led Zoom calls with over 50 people with the BBYO International Climate Crisis Task Force
- Performed an original composition for Holocaust Survivors called "Living History" at Kallah Shabbat to Remember
- Play piano and guitar
- **Compose original Jewish songs and choral compositions**
- Hebrew School for 13 years
- Attended Chabad, Or Atid, and Temple Beth El in Richmond
- **Proficient in Hebrew**

New Ideas:

“Eastern Energy!” a bi-monthly zoom song session with Jewish songs like One Day, Lean on Me, Olam Chesed, Hinei Ma’atov, and Lo Yisa Goy. Many teens would have the opportunity to lead an “Eastern Energy” or choose new songs to learn.

“Eastern Goes Green” partnership with the BBYO International Climate Crisis Task force to ensure that programs and conventions are sustainable and environmentally friendly

“J-LAB” inclusive Jewish space at ALL Eastern Region conventions for students of all observance levels to come together and observe Shabbat

“Living History” monthly Zoom call with a Holocaust survivor as part of “Zikaron Basalon” to allow different survivors to share their stories and connect with Eastern teens

“Council Board Community” open every Council Board Call, Regional Board Call, and Counterpart Call with a new Jewish song to build community and joy

“Israel Inside” promote Speak Up and Israel programming through Israel updates on counterpart communication and working with the S’ganit to get Israel programs on calendars

My 6 Promises to You:

- 1) Communicate weekly with chapter counterparts and the Regional Board
- 2) Continue to be involved in my synagogue and local Jewish community
- 3) Lead engaging Shabbat and Havdalah services with my co’s at every Eastern Region convention
- 4) Dedicate my time to combatting Anti-Semitism locally and globally and fighting for climate justice
- 5) Engage with people of different backgrounds and faiths to build a united community
- 6) Ensure that BBYO is a space that is accepting and open to all teens regardless of observance, denomination, race, background, sexuality, or gender identity

My sister B’nai B’rith Girls,

It has been an honor to serve as your 29th Virginia Council Sh’lichah to bring music and inclusion to our diverse Jewish community. You always inspire me, challenge me to think big, and teach me. Every BBG charts her own Jewish journey, and I am so grateful to be a stepping stone in the Jewish journey of Eastern Region.

As your Sh’lichah, I plan to bring engaging services, learning opportunities, and service projects to our beautiful region. I will dedicate my time to serving you and getting to know you. Judaism is my heart and home. It is the driving force of my life, and I look forward to sharing our traditions and history with all of you this coming year.

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

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