

**What is your vision for Virginia Council? What are three concrete steps you will take to achieve this vision, and why is this the direction in which we should go?**

My vision for Virginia Council is for every member to be involved in and passionate about BBYO. I envision a tightly knit council of sisterhood and brotherhood, where people feel accepted and free to be themselves. Chapters have enough funds to conduct fun and exciting programs every week, all members feel connected to their fellow Jews across the globe, and all the amazing opportunities offered by BBYO are available to every single teen.

I would achieve this by focusing on fundraising, globalization, and supporting ISF. The first step would be to focus on supporting fundraising at a chapter level. When I served as chapter Gizborit, I had no idea how to conduct a successful fundraiser. Now, however, I am well versed in fundraising and I will use this knowledge to mentor and assist chapter Gizborim. I envision every chapter holding at least two exciting fundraisers per term. My second step as Council Gizborit will be to increase the emphasis on globalization. I will encourage chapter Gizborim to work with their S'ganim to incorporate globalization into programming. Also, I will work to increase our links with the Jewish teens in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. Globalization allows teens to see the world through the perspectives of others, specifically other Jews, and to realize their place within this world. As a third step, I will spread the word about ISF. As a younger member, I had no idea what ISF was. I will ensure everyone is aware of what ISF is and all of the amazing work that they do. Also, I will make sure we reach our fundraising goals to support this incredible fund, so every Jewish teen can experience BBYO.

This is the direction we need to go so that BBYO can be welcoming, impactful, and enjoyable for every teen. My experience in BBYO has truly made me the person I am today. BBYO is unlike anything else and it is so important that we make our Council the best it can be. If this vision is achieved, I truly believe that we can give every Jewish teen a home in BBYO.