

**Mikayla Geisner** (Mercer Island – Achayot BBG)

### **Vision Statement**

Evergreen Region, it is my honor to run for and hopefully redefine the position of Sh'lichah. With my experience as two term chapter Sh'lichah for Achayot BBG, and my time serving on J-Serve Committee, I have seen the passion that teens have for supporting others when given engaging opportunities. However, I see more for Evergreen region as a whole! I envision a region in which community service is not an afterthought, but rather is something to which every member enjoys and looks forward. I will make this goal a reality by implementing unique and creative service based programs that embody the Jewish value of selfless service. Moreover, offering a wide variety of interactive activities and making it so that these activities fit member's personal values, will insure more active participation and allow members to feel as though their acts make a difference in their communities. Another crucial role of the Sh'lichah is to organize programs about education on social issues and help inspire social change. Social change can materialize in many ways, and I believe that it starts by forming a bond in which people feel comfortable experiencing discomfort while talking honestly about emotions. Finally, I envision a J-Serve with more BBYO and community members than ever! EGR must expand J-Serve into the cities of the newest chapters in our region as well as add depth to those already strong. With me as Regional Sh'lichah, EGR's bond will become even stronger as we serve the community and better ourselves.

### **Mission Statement**

To make community service a hands on activity, that all teens enjoy and look forward to by creating incentives and presenting them with opportunities that match their values. By relating community service activities to things like Judaism & our everyday lives, we can ensure meaningful and active community service programming.