

CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 63RD N'SIAH!!!

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VISION STATEMENT:

Hey Hey Hey NSR BBGs!!! So if you're reading this, it looks like you want to learn more about why I'm running for N'SIAH, and what I would do if elected. Well, I'm glad you're here. I'm happy to tell you! Let's jump right on into it. Welcome to my vision for our 63rd year. Sit back, relax, and enjoy! :)

Ding Dong! Mandi Elyse Kurtz here at your front door ready to UNLOCK the KEY to success as we move into our 63rd year. I don't want to bore you, I know you want to get back to All American or Tiger King, so I'll get to the important stuff: What sets me apart? I've been N'siah before. I was Ahavah's N'siah as a Sophomore and grew Ahavah from its roots to where it is today, allowing me to learn how to lead a board effectively. This experience will certainly carry over to serving as YOUR Regional N'siah. Next up is Regional Aym Ha. After serving as this position I learned exactly what our region needs to prosper, as well as how to successfully plan events as a team as I spearheaded committees, steering teams, and networks. Lastly, is my International involvement. What makes me unique as a candidate is my up close and personal experience with International Movement Directors, KEY leaders, and staff. I hAve fostered countless relationships with BBYO-loving people across all continents, which will allow me to bring NSR's globalization and International status to the next level next year! Let's show the OrDer what we're made of!!! Remember: NSR BBG and me, we fit together like a LOCK and KEY.

How will you make NSR's connection with the international order stronger and more meaningful?

Let's set something straight: NSR is a powerhouse. Our slsterhood, spirit, and enthusiasm are unparalleled. We always have been and always will be unique. We walk around IC proudly with our shark backpacks while people ask why we're called NSR and not LIR (Long Island Region). We mosh pit every chance we get. We talk nonstop in GroupMes. Our identity makes us who we are, but we are an integral part of something even greater: The International Order oF the B'nai B'rith Girls. It will be One of my main priorities next year to elevate our connections across the globe with other sister BBG Regions. How do I plan to do that you ask? I spent last summer at ILTC forming exteNsive relationships with International BBYO leaders across the globe. I've learned about their Standard calendars, seen their recruitment methods in action, and tried out their communication styles. Here's the KEY for us next year to become more Internationally involved: having MEGA events with other regions to foster personal International friendships-I'm talking adding A new convention into our calendar with another region, instituting a Pen Pal system where EVERY chapter would be paired with a chapter in another region, having monthly Zoom Calls with a region that we would all vote on each month, promote Summer programs and Ambassadors trips with Launch night Extravaganzas with food trucks and live calls with other regions, and lastly have open NSR calls with an International Board Member to do a Q&A and get a taste about what International Leadership is truly like. These are the KEYS to become an International force to be reckoned with.

How will you work with your board to implement change across the region?

As you can tell by this vision statement, I like to switch it up from the norm, dare to be different, think outside of the BBYO box. I will be devoting my term if elected as Regional N'siah next year, to adding new things to the NSR Calendar. I want to break the rut of cookie cutter events (although I love cookies) so that we can live up to our full potential. If you want to see all of my ideas for how I plan to do that, please check out the lockers on the back of my platform. :) For now, I'm just going to highlight a few of my favorite ideas of how I would work with each Regional board member. Here we go (rapid speed, list style):

- S'ganit: Plan mystery trips in NYC, have Bachelor viewing parties, pair each chapter with a sister chapter, and have a Separates Showcase Night
- Aym Ha: Institute a Regional Rush week, send out Interest forms, have Senior Appreciation Nights
- Sh'lichah: Allow the entire region to vote on our StandUp cause, have an Israeli Day, host a Long Island Interfaith Community Event
- S'ganit Nassau and S'ganit Suffolk: Charter new chapters, have dinners with all chapter board members every few months, and release Interview content with the N'siot of the Month
- Sadranit: Work to find a consistent hotel to call home, expand Spirit to incorporate skits and Shark Tank products to encompass the Entrepreneurship Initiative, and have Launch Nights for each Convention
- Mazkirah: Work to have live movement update calls and create a Regional Tik Tok account
- Gizborit: Create a Regional Online Clothing store, have a a Regional Stay-Awake-A-Thon for Giving BBYO Day, have Regbo members read bedtime stories at Conventions for ISF, and have Venmo options for Shuk

Didn't see an idea you envisioned here or on my platform? Add it to the "YOUR ideas!!!" box on my platform. Your dreams will become mine, and then the region's! Oh by the way. **Of course I had to throw in a code for you to unlock.** The code is 13 letters, 3 words, and there's an apostrophe somewhere within it. This code is the KEY to success next year. Did you get it? If you're stuck, the answer is the same as the code with number/letter clues on my platform. Happy guessing! I look forward to seeing you all on May 17th! Until then I'll see you in the Girls of NSR groupme! Stay safe, happy, & healthy! I miss you guys and wish I could see you in person!!! -Mandi Kurtz <3