

CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 63RD SADRANIT MAYA KLEINBERG

VISION STATEMENT:

I believe successful conventions are comprised of detailed and thorough planning as well as enthusiastic and involved participants. As your 63rd Regional Sadranit I will work my hardest to run successful and engaging conventions that entail these two components. In order to do so, I have several ideas that I plan to implement. Making pre and post convention surveys is just one of these goals. The purpose of the pre-convention survey would be to pair up roommates that would connect well and complement each other, in order to make everyone's convention experience as happy as possible. I will create a post-convention survey as well, that will give me and my counterpart insight into what worked and what did not work throughout the weekend. This information will be used to help improve our future steerings and the next convention. Another goal is to have as many different people steering as possible. As someone who has steered several times, I know firsthand how it is a great way for members to get more involved, learn new things, make friends, and build confidence. I have loved it every time I have done it. I am dedicated to ensuring that at least 1-2 members from each chapter get to steer each convention. Having people from every chapter steering will not only give new opportunities to members, but it will also make us more connected as a region.

How can you work to make the average participant feel more involved in the planning process and overall experience of convention?

To make the average participant feel more involved in convention planning, I would like to expand the steering teams. Having more people steering will make people more excited about convention. I will personally reach out to people, especially younger members, and get them interested in applying for steering. Having more, new people steering will lead to many new and creative programs throughout the weekend. For those who are not selected for the steering teams, there will still be chances to lead programs with the selected steerers. I believe the more people involved in the planning aspect, the more interest and excitement there will be surrounding convention.

People often look at convention programming as being repetitive, and even boring. How do you plan to elevate the convention schedule?

During my term, I want to implement a "convention program bank" as a place to document past convention programs, how successful they were, and what should be changed if they are used again. It is difficult to come up with new program ideas so this will be very beneficial to the future steerers. I also believe that like at IC, more smaller separates would be a great addition.

It will help people feel more connected to people with the same issues or interests as them. Finally, bringing back AZA and BBG spirit will be a great way to bond and have fun within your chapter and with all the Alephs and BBGs. Chapter spirit can help everyone bond with members of their chapter who they may not have gotten to know prior to convention. I know that as Regional Sadranit I have the vision and drive to elevate convention to the next level.