

CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 63RD
S'GANIT RIFKA
TALIA MOSES

VISION STATEMENT:

During my term, my biggest goal is to create the biggest, and strongest Suffolk County network that NSR has ever seen. I plan to form chapters in the areas east of BBYO's reach, and work on growing the smaller chapters of our county. I will make sure that each chapter is complete with high attendance at each meeting, strong programming, eager members, and overall stability. I will work with the Suffolk N'siot, as well as chapter boards, to ensure that each of these things are possible, and I will help to smooth out any problems along the way. I plan on creating a strong Suffolk N'siot network, so that girls can bounce ideas around, and learn what did and didn't work for other chapters in the area. In addition to this, I will host events for Suffolk BBGs to allow girls to make new friends from local areas in a calmer setting, compared to regional events.

Most chapters program on the same day, how do you plan to utilize your time to be able to successfully communicate and be involved in all their meetings?

I plan to stay involved in all chapter meetings by keeping in constant communication with the Suffolk N'siot, and by creating a calendar of their meetings, so that I can plan out my time evenly between several programs in one day. If there is a chapter event I cannot attend, it is important to me that I speak with the N'siah often, and attend the chapter's board meetings, to make sure that the program is planned well and can run smoothly. It is also extremely important that I get feedback after the meeting about how it went, and if there were any issues that need to be looked into before the next event.

So much of the Jewish demographic in Suffolk County is not reached, how do you plan on spreading BBYO further out east?

Recruiting teens in areas with a smaller Jewish population is a difficult task, but it is not impossible. As S'ganit Rifka, I will not only reach out to local synagogues, and Jewish centers to get the contacts of recently Bar/Bat Mitzvahed teens—as well as joining facebook groups to promote events, but I will also plan and host events for Jewish teens all over Suffolk County, so that teens can see how great BBYO truly is. Understanding what goes on in BBYO might be a hard concept to grasp when attending a small meeting with only a few kids from their own high school, so I will work with the Aym-Ha Chaverot to educate our new members to make sure that they can enjoy all that BBYO has to offer, stay involved in their chapter and the region, and encourage their friends to join with them.