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**VISION STATEMENT:**

My sister B'nai B'rith Girls, the power is within us. The power to create a prideful, pluralistic community of strong Jewish women. The power to combat anti-semitism, and stand up for the values we believe in. The power to grow our relationship with our Jewish heritage, and Tikkun Olam. My sisters, together we will create the most meaningful experiences, for ourselves, for each other, and for future generations.

**How do you plan to elevate J-Serve and community service programming next year?**

When we do community service, we should be able to support causes we believe in. By adding StandUp causes to J-Serve, and making it so that the two work hand in hand, not only will we be working for good, clear causes, but this gives us the opportunity to work for more than one StandUp cause for the year. If we have separate StandUp causes for J-Serve other than our voted-upon regional StandUp cause, then J-Serve can be formed around said causes, and we will be able to aid more than just one organization each year. J-Serve can then be community service centred around a volunteer-based cause, and our regional StandUp cause can be an organization that is more funding-based. The region could spend more time on community service, through dedicating one event each term to a specific charity. The proceeds from the attendance fee would be given to said charity, and the charity could be spoken about at the event to spread awareness, and address advocacy.

**Many chapters tend to steer away from implementing Judaic/ Shabbat programming out of fear that this will not be appealing to new members. How will you work with your counterparts to eliminate this mindset and strengthen Shabbat and Judaic programming among chapters?**

In situations where Judaism is shied away from, or even frowned upon, the key to combating this is pride. If girls are truly proud of being Jewish, they will not care about being seen as, "too Jewish." I will work closely with our S'ganit and my fellow Sh'lichot to plan judaic-centred programs which will not only highlight how important it is to be a proud Jewish woman in today's society, but also, why. I will work with our Sadranit to ensure that conventions will have engaging, meaningful programs centered around Israel, and holocaust remembrance. Together, we will bring to new members the feeling of immense pride we share when we come together as a Jewish people.