

CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 64TH S'GANIT NASSAU

Gabrielle Pine

VISION STATEMENT:

For my term I would like to accomplish a stronger sense of sisterhood, where not only do all BBGs feel welcome and included, but feel at home. After dealing with covid and its effects, it's easy to distance ourselves (and I don't mean social distance) from friends and BBYO. My goal is to mend that gap, and encourage people to ignite/reignite their faltering flames. BBYO has a place in my heart, and so many others, and I promise to not let covid or any other obstacle stand in the way of our sense of community, and loyalty towards each other.

Tell us about yourself.

Hi. I'm Gabrielle Pine or more commonly known as Gabby Pine. I love BBYO and running BBYO programs, especially Shabbats because I love the way it brings out the sensitivity and loving side of BBYO. I'm in a bunch of clubs including: DECA, Key Club, Student Organization, Model Congress etc. but BBYO has always come first. My goal in life is to make people laugh whether with me, at my expense, or out of pity.

Why are you running for this position?

It's been a dream of mine since I joined BBYO in 8th grade, to be on regional board, like many others. My second year I became S'ganit, and I fell in love with the job and everything that went with it: being a leader, planning events, being creative, and working in conjunction with my board and cos. The year after, I got to be Sig again! There was nothing better than planning events with my board's help and watching it come to life. I love all the positions and being a leader, but nothing would make me happier than being able to interact and aid with all the Nassau chapters in their events and planning.

What makes you a strong leader?

I'm a strong leader because I push myself out of my comfort zone. When I would speak in front of others, my hands would get all clammy and my voice would start to sound a little like Theodore from Alvin and the Chipmunks. That's why I put myself in so many opportunities where I have to speak in front of people. From leading chapter events, regional Shabbats, or running for positions in school, BBYO etc, I was up there with my shaky hands and chipmunk voice. I continue to use that voice to speak out for things that I feel need to be spoken about. And each time I speak, I get a little braver and sound a little less like Theodore. I think it's traits like those that make me a strong leader.

What will you contribute to NSR's success next term?"

Next year I want to be an outlet for all members of BBYO. Being a teen in general, and/or being in BBYO can be tough at times, whether you've taken on too much work or have chapter or friend issues, I want to be someone that you all feel that you can come to: for advice, help, or just to listen. I also would like to contribute new and creative ideas and be effective at my job, getting chapters to reach their full potential.