

CANDIDATE FOR THE NASSAU SUFFOLK REGION'S 64TH SH'LICHA MOLLY SINGER

VISION STATEMENT:

My sister B'nai B'rith girls, I, Molly Elizabeth Singer, am caucusing for the high and honorable position of your 64th Regional Sh'licha. I believe that if I am given the opportunity to serve, my main goal would be to unite the region based on our common denominator. Our Judaism allows us all to bond together. Frankly, it is the reason we initially joined BBYO. Throughout my term, I want to make each and every NSR BBG feel empowered in forming their own Jewish identity. We can accomplish this through meaningful Judaic programs for not only regional events and convention, but also during chapter meetings. In addition, we need to provide more opportunities for leadership in prayer. Although there is a large emphasis on the friendships made in BBYO, the Judaic features are therefore overlooked. If elected, I would make sure all Judaic programs and services are planned to be entertaining and engaging for all BBGs. Lastly, we need to continue to immerse ourselves with our Jewish identities. We will be able to accomplish this by getting to know our Jewish brothers and sisters better, while also remaining avid members of the community. It is our duty to give support to those in need whenever and however we can. If elected as your 64th Regional Sh'licha, it will be my ultimate goal to continue to remind you all why we are a part of this organization.

Tell us about yourself? Why are you running for this position? What makes you a strong leader? What will you contribute to NSR's success next term?

Growing up, my Judaic background was a huge part of my identity. Now, it only continues to grow through BBYO. Although I grew up in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, I still always felt distant from my peers. I would see my friends at temple and Hebrew School but outside of that I never felt connected to Judaism on my own terms. BBYO changed that perspective completely. I was introduced to so many new traditions and practices during my first convention. When I came home, I made my family do the Birkhat with me after every meal. In addition to learning a multitude of new customs, I was able to make friends from all over Long Island that I had so many things in common with. Practices I thought made my family abnormal, were traditions my friends and I were able to participate in together. In addition to being a place to interact with Jewish teens like myself, BBYO gave me an outlet to express myself as a leader. In my past experience balancing a chair position, being involved in RLN and ILN, and steering, I have developed strong time management skills that allowed me to devote a large amount of time to all the committees I am involved in. If elected to the 64th regional board, I will devote a large majority of my time to ensuring that all the duties of my position are fulfilled on a regular basis. I promise to surpass your expectations when it comes to planning programs and being a resource to the region. I will work closely with all of my counterparts to ensure that we focus on elevating Judaic programming this year.