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Dear BQLI Region Friends,

To begin this letter, my final one as BQLI Region President, I looked up two expressions in the Urban Dictionary: Swan Song and Jewish Goodbye. According to UD, a Swan Song is an action ending something epic. A Jewish Goodbye refers to people trying to say so long to loved ones. However, they keep bringing up ONE extra little thing while laughing and talking and trying to actually say goodbye over and over. Yes, saying goodbye takes us a long time!

It has been my privilege to represent our amazing region for these last three years. It has been my pleasure to meet and befriend so many talented, passionate, intelligent Jewish women. We have done so much together...celebrated, mourned, learned, noshed, and grown as women. My life has been forever changed for the better because of each of you, because of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. My journey has been truly epic.

Although I am saying goodbye, our shared experiences and the lessons learned together will always tie us to one another. We have the opportunity to return to these experiences and lessons at any point we wish and, therefore, I am not wholly leaving you and you are not wholly leaving me. The blessing of our ever-connected world enables us to quite literally return to each other whenever we wish through any number of technological methods. I look forward to our continued friendships and keeping in touch via my personal email: [grace.schessler24@gmail.com](mailto:grace.schessler24@gmail.com)!

As Winnie the Pooh said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

B'Shalom,  
Grace