

## Sample Letters to Editors

Here are some sample letters, which you are free to use and alter as you wish:  
These can be sent to your campus newspaper or your local Jewish newspaper.

### Sample Letter to Editor I

Dear Editor,

I would like to share with all your readers the highlights of my recent trip to Israel. I have just returned from the most awesome 10-day tour there and to top it off the whole thing was free. I know that sounds unbelievable but it was a free trip to one of the most interesting and exciting countries in the world. Since Israelis organized the trip, we really got to see the country through their eyes. And far from it being a war zone, Israel is a young and funky country with both ancient and modern sites to see. All in all, it was an action-packed 10 days, with no worries of our security or our personal safety, despite what is shown here on the news.

Throughout the ten days, we got to see the many different faces of this tiny, exotic place. We stayed with Bedouins for one night. We slept in their tents, ate their delicious food, drank their sweet coffee and even enjoyed a camel trek!

We also got to shop in the souks (markets) of the Middle East, which were filled with exotic fruits, foods and spices. From hiking, tours of amazing biblical sites and even a chance to dig at an ancient archeological site, we were given the chance to touch and feel Israel in a way that I will never forget. I would advise anyone who has not been before to go to Israel as you will love every second of your visit.

If you've never been before, you're Jewish and you're interested in visiting Israel for free this summer then please visit and register on-line with Taglit-birthright israel

### Sample Letter to Editor II

Dear Editor,

I have just returned from a free 10-day tour of Israel. Together with 35 other college students, I visited numerous historical and religious sites, engaged in exciting outdoor activities and even got to soak up the sun. Israel is a beautiful country, despite what is reported in the media. As well as the usual site-seeing, we also went white-water rafting, canoeing and hiking both in the mountainous north of the country and the rocky desert in the south.

We visited the beautiful Sea of Galilee and climbed the desert fortress of Masada and floated in the Dead Sea in the south. We even spent an afternoon riding camels with Bedouins.

In the country's capital, Jerusalem, one of the world's most important and inspiring cities, our trip was more serious.

We saw the ancient Western Wall of the second Jewish Temple. We also went to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial, dedicated to the six million Jews that perished during World War II – it was a very moving experience

I left Israel with the feeling that it is an incredible, ancient- modern country that is full of vibrant life. The local foods - humus, falafel and schwarma are delicious and the bars and cafes rival anything we have here. Finally, I have to mention the beaches and the luscious blue Mediterranean

Sea, which – even in the winter – is as warm and as welcoming as all the people we met.

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