



*Dear Canadian Law Student:*

*This is Maya Weiss writing, law student at the University of Ottawa and alumni of the Israel Summer Abroad from last summer. I am returning again to Israel in Summer 2009 to take additional courses, receive additional credits transferable to University of Ottawa -- and will also be acting as a Student Program Coordinator. I invite you to join me.*

*The Summer Abroad Program is so much more than an opportunity to earn credits during the summer months. The courses are interactive, the subject matter is specialized and tailored to the Israeli context, and the environment is open.*

*But, the program is so much more than academics as I came to learn during the summer of 2008.*

*Here are 10 reasons why:*

- 1. **The people:** Expect to meet a varied and extraordinary group of individuals from all parts of the United States and Canada. Last summer, for example, we had 50 students from 28 different law schools on the program.*
  - 2. **The friendships:** Prepare to make some long lasting friendships and this is not a cliché – seriously.*
  - 3. **The accommodation options:** Stay on the beach in Tel Aviv **or** in central Jerusalem and you have choice of hotels at different prices. Also, you will not need to worry about transportation as a private bus takes us to/from classes.*
  - 4. **The connections:** You will have the opportunity to meet with Israeli lawyers, government officials, law students and experts and activists involved in the Middle East political situation.*
  - 5. **The legal tours:** Visit the largest law firm in Israel, attend the Tel Aviv District Court [Trial] and have a private visit with a trial judge; Enjoy guided tours of Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum), the Supreme Court of Israel and meet with a Supreme Court Justice.*
  - 6. **The sightseeing:** The program includes (1) a free all-day guided tour of Jerusalem and its holy sites and (2) half-day tour of the Old City of Jaffa; classes end on Thursday morning and so you have free weekends (Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday) to explore the entire State of Israel through optional guided tours: from Rosh Ha'nikra in the utmost north to the sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the Dead Sea (lowest place on earth!), and all the way to Eilat in the south.*
- Students also have visited Cairo and the pyramids in Egypt; taken a cruise on the Nile, visited the Lost City of Petra in Jordan and taken a weekend cruise to Cyprus.*
- 7. **The cultural experience:** Food is wonderful, and inexpensive. Tel Aviv boasts some of most varied selection of restaurants, which offer a huge selection of dishes from all around the globe. Jerusalem has restaurants with a view of the Old City.*

8 **The outings:** *There is a reason why Tel Aviv is called "the city that never stops". There are pubs and clubs at every corner.*

9. **The Sun, warm weather, and sandy beaches:** *need I say more?*

10. **Volunteer Externships:** *Students can arrive early in June 2008 and do a volunteer externship with a law firm, NGO, or an Israeli law professor for additional legal experience in Israel*

*I hope this will help you make the decision to incorporate the program into your summer plans. I guarantee you will be glad that you did!*

*If you require any more information that is specific to Canadian Students or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: [LawIsraelCanada@gmail.com](mailto:LawIsraelCanada@gmail.com).*

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