



Welcome the stranger.  
Protect the refugee.

## Speak out for Syrian Refugees: Write a Letter to the Editor!

One of the ways that you can quickly contribute to the discourse on a particular issue is by writing a Letter-to-the-Editor. We encourage you to submit a letter expressing your viewpoints on the issue to your local newspaper or local Jewish newspaper.

### TIPS:

1. You will have to do a little bit of research to find out how to submit a Letter to the Editor to your local paper. They will likely want you to e-mail your submission to a particular address. You can find this information on their website.
2. Keep the letter brief! Most newspapers only accept 250-word submissions, which is not very long.
3. Respond to an article that they have recently printed.

### SAMPLE LETTER:

To the editor,

I was alarmed to read yesterday's article, "Syrian Refugees seeking asylum in Europe." The photos and stories coming out of the Syrian refugee crisis are heart-breaking, and I cannot help but think that the United States can do much more to address this issue.

Since its founding the United States has offered refuge and protection to those who have to flee their homes in other lands. Now, in the face of one of the greatest humanitarian crisis of our generation, it is time for the United States to act again to resettle 100,000 additional refugees into the United States.

I know that Jewish history is filled with stories of people fleeing persecution and settling in a new place. My grandparents, in fact, came to New York one hundred years ago to start a new life in safety. The same organization that helped them, HIAS, is the organization that is now lobbying on behalf of Syrian refugees.

Our own government needs to do more to address this issue by providing funding to help refugees in the Middle East and by working to bring some of them here.

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