Welcome to i-news – pages written by, for, and about Cleveland's Jewish teens!

In the winter issue, “I-cleveland” report on how the Jerusalem students were facing racial tension in the streets. They would talk about Jewish identity, changing political, social, and cultural perspectives of Jews and Israelis, the realities of the soldiers, and more. There will be photos that document their 10-day mission and the reality of their current events, whether in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. i-cleveland’s winter issue is a way to give individual students the opportunity to share their experiences.

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