

Judy Lash-Balint Introduction

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to a woman dedicated to shedding light on life in the holy city...

She is a prolific author, who wrote *Jerusalem Diaries: In Tense Times*, *Jerusalem Diaries II: What's Really Happening in Israel*, is a book review editor at *Jewish Political Studies Review*, and received the Mosaic Award for Excellence in Feature Writing about Israeli Peoplehood...

She is a talented journalist, who is a reporter from Jerusalem for Seattle's John Carlson Show, former host of the Jerusalem Diaries Show on Voice of Israel, and has been featured in publications around the world, including in the *New York Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *Montreal Suburban*, and *London Jewish Chronicle*...

And she is a pillar of the Jewish community, who serves as Communications Director at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, a leading independent research institute specializing in public diplomacy and foreign policy, and previously held the position of National Director at the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha.

Ladies and gentlemen please welcome author and activist, Judy Lash Balint.