

The People and Stories Behind the Holiday Traditions

L.A. Chandler has been living and writing in New York City for 16 years and has been speaking for a wide variety of audiences for over 20 years including two events with women of the United Nations. Laurie is a National Best Selling Author with the Art Deco Mystery Series by Kensington Publishing.

Laurie has a range of talks, but the holiday season in November and December is her favorite. She offers a very special talk about the background of the people and history of the holidays. With vivid photographs and videos, she takes the audience on an inspiring and encouraging talk that leaves you with a satisfaction about the generous nature of humanity, even in the midst of great trials.

Her presentation features stories about the original Santa Claus, the powerful WWI Truce of 1914, the end of the Civil War and the incredible Jewish response to Lincoln's assassination, the first Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center by the construction workers in 1931, the real-life story of the war hero with the moniker The Jewish Santa Claus, the history of the menorah, and several pivotal points in history that originated in New York City and made the holiday season what it is today.

Depending on the size of your event and your budget, she can customize her presentation and speaker fees for your particular needs. We will do our best to work with all ideas and concerns to make your event memorable, fun and meaningful.

Besides writing and speaking, Laurie has also worked in PR for General Motors, writes and fund-raises for a global nonprofit, is the mother of two boys, and has toured the nation managing a rock band. Laurie is sure to keep your audience engaged.

A note from Laurie. "The December holiday season is an unusual time where people of all backgrounds are surrounded by Christmas and Hanukkah traditions, yet they may not know the profound history behind them. It is a season full of emotion from the magical dreams of childhood to extreme sadness and loneliness. I've found that even if people don't celebrate the season, they are very interested in hearing about the history, the wonder, and the meaning of the traditions behind it all. And when they take the time to have a fun time with friends, maybe enjoy a glass of wine, and listen to the centuries-old stories...their spirits are refreshed and inspired."

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"Laurie was enjoyable both in person and in front of our audience of 100. She makes everyone feel comfortable and her enthusiasm is contagious." -Dadji Saintus, Harvard Alumni Rep.

"We asked Laurie to tie in a give-away item (a candle) to her Christmas talk and she seamlessly customized her time. She was able to relate with our incredibly diverse audience of wives of U.N. diplomats from over 35 countries, many of whom had never before heard what Christmas and Hanukkah were all about..." -Christian Embassy, United Nations

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"Laurie's varied background is interesting for any size audience, men and women alike, and she genuinely enjoys what she's talking about. So the audience does too!" -Kevin Gosa, Chief Strategy Officer, Octant8 Consulting