LAUREN IZSO

Broadcast Journalist | Anchor, Reporter & Producer

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PROFILE

Award-winning broadcast journalist with more than a decade anchoring, reporting and producing breaking news for Canadian and international media. Spent most of that decade in the Middle East, anchoring for i24NEWS and producing for CNN's Jerusalem bureau, where our coverage of the Israel-Gaza war won an Emmy. Currently a weekend anchor with CTV News Channel.

BROADCAST EXPERIENCE

Weekend Anchor
CTV News Channel | Freelance
Toronto • 10/2025 – Present

- Anchor live newscasts on CTV's 24-hour news channel, extending into rolling breaking news coverage when major events fall on shift.
- Report stories on a wide range of topics, including adlibbing during breaking news events.
- Interview politicians, officials and analysts live on contested stories.

Field & Editorial Producer
CNN, Jerusalem Bureau | Freelance
Jerusalem and remote • 03/2019 – Present

- Produce international coverage for CNN from the field and the desk, verifying information and distinguishing confirmed reporting from unverified claims under intense time pressure.
- Reported live on air for CNN, including from the scene of a terror attack at a Tel Aviv bar.
- Went into southern Israel on the morning of October 8, 2023 to produce coverage in the aftermath of the attacks with a senior CNN correspondent.
- Covered four consecutive Israeli national elections between 2019 and 2022, from campaign through results night.
- Part of the team that won a 2024 Emmy and the Overseas Press Club's David Kaplan Award for coverage of the Israel-Gaza war.

Anchor / Editor
The Canadian Press
Toronto • 05/2024 – 10/2024

- Wrote and anchored hourly national radio newscasts syndicated across Canada.
- Applied CP style and editorial judgment to breaking national and international stories under continuous deadline pressure.

Producer
BBC | Freelance
Jerusalem • 2022 – 2023

- Produced coverage of violence in the West Bank and the demolition of Palestinian homes, alongside broader regional stories.

Reporter
CBC Radio | Freelance
Israel • 2019 – 2022

- Reported regularly for *World Report* and *The World This Hour*, researching, writing, voicing and editing original reports from Israel and the Palestinian territories for CBC audiences.
- Filed on the May 2021 Gaza escalation and on Israel's COVID-19 response, then closely watched as a global test case.

Reporter
TRT World | Freelance
Israel and the Palestinian territories • 2019 – 2022

- Reported on camera, and interviewed politicians and public figures, on stories including displacement of Palestinians in East Jerusalem, Christmas in Bethlehem, anti-government protests and a car-ramming attack near Tel Aviv.

News Anchor & Correspondent
i24NEWS
Tel Aviv • 2015 – 2019

- Anchored the main news bulletins on a 24-hour international channel, interviewing officials and analysts and carrying breaking coverage across a wide range of stories, including the Gaza border protests; also anchored *High Definition with Lauren Izso*, a weekly documentary programme.
- Pitched and reported from the field on major developments around the country.
- Created and presented two weekly segments, *Eye on the Middle East* and *Top 5 Security Facts*.

Breaking News Editor & Anchor
The Jerusalem Post
Jerusalem • 2012 – 2015

- Wrote and edited breaking news for JPost.com as stories developed.
- Anchored the daily news edition on JPost TV for thousands of viewers, writing my own scripts and conducting my own interviews.
- Anchored daily broadcasts throughout the 2014 Gaza war.

COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE

Content & Communications Coordinator
New Israel Fund of Canada
Toronto • 09/2025 – Present

- Write on democracy, public policy and human rights for a Canadian audience.
- Manage social media and web content, including graphic design and video editing.
- Produce articles and briefing material grounded in evidence and research, working with policy specialists.

AWARDS

2024 Emmy Award
CNN's Jerusalem Bureau
Outstanding Breaking News Coverage, "Israel-Hamas war."

2023 David Kaplan Award (Overseas Press Club of America)
CNN's Jerusalem Bureau
Best TV News Reporting from Abroad, "Israel-Hamas war."

SKILLS

ON AIR
Live anchoring, breaking news, unscripted coverage, live interviews, field reporting, voicing

EDITORIAL
News judgment, verification, CP style, editorial planning, story development

DIGITAL
Long-form writing, podcast production, social platforms, audience analytics

TOOLS
iNews, Adobe Creative Suite, Canva, WordPress, Google Analytics

OTHER WORK

Host & Editor, *Wall Street Breakfast* podcast
Seeking Alpha • 2022 – 2023
Hosted and produced a daily financial news podcast for more than 10,000 listeners a week.

Producer & Presenter, *On Record*
Elbit Systems • 2019 – 2023
Produced and presented video for a global technology company, explaining technical work to people without a technical background.

Presenter, *90 Seconds*
eToro • 2021 – 2022
Created and hosted a monthly financial news video series that became one of the company's regular formats.

Co-Host, *Different Class*
TLV1 Radio • 2013 – 2015
Weekly radio show about life as a new immigrant in Israel.

LANGUAGES

English
Native

Hebrew
Professional

EDUCATION

Middle East Studies
Tel Aviv University • 2015 – 2017

Journalism Studies
Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) • 2010 – 2012

General Arts Studies
University of British Columbia • 2009 – 2010