

JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Presents

Judie Oron

“Cry of the Giraffe”

Tuesday, November 8th, 2011

7:00 PM

Windsor Jewish Community Centre



Cry of the Giraffe (Annick Press) is an award-winning book based on the story of an Ethiopian Jewish teenager named Wuditu*, who, together with her younger sister, Lewtehd*, was separated from her family in a violent incident in a refugee camp in Sudan. While the two young girls were being forcibly returned to Ethiopia, the rest of their family members were rescued from the refugee camp and flown via a secret airlift to Israel.

Circumstances forced the two girls to separate. Lewtehd* survived and was reunited with her family. Alone at 13 years old, Wuditu* struggled to find work and a way back to her family but was unwittingly trapped into slavery. The book tells of her fight to stay alive in wartorn Ethiopia, until a stranger unexpectedly came to free her.

Judie Oron is a journalist, award-winning author and former Director of the 'Jerusalem Post' newspaper's charitable funds. During the clandestine airlifts of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, Judie travelled to Ethiopia, encountered a lost child, Lewtehd*, and took her into her family. Years later, she discovered that Lewtehd* had a sister, whom the child believed might still be alive. Judie went into wartorn Ethiopia to find Wuditu* and to free her from slavery. **Cry of the Giraffe** is based on Wuditu's* story, told in her voice.