

## **UJGS Meeting Minutes – Meeting held 2 February 2016**

Submitted by Paula Paradise

The meeting was held in the Church History Museum auditorium.

Members were reminded to pay their dues for 2016. Dues are \$10 per person, \$15 per couple.

The speaker was Israel Pickholtz, a well known genealogist and author of *Endogamy: One Family, One People*. Endogamy is the practice of marrying within the limits of a certain community, culture, clan or tribe. Jews, by and large married within the tribe for hundreds of years, thus ensuring that everyone is related to everyone else multiple times. Because of endogamy, DNA testing results can be difficult to interpret properly.

Israel Pickholtz used his experience in looking for his family in Galicia. He talked about both genealogical research and DNA results to extend his family pedigree. He used DNA from multiple cousins and relatives to make comparisons. His goal in writing and speaking about his experience is to inspire his listeners and readers to say "I can do this!"

Israel brought copies of his book and other related products to sell at our meeting. Items can be purchased from his web site: <http://www.endogamy-one-family.com/>.

Attendance: Approximately 47 people attended. The list is incomplete, but included: Israel Pickholtz, Todd Knowles, Banai Feldstein, Nancy Adelson, Jan Meisels Allen, Karen Baranowski, Gary Bowen, Sharon Brown, Anna Sophia Clark, Kitty Cooper, Schelly Dardashti, Lara Diamond, Kendra Dinerstein, Beth Long, Barry Mann, Kurt Matthia, Sheela Matthia, Kahlile Mehr, Jerry Molloy, Shipley Munson, Mark Nicholls, Jack Paradise, Paula Paradise, Janette Silverman, Heidi Sugden.

The presentation was also broadcast via webinar. 47 People registered for the webinar and 36 signed in during the presentation. Those in attendance were: Galit Aviv, Penny Alvarez-Keller, Bruce Carroll, Andrea Denish, Linda Ewall-Krocker, Stewart Feinberg, David Freiman, Gary Gans, Susan Gold, Zyppora Goldberg, Sharon Goldstein, Mark Halpern, Dorothy Hudman, Zena Indik, Rochelle Kaplan, Jack Kauffman, Reeva Kimble, Diann Kittok, David Leavitt, Sheldon Leiman, Gary Levin, Sheryl Levin, Barbara Lewis, Deborah Long, Brian Melrose, Jim Meyer, Diane Montgomery, Peggy Morrow, Mary Jane Roth, Sam Samuels, Michael Snyder, Jan Solkov, Beth Sommer, Carole Strickland, Laurie Suttentberg, Alicia Weiss.

The next meeting will be held March 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Family History Library.