

Lara Diamond to speak on Jewish Genetic Genealogy

On Sunday, February 25, 2018, the Phoenix Jewish Genealogy Group will sponsor a presentation by genealogy researcher, speaker and blogger Lara Diamond, “DNA Successes In – And Despite – Endogamy.” The event will be held at the Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center, 12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254, from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. in room 103/104. Admission is free to Arizona Jewish Historical Society members and \$5 to all others. To RSVP, either call the Arizona Jewish Historical Society at 602-241-7870 or email emilyhgarber@gmail.com.

Genetic genealogy is much more complicated when dealing with endogamous populations – those that marry within their own group – than the general population, and many people get frustrated when trying to identify actual relatives from the mass of genetic cousins who are likely related in many ways quite far back. Learn how you can have success when dealing with endogamy. Lara will present examples from research into her own family's DNA. Her successes including reuniting with family branches thought killed in the Holocaust.

Lara Diamond has been researching her family for 25 years, starting as a middle school student. She has traced all branches of her family multiple generations back in Europe using records created during the reigns of the Russian and Austria-Hungarian Empires. Most of her research is centered in modern-day Ukraine, with a smattering of Belarus and Poland. As an Ashkenazic Jew, she has particular fun with DNA analysis of her completely endogamous genome.

Lara is president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland, leads *JewishGen*'s Subcarpathian Special Interest Group, and is on *JewishGen*'s Ukraine SIG's board of directors. She also runs multiple district- and town-focused projects to collect documentation to assist all those researching ancestors from common towns. She blogs about DNA and her Eastern European research at <http://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com>.

The Phoenix Jewish Genealogy Group is a committee of the Arizona Jewish Historical Society. For further information, check our webpage at <<https://azjhs.org/Genealogy.html>>. The Bureau of Jewish Education has graciously donated space at the Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center for this event. Please follow their activities and events at <<https://www.bjephoenix.org/>>.

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