**IMMIGRANT FAMILY IN PURSUIT OF AMERICAN DREAM – SCRIPT**

Michael Levin is a professional writer. Susan Levin is a civil engineer turned full time mother.

They have 4 kids including rambunctious twin ten-year-old boys.

“My mother’s parents came here right after WWII, they were escaping the holocaust from Europe. My father’s family came here in the 1980s, they were escaping the Pogroms in Russia. My wife Susan’s family came here from China in 1982 and they were looking for a better economic existence.”

For Michael, the American Dream in the 21st century is the same as it was for generations past.

“Everybody comes here and finds the opportunity to have a better life. This is the only country in the world that I know of where you are not bound by your ethnicity, you’re not bound by your socio-economic status or by your parents’ status.”

Susan often reflects on the contrast between her own childhood and her children’s more privileged upbringing, full of computers, video games, music lessons and other activities.

“I was born in mainland China in a small village where there is no running water.”

One in ten American marriages are mixed race, like the Levins. Census figures show that’s a 28 % increase from a decade ago. Both Michael and Susan have achieved higher education, professional success and home ownership, traditional components of the American Dream.