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(Alan)

We've had two seminal events happen in our lives and perhaps the third one about to unfold now. So we were, Adele and I, formed a group of friends who sponsored a boat people family from Viet Nam. That was in round about 1980. That was a family of thirteen people. So we welcomed them and really set them up. That was an amazingly successful experience.

(Interviewer)

Are you still in touch.

(Adele)

We lost touch

(Alan)

We lost touch unfortunately and that's something that I am very sad about. When the Russian Jews were allowed out, I thought that the quantity, the numbers that would go to Israel would create such social problems in Israel that any Jew who could get out and get out not going to Israel was a benefit. So I, Adele and I, were actually the first Torontonians to sponsor a Russian Jew into Canada. It was in this building through JIAS and that again was a fantastic experience that led to his mom coming out, his granny coming out and he still lives in Toronto today and he landed up working for me for many, many years and...we're in some, periodic touch with them. And now we're part of a group through our synagogue who are going to sponsor Syrians into the country.

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