



Interviewed: Adele (née Golombek) and Alan Farber

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(Adele)

What I didn't get a chance to say is despite wanting to go live in the States in those early years, we feel so absolutely blessed and honoured to have found Canada and to have lived in Canada. And, I always say that whenever I travel and I come back here, I really do want to kiss the ground when I step off the plane because its provided us with...such a safe...sane...normal, healthy environment to live and to bring up our children

(Alan)

Free. [nodding]

(Adele)

In freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of movement...beauty. The weather, as terrible as it is, is really so secondary to all the fantastic benefits of living in this kind of society. So, I feel blessed and grateful. I'm so grateful that at least two of my children have chosen, because they were both living in the States, my middle son and my youngest, they've both chosen to come back to Canada for all the reasons that we speak as well, that they just see it as a healthy, wonderful place to live and raise their children. And, my son in Israel is populating *eretz Yisrael*. It's a good thing [laughing]. And, we enjoy having him there, we enjoy having that opportunity to be connected to Israel as well.

(Alan)

I'll add just a little bit, I'm a person who always looks for the silver lining so I think the weather in Canada is one of the best things that it has because absent the weather, this city would be a city of twenty million people and the challenges of having twenty million people, to live with [smiling]

(Adele)

[laughing]

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(Alan)

So, I'm very thankful for the weather. As things evolved for me and my relationship with Israel became deeper and deeper and deeper, and our oldest kid went to live in Israel about fourteen years ago, I was very pleased that...a direct part of my family...was there [nodding].

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