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(Brynie)

We both spend a lot of time back there. I was just there in March and up until this last year Steven was there a lot too. So we're not disconnected from there and it's [sic] I had my boy's bar mitzvah in South Africa in 2010.

(Steven)

We have a place in Cape Town.

(Brynie)

It's very much still the place, even though I've spent more than half my life in Canada, that is still very much the place that I call home. And the smells and the sounds and the warmth is something you can't really describe. But am I glad that I raised my family here? Yes. Could I imagine living back there? No. But yeah, it's a very evocative place and I still identify very much with being South Africa [sic] being South African. And I like the tastes, I like the sounds, I like the smells. I like Africa.

(Steven)

I'm very similar to what Brynie just described. I'm still very tethered back there. I'm very grateful to Canada for what it's given me and us (looks at Brynie) by way opportunities that I think we [sic] that I might not otherwise had had I stayed back there. And in that sense Canada is extraordinary because it's this amazing multicultural place with an ability to absorb and provide opportunities to people who come from many parts of the world. So I think in that sense it's been [sic] you know, I feel very lucky to have come here. But if you're asking, you know, about my connection back to South Africa, it remains too strong.

(Brynie)

[laughs]

(Steven)

And it never [sic] I don't anticipate it ever going away. And we talk often about whether not we can spend a couple months there a year and to have [sic] to keep a piece of it alive for us. 'Cause it's quite difficult having that piece of your identity bound up in a place far away, which you don't get to experience. And so we'll see if that's something that becomes possible for us.

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