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Jewish Canadian Involvement



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If you were asked, What does it mean to you to have a Jewish Canadian connection? What would be your answer?

Well, here are some answers.....

Mordechai Richler: "Coming from Canada, being a writer and Jewish as well, I have impeccable paranoia credentials." Now, why are you chuckling?

'Hallelujah', musical poet, Leonard Cohen: "There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."

Frank Owen Goldberg became the worldwide 'starchitect' Frank Gehry. (My personal favorite -- Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain.) He wrote that growing up in Toronto, (he went with his grandmother Leah Caplan weekly to buy carp in Kensington Market) many, including his father, didn't think he "would amount to anything. My mother also. I dreamed too much." And this from a man with 17 honorary doctorates. A 'never-give-up' role model, indeed!

Toronto's impresario Ed Mirvish: "I never talk about money. I don't think it's important once you're not hungry. After awhile, you're nothing but a caretaker or custodian."

Saul Bellow, Montreal-born, 1976 Nobel Prize in Literature: "A person is only as good as what he/she loves."

The last entry has to go to Montreal's Irving Layton, born Israel Pincu Lazarovitch: "A Canadian is someone who keeps asking the question, 'What is a Canadian?'"

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Gehry's Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain: photo credit Fanshare