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## Interview with Moshe Safdie

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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by George M. Goodwin in 1992.

### Restrictions

Untranscribed; use requires an appointment.

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## Biographical / Historical

Moshe Safdie (1938-) is an architect with American, Canadian, and Israeli citizenship. He designed Habitat 67 in Montreal and is a longtime educator.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview with Moshe Safdie conducted 1992 Feb. 1-Oct. 17 by George M. Goodwin. Safdie discusses becoming an architect; moving from Israel to Canada at 15, his family background; attending McGill University; the work of Erich Mendelsohn in Palestine; his relationship to Richard Meier; and the work of other architects, including Le Corbusier, Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Kahn, Frank Gehry, R.M. Schindler, and Richard Neutra; how being a Jew is central to his identity and his work; his significant buildings; critics' attitudes; clients' response; and 1992 projects.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Architects -- Canada -- Interviews  
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Architecture  
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Types of Materials:

Interviews  
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Names:

Gehry, Frank O., 1929-  
Kahn, Louis I., 1901-1974  
Le Corbusier, 1887-1965  
Meier, Richard, 1934-  
Mendelsohn, Erich, 1887-1953  
Neutra, Richard Joseph, 1892-1970  
Schindler, R. M. (Rudolph M.), 1887-1953  
Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959