

Hello Carmelis, my name is David Saville - I was at Carmel from 1955-60 therefore I am sure that many of the personal reminiscences I write will not interest most of you, bearing in mind the average stay was about four years - sorry about that, but these lines are meant to encourage you to write about all the people at School I've unintentionally missed out.

1. Our own **Kopul Rosen** was almost universally referred to as **Kopul** rather than any other name, although formally he was known as **Rabbi Rosen**. He had one or two great lines such as "What you will be you are now becoming" and "There are two opinions you can have on this subject, boys, the wrong one and mine".

On the other hand he could be extremely strict as for instance, when he was teaching Baba Batra in his Talmud class, when we were discussing Hezek Reia - "Overlooking in Property Law - does this cause damage or not?"

Lebovitch, Hezek Reia, is it Shmei Hezek or Lav Shmei Hezek?

Er, er, Lav Shmei Hezek, Sir.

Out, out, and I don't want to see you again

I am in touch with **Moshe Lebovitch** and I can assure you he now knows that Hezek Reia is Shmei Hezek - rather a novel way of teaching Gemara but it seems to work.

At a Purim skit on a staff meeting, played by the Prefects in 1956, **Barry Winkleman**, as Kopul, says, "I object to **Wolfson** walking about the school as if he owns the place. **Ostwind**, as **Mr. Coles**, He does.

In a Kopul survey to see which boys come from Orthodox homes: Does your father work on Shabbat? Answer given by **Ian, Lionel** and **Benny Rabinowitz** sons of the well-known **Rabbi E.S. Rabinowitz**, of Hull, Newcastle and Manchester - "sure he does, it's his peak day".

### **Kopul Rosen - An Appreciation**

Despite his humorous asides which were not always given or taken appropriately he was a great man in many sense of the word - he occupied many positions in the Community, but in my view he was at his best when he was duty bound to no one. He moulded Carmel into the way he wanted - he was the antithesis of the ghetto Jew,

though his happiest years were spent in pre-war Mir Yeshiva in Poland. His search for his “Authentic Jew” was all-embracing.

On the other hand one of his dreams was that the annual Oxford-Cambridge boat race be run on a Sunday instead of a Saturday as all the crews were Carmel boys. In the fourth form we gave him a Dave Brubeck record for his 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday - he really was a Rabbi for all Seasons.

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I remember a new boy from an assimilated family telling me his father had a one hour session with Kopul - all they talked about was Kopul eventually persuading the father to join a Synagogue.

14 out of his 48 years were at Carmel, creating a sort of Kopul Aristocracy for those who were there between 1948 and 1962. Frankly I don't think Carmel achieved its former glory after his death. Professor Cyril Domb edited a fine book on Memories of Kopul Rosen, and the crowning chapters were on the Carmel period.

He took notice of every boy in school, even if they did not excel in sport, were actively religious or generally played central roles in school activities. Of these less notable Carmelis, he used to say, like the poet Milton, “They also serve who stand and wait.” Many boys he took specifically from broken homes and tiny communities - he literally rescued them from assimilation.

I remember **Pildus'** farewell speech - You are the only father I knew, and I also recall Sir Robert Menzies the former Prime Minister of Australia, speaking of Churchill after his funeral - We who have lived in his times have been touched with his greatness - how much more so the students of Kopul Rosen at Carmel.

## 2. Other masters:

**1. Raphael Loewe:** I was particularly close to him since he taught me Latin, Greek and Hebrew 14 times a week as I was being prepared for a scholarship at Cambridge University, which didn't happen. In fact when Loewe joined the staff I was Editor of the School Magazine and I wrote, We welcome Mr. Loewe - he teaches Hebrew, Classics and Saville. He once came up to **Dr. Tobias** - Toby, Toby, I've got something new. He replied, “If it's more than 2000 years old I don't want to hear it.”

**2. JPC. Toalster** - the Huddersfield Gaon who also taught Classics. He said to me once “I am fed up with all this Latin and Greek, let's go to the library and learn a “Blatt Gemara”. He also coined special Hebrew words for Masters taking a day off, LeDayef, and **LiBloch** - if you stayed the whole day at Carmel.

**3. Mr. Healey** - he once said to **Geoffrey Levy**: “Are you coming out to cricket practice now and Geoff said “Well actually I have O Levels and a special assignment in English and I am very behind in my maths prep”. Healey then replied, “you boys have got the wrong attitude to sport”.

**4. Mr. Evans** the maths teacher - he used to teach maths in the loggia to **Raymond Dwek, , David Waldman and Harvey Lament** and the first 5 minutes were always taken up with their reciting the Birkat Hamazon, following the “Aruchat Eser”, as they had been to **Miss Aaron’s** tuck-shop a few minutes earlier.

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**5 Malcolm Shifrin (Shif)** - teaching Musica Viva: You can talk when I’m speaking but not when the music is on.

**6 Charlie Marshall** - once wrote on the gym floor, “3 press-ups, 2 vaults and 4 rope-climbs” and **Izzy Gletzer** said “My word sir, what a wonderful vocabulary you’ve got.”

**7. David Stamler** - he once told us when he was studying at Oxford he went to a post box with a few friends and spoke inside as if there was someone there and said “Don’t worry George, we’ll get you out, the fire brigade is on the way, there is nothing to worry about, etc. etc.” and after a few minutes when a considerable crowd had come, he and his friends simply slipped away. Another of his famous lines was, he was marking a boy’s end of term report - he was very lazy and the boy came second from bottom of the class. He wrote, He could have come bottom but he was too lazy to try.

**8. G.P.W. Warner** - anyone who didn’t understand was a “blithering yahoo” - anybody knows what happened to him after he left Addis Ababa?

**9.Yehuda Ofir** - broke the then record of driving from Carmel to Marble Arch in 59 minutes, in his Dauphine.

**10 Mrs. Whitfield** - in French “Dictee” she used to scratch her nose on the left side for “aigu” and the other side for “grave” - I can’t remember what she did for “circumflex”.

3. **Carmel quiz:**

**1. How many Carmel boys came from Middlesbrough? Twelve:**

**Michael Bharier, Matthew Bookey, Joseph Brechner, Philip Breckner, Jonathan Isserlin, Anthony Markovic, Bernard Markovic, David Saville, Michael Schmulewitsch, Paul Stock, Philip Stock, Louis Wiseman**

2. Name the following provincial towns from which these boys came

**Jeffrey Greenberg** - Stoke-on-Trent

**Michael & Roger Rudd** - Andover

**Colin Leventhal** - Nottingham

**David Robson** - Pontefract

**John Goldsmith** - Leicester

**David Lewis** - St. Annes

**David & Victor Keller** - Norwich

**Alex Habel** - Winchester

**Ian Panto** - Eastbourne

**Anthony, Richard and Matthew Engel** - Northampton

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3. Name the Head Boys from September 1955 - March 1960.

**Ivor Wolfson, Michael Goitein, Ian Rabinowitz, Colan Linton, Raymond Dwek**

4. What was **Abraham Carmel's** previous name - **Kenneth Cox**.

5. How was **Ted Weatherall** the groundsman related to **Bumpus** - the odd job man - he was his father-in-law.

6. Who starred in Mr. Nelson's production of "Happiness My Goal" - **Robert Sabel**

7. Who was "Hippy"? Michael Goitein, a Highly Intelligent Person.

8. Who was the greatest on Friday nights singing the last verse of Tsur Mishelo - **Jacky Coleman**

9. Which school defeated Carmel at chess in the finals of the Berks-Bucks tournament - Eton

10. Who gave the longest farewell speech - **Raphy Ettisch** - half an hour before Birkat HaMazon and half an hour afterwards.

#### 4. D.S. Class of 1955-60

I still remember fondly all the guys who were in my year for most of the 5 years that I spent at Carmel, almost all of whom I have seen since.

1. **David Waldman** - formerly chief chemist at Boots in Nottingham, now retired professor in Cambridge

2. **David Lewis** - formerly solicitor in Manchester now retired

3. **Robert Sabel** - formerly legal advisor to the Israel Foreign Minister now lecturing at the Hebrew University

4. **Norman Silverman** - expert in antique furniture - lives between Ashkelon and London

5. **Raymond Dwek** - Senior research chemist in Oxford - should get the Nobel prize for chemistry as his brother Yossel got the CBE.

6. **Izzy Gletzer** - runs a yeshiva and building company in Jerusalem

7. **Michael Poster** - passed O Level Maths at 12 and hasn't looked back since

8. **Ellis Korn** - we all reckoned he should be a newscaster at the BBC.

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9. **Mordell Klein** - L.A., Kuala Lumpur, Jerusalem and now Hendon - he told me that when at Cambridge he was asked by an American tourist, looking for colleges, Excuse me, where is Jesus? - Up there, the one in the middle.

10. **Yosef Benaim** - I met him recently in London - he tells me that in chess, when he's black, he still plays p-QB4

11. **Michael Ellman** - teaching in Moscow then in Holland

12. **Harvey Lament** - I think he married the sister of **Malcom Samuels** - how many of us took out the sisters of fellow Carmelis?

## 5. Old Carmelis in Israel

When I came to Israel **David Duke** and I started various meetings of old Carmelis which were very well attended in the early seventies, in particular at the first such gathering where without introduction we played one of Kopul's last records to a dramatic silence. There was a great discussion thereafter and we noticed that **Dov Weinberger** and **Benny Shalit**, both famous in their own right, were sitting next to each other as they had sat next to each other at school - then as beforehand with entirely different religious opinions.

There were other meetings including one at Herzlia at the home of **Henri Ziamand** but the best attended was given by **Ami Federman** at the family Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv which was hopefully a forebear to further meetings but nothing very much followed.

However Yakar was founded in Jerusalem and for 2 years before **Mickey Rosen** came over from England, **David Duke** and I ran the shul there which was popularly known as Duke's Place or Saville Row. Yakar Jerusalem has been a venue for Old Carmelis, especially on Kopul's Yahrzeit. I meet up often with my contemporaries in the legal profession, **Ram and Asaph Caspi, Amazia Caplan, Elon Diskin and Jonathan Livny** as well as Carmeli Solicitors in the UK.

## 6. Anecdotes

1. A few years ago **Lawrence Cartier** came round to us one Friday evening. I showed him the school photo of 1957 and he named everyone of the 350 boys plus Masters without stopping.

2. I met **Yomtov Sabah** at a school evening for one of our kids in Natanya - we spent the whole time on Carmel reminiscing - I particularly liked his story when they went to the cinema with **Tchadorchi**, where they thought he was 17 and Yomtov 14; in fact it was the other way around!

3. I was standing in parade next to **David Reiss** in the newly formed Cadet Corps when he was caught talking - The sergeant: Why were you talking? Reiss: I was just thinking, Sir. Sergeant: In the Army you're not allowed to think.

4. Up until my 2<sup>nd</sup> Sports Day I thought Victor Ludorum was related to the **Keller** brothers.

5. On my first ever visit to Israel I visited the renowned Yeshiva of Ponevez. **Ivor (Aviezer) Wolfson** tried to persuade me to stay on for a year and I've always wondered how life would have been different had I listened to him.

6. My Fair Lady, West Side Story, the Oxford Playhouse, the Old Vic Stratford-on-Avon - gosh we really got to see places!

7. A few years ago, **Michael Bharier** came over from Rhode Island. From 10.00 p.m. on a balmy Jerusalem evening, we walked the deserted streets of Katamon for four hours and covered Jewish Youth Study Groups, our mutual youth movement, Middlesbrough and Carmel.

8. My cousin, **Mayer Cohen (Coren)** from New York, tells me his son Danny studied with **Toby** and wrote a fine booklet in his Memory when he died.

9. Coming to Carmel in 1964 for Kopul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Yahrzeit, an Austin 35 burst a tire on the old A4 and smashed into **Anton Dell's** left hand drive Alpha 2600 with **Robert Peters** also in the front. The Austin passenger was killed and we three injured, but I was at Carmel the following week - **Shif's** wedding.

10. I miss my friend **Tiki Hirshfeld** - I was with him to the last and spoke over his grave - we were very close. There used to be a sign on the Hippopotamus Cage at the Tel Aviv Zoo - Presented by the Hirshfeld family of Kenya. I also have fond memories of **Robert Peters** - who knows there may be more who have passed on.

#### 7. The Future of the Old Carmelis

Let's face it, the carpet has been swept from under our feet since the 1997 Closure, but there are two quasi Carmel centres, one in Hendon and one in Jerusalem. In my opinion, so long as the Rosen boys are running these shows they must be utilised to foster all Old Carmelis activities, otherwise we will be both closed and forgotten.

There are not going to be any more Old Carmelis so the list is fixed and the details of **Mark Ohringer's** 1991 Occupational Directory must be put on the Website as soon as possible, preferably updated and if not, then not updated; similarly the School Magazines and photographs and any other documents relating to Carmel's 49-year history.

So let's make one big attempt to keep the memories at least in Cyberspace and before we get too old to write to the Website and who knows, you may find your old sixth form school buddy from Iran whom you haven't seen for donkey's years. living around the corner in San Francisco.

#### 8. David Saville personal life

Just a little about myself - having left school I came to Israel with David Waldman and then to UCL to study law for 3 years and thereafter 2 years articles. I also wrote the BA Hebrew exams externally as I reckoned my old Hebrew teacher Raphael Loewe had taught me enough in order to pass, which I did.

I continued as a solicitor in the West End for a year and then after the Six-Day war I came on Aliya to Jerusalem where I met Miryam Dreyfus from France. Her physics teacher at the Yavneh School in Paris was Danielle, who later became **Mrs. Tiki Hirshfeld**. Miryam and I have 7 children, 4 married, and I have been running a private law practice in Israel since 1969. Most of the time, I spend in creating competitors, that is to say teaching lawyers who have studied abroad how to pass the Israel Bar Exams. I was awarded the President's Prize in 1982, it is a bit like the Queen's Award to Industry.

In my spare time, I revived my old defunct Kehilla, Middlesbrough, which is more lively now than when **Jacky Epstein's** illustrious father was the Rabbi and we even have our own Website. My e-mail address is: savilaw@netvision.net.il

To sum up the Carmel experience in one line, as **Mimi Lutwak** once wrote, In other schools, I was taught, at Carmel I was educated.