

My late parents Sylvia and Irving Rifkind were the first Jewish people to move into Wyndale Avenue in 1946. I was born in 1947 and we lived there until we moved in 1958. In fact one of the Gertner family bought our house, No. 28. The Reverend Chaim Cooper with his wife Leah and their children Judith and Lawrence lived just along the road at the corner of Wyndale and Crundale Avenue. To me they were Uncle Chaim and Auntie Leah. Len Silverman was the Gabbai and he and his wife lived in Mersham Drive.

I went to Kingsbury Green Primary School and remember when we were chaperoned by a few parents every day and used to walk out of the back gate of the school and along the road to the shul for kosher lunches and then we used to walk back again to school in all weathers. The school used to say they could close down on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur because so many of us were Jewish and of course took those days off.

On Yamim Noraim there was not enough room in the new shul for everyone, so we also had adult services in the cinema on Kingsbury Road (which doesn't exist anymore) and children's services were held in Eden Lodge and also in the very large canteen at the Kingsbury swimming pool (which also doesn't exist anymore).

We had cheder in what was Eden Lodge and I remember that Spencer Nathan was one of my cheder teachers. We had Bnei Akiva there too on a Shabbat afternoon and the Berzon twins (Derek and David?) together with Esther Grant (the daughter of the chazan) were our madrichim.

My close friends were Janet Newman (Mersham Drive), Stephanie Ogus (Wyndale Avenue), the Patterson boys (Wyndale Avenue), the Vanson girls (Valley Drive and I am in touch with Esther who now lives in Israel), Anne & Monica Gould (Valley Drive), Roger Marks (Fryent Way), Linda & Elaine Wax (Waltham Avenue), the 3 Band boys (Fryent Way), Jackie Seifert (Valley Drive) and of course Judith & Lawrence Cooper.

There used to be a Facebook group called Kingsbury Jew Crew – Old and New but according to FB it has been migrated, but you can still see what people wrote on the Wall. It would be lovely if we could get another FB group together.

So many of us from Kingsbury now live in Israel (I live in Rehovot) that it would be nice if we could all get together in Israel and reminisce. If anyone would like to contact me on evelynnegoldman@bezeqint.net I would be delighted to try and organise something.

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