



Savouring the Fruit of the Vine from the heart of Israel's Galilee



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I moved from dank, dark North Manchester, U.K. to Karmiel, Western Galilee, Israel in March 2010. It is, believe me, one of the sunniest, loveliest towns on earth. With a background in local Jewish journalism I continue to write freelance. I manage several blogs, have appeared on Technorati and Blogcritics and now contribute to the online magazine, 'Live Encounters'. My main blog is [Alwayswriteagain](http://www.alwayswriteagain.blogspot.com) (<http://www.alwayswriteagain.blogspot.com>)

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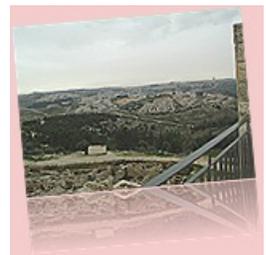
Death Throes for Karmiel?

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Is the Northern Israeli city of **Karmiel** in its death throes?

Still less than 50 years old and with a boom industry in residential property building to meet the demands of the constant influx of immigrants, **Mayor Adi Eldar** has nonetheless admitted that "we have had a retreat in recent years".

His confession came during a crisis meeting in Jerusalem last week with Israel's Minister of Industry, **Benjamin Ben-Eliezer M.K.**, who warned: "Karmiel is in the process of dying slowly - although we have done everything to maintain it as a strong city".



The meeting was called to discuss an emergency package to restore the city to health, with the possibility of an **Intel** Research and Development Centre on the table.

Mr Ben-Eliezer said: "Karmiel was founded with a mission, but has failed to meet

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I have met only one person - a car dealer - who travels from out-of-town to work in Karmiel. As there is relatively little employment in town, most people commute long distances to their work each day.

This is against a backdrop of regular price rises for all basic goods from food to petrol and a row about the civic authorities' plans to increase rent and rates by up to 5 per cent. Many residents also resent the absence of a local hospital - the nearest being in Nahariya, Tzfat or Haifa - while the authorities pour money into projects which maintain the city's beauty.

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