

David's paternal grandparents Israel Cohen and Annie Heckman were born in Minsk in 1861. They married when they were eighteen and their first daughter Rebecca was born in Minsk. Records show they travelled from Hamburg in May 1882 and by December 1882 they were living in Whitechapel, London. Their second child Myer was born in 1883 followed by Sarah in 1886, Kate in 1887, Eva in 1888 and Rebecca in 1891. The 1891 census shows the family living in Whitechapel where Israel was working as a tailor's machinist.

More children followed with Woolf in 1892, Harry in 1894, Esther in 1895, Millie in 1899, Jacob in 1901 and Morris in 1903. In 1901, the family were living at 36 Lower Chapman Street, St George in the East and Israel is running a drapery business. Israel died young at the age of forty-nine in 1910.

In 1911, widowed Annie was running the drapery business and living at 55 Tavistock Crescent in Kensington. Daughter Katie was working as a tailoress, Wolfe was a jacket machinist, Harry was a coat hand, Esther was a tailor's apprentice and Maurice was at school.

On 5 February 1919, Jacob married Florence Gosford in Hammersmith. The certificate states that Jack was working as a tailor journeyman and Florence was a tentmakers assistant. Their first child, a daughter Ray was born four months after they were married. David was born in 1921 followed by Maurice in 1924 and Stella in 1926.

On 8 January 1929, David's mother died at the age of thirty-two from a pulmonary embolism, leaving her husband with four very young children. Having a young family may have been the reason that Jacob remarried with three months of Florence's death. Jacob's new wife was Rose Reuben and they married in April 1929 at the Notting Hill Synagogue.

David was born on 19 October 1921 at 21 Rockley Road, Bayswater. He attended Bayswater Jewish school and after he left school he worked as a Jig and Tool draughtsman. In August 1940, David attested into the RAF at Euston.

In 1939, the family were living at 59 Oxford Gardens, Kensington and Jacob was listed as a Master Tailor. In 1941 the family legally changed their surname from Cohen to Carson.

The Memorial Board of the former Harrow Synagogue was stored after Pinner Synagogue was rebuilt and rediscovered in 2012 and placed in a prominent position in the main Synagogue hall. The board lists the names of those of the Jewish Community who gave their lives in the Second World War and its aftermath.