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## Interview with Cantor Cohen

By Manny Rosen

Cantor Janece Cohen loves to sing and to go to services. People like services more because of the music.

Her father used to be a cantor and she is a teacher as well as a cantor. She has been a cantor for 31 years. She performs both weddings and funerals and has a very busy life. She works a lot at night so she does not see her family as much as she would like.

She loves to teach the Bar and Bat Mitzvah kids who are age 13.



*Cantor Cohen stops on her way to a class on the campus of our new school (background).*

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## 7th Annual Jog-a-thon

By Joshua Mayer

The jog-a-thon is a fundraiser for Congregation Or Chadash. Matt Landau started it in 2001 as his Bar Mitzvah project because no one was raising money for the building fund and he thought we needed money. He did it for five years and in those five years, Or Chadash raised at least \$25,000.

Other people are continuing it – Dusty Cohen organized it last year. This year it is David Strong. If you do the jog-a-thon you run as many laps as you want. You raise money by getting friends and neighbors to sponsor you. Collect the most money during the jog-a-thon and you win a prize (a bike or cool ball).



*David Strong (right) finishes another lap at the Jog-a-thon with his friends and Jeremy, biking around the track (foreground).*

## Students Record Handmaker Residents' Lives

By Michelle Goodman

This year's 6th graders are very interested in helping the elderly by making a book about their past. In January, their first stop was to interview residents at Handmaker. Some were Holocaust survivors and some just had a fascinating past. They interviewed them for an hour and a half while taking notes and recording everything that they said. One of the seniors, Faigel, from Russia was a Holocaust survivor. She escaped from a camp with about a hundred people. She lost her family but stayed strong! Also, two others that they interviewed were Rachel Grossman's grandma, Ida, and Ariel Nadler's great aunt.

The second time that the 6th graders went, they all had a special performance ready to show the residents of Handmaker. Some people danced, sang, did gymnastics, played instruments, and some people just shared old Yiddish music. They had a great time performing and they enjoyed it, too.



Special thanks to **Phyllis Braun** and **Toni Tallman** for the time and energy they put into this project. We could not have done this without them.

—Laurie Grana

Next week, when the students were back at Sunday school, they wrote about the person they interviewed and their feelings. Each student also wrote about one of his or her most memorable family experiences. Going to

Handmaker made the students feel good about themselves and made the residents of Handmaker happy. The next time they go, they will have the book of all of their writings ready to present to Handmaker. The 6th

graders are very happy to finish the book and present it to the residents and to see them again. I'm sure that it will be just as much a fun for them as it will be for the 6th grade students!

## ELECTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

By Aimee Velde

### Art project

When I came to interview the Art Project elective, taught by Jonah, it seemed that the students were really enjoying what they were doing. They were making karpas plates for Passover using tissue paper and clear plates. Students made comments like, "I think it's a lot of fun."

### Art, Music and Games

When I got to the Art, Music and Games elective, Holly, the teacher, was instructing the students to paint watercolors over the crayon on their matzah covers. Students said "It's fun" and "It's a good class."

### Passover Cooking and Crafts

Morah Melissa's Cooking and Crafts elective got in the Passover spirit by making a delicious treat, "Louchheim's Chocolate Covered Matzah." The students had this to say about the experience: "It's fun, yummy and good" and "You should sign up for it. It is fantastical."

### Kidz Newz for Jewz

We are very excited to publish our second edition of *Kidz Newz for Jewz*. Our ace

reporters conducted interviews and wrote feature articles for this edition. We look forward to carrying on the new Or Chadash tradition.

### Art elective By Sam Rivera

Holly Fox teaches the art elective. In February, they were making bookmarks and mugs. They decorated them with crayons and watercolors. The bookmarks were for the residents of the Manor on Pantano assisted living. Or Chadash has made the Manor on Pantano its special friend.

### Sheep-a to Kippah By Liam O'Rourke

Heather Ordover teaches the Sheep-a to Kippah elective. The *kippot* can be made by crocheting or knitting.

Heather explained that the students dye the wool with acid dye made of Kool-Aid and vinegar. The designs are made with different-colored yarn. The class is making the *kippot* because it is a special thing to do. If the class has any extra *kippot*, they will give them to a charitable group.

### PASSOVER RECIPE:

#### Rabbi Louchheim's Chocolate Matzah

2 sticks butter    1 C brown sugar  
1 box Matzah    1 bag semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat butter and brown sugar to a boil. Remove from heat. It should not be too thick. Spread out Matzah on a cookie sheet covered with foil. Brush the sauce on the Matzah. Place in 450° oven for four minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle chips over Matzah. Put in oven for one minute. Remove and smooth over with spatula. Refrigerate, separating layers with wax paper.

**Note:** We used parve margarine and Manischewitz semi-sweet chips that are U, P (kosher for Passover).

—Ha Morah Melissa

## Religious School Sports

By Joshua Mayer

### Ball war

Ball war is when everybody chases the person who has the big orange ball. Some people are on teams. If you are on a team pass the ball to your partner. The other kids will try to get the ball from you. Whoever has the ball when the teacher yells, "Break's over!" wins.

### Jackpot Mania!

A football game played out in the field. The king throws the ball, calls the plays and how many points it is worth or "mystery bucks." If you get the jackpot it is worth 1,000 points. Whoever wins 1,000 points is the next king.

Alive=catch it

Dead=pick it up

Hammer=pin someone to

the ground

Shackles=be locked up (handcuffed)

Mummy's curse=be like a mummy

Sticky feet=be stuck

Jackpot=catch it and you win

### Monkey in the Middle

You try to throw the ball to your partner before the monkey gets it. Then you take the monkey's place in

the middle if the monkey gets the ball.

### Kickball

Kickball is similar to baseball only you kick the ball instead of hitting it and you roll the ball to pitch it instead of throwing it.

## Israeli Cooking Class



(above) *The Israeli Cooking Elective class makes pita sandwiches for the falafel they cooked.*

By Lindsay O'Neill

It smelled like Israel in Melissa Winkle's elective class, where the students and Melissa were cooking falafel and watching the Israeli Sesame Street, which is called *Rechov Sumsum*. Instead of Big Bird, they have a porcupine, and their Grouch is brown, not green.

Falafel is little balls of chickpeas and spices. It doesn't take much effort to make, says Melissa. She used boxes of falafel mix that you mix

with water. You fry the falafel in very hot oil (you need an adult to do the frying).

Fry them in a pot instead of a frying pan to avoid spills. They turn from yellow to brown. Remove them with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels to get some of the oil out.

When they are done, turn them into a sandwich with pita bread and salad, and serve with orange juice – a very Israeli dish. Falafel is sold on the streets in Israel.

## Review of: The English Roses by Madonna

By Zoe Weintraub

*The English Roses* books are amazing. These books are good for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They are about five girls who get into regular mischief that girls would typically do.

Even though they have different personalities, they are still friends. For instance, one of the friends thought her family was moving, betraying her friends and more. I think these would be great books for girls.




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