



# THE DRS STAR



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## Keller Leads Wildcats To Victory - by Ruvie Sturm



Through the harsh weather, the DRS Wildcats, the defending champions of the Mesivta Football League (MFL), set out to play the Rambam Ravens at Lawrence High School in their season opener. The Wildcats went into the game with a great deal of confidence and a positive attitude, which ultimately helped them put their best foot forward. Because of the

strong winds, both teams had the disadvantage of throwing the ball without proper accuracy and precision.

The game was off to a great start for DRS when Moshe Keller ran in a 40 yard touchdown on the first Wildcat possession. Early on in the game, the Ravens were unable to get anything going offensively. Throughout the game, DRS's defense was shutting down the Raven's offense because of the tremendous pressure of the defensive line on the quarterback and the great coverage downfield. Moshe Spirn's interception, early in the game, and Jacob Burstyn's six sacks caused great disruption to Rambam's ability to pass and run the ball efficiently.

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## Bullying Or Hazing? - by Gabriel Leifer and Josh Lent



Bullying has affected many people in many different ways. Apparently, it is affecting camaraderie in teams by destroying the chemistry in the locker room.

Recently in the NFL, Miami Dolphins offensive lineman Jonathan Martin threw away millions of dollars because of an emotional beating he took from teammates. Hazing can be a good thing in the sense that it can bring a team closer, as we see in the NBA. Even



though Richie Incognito and Jonathan Martin were considered to be best friends by the other teammates, once Incognito crossed the line of hazing to bullying, it caused this friendship between these two players to cease and Martin to leave the locker room. Hazing should never include getting physically bullied.

In the 1980s, the New Orleans Saints veterans would make rookies walk through the halls of a hotel blindfolded while they hit them

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## School Policy- by Brian Chernigoff



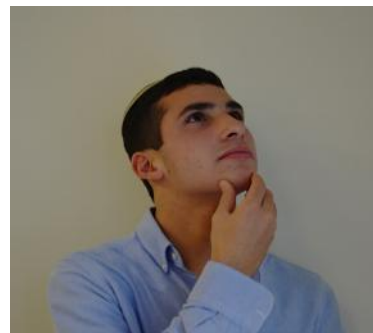
### Eating: A Biblical Prohibition?

For many years, it has been the policy of DRS that eating in the educational wing of the building is forbidden. Ever since Hurricane Sandy, when many of us have

faced difficult times, the administration has been quite lax in enforcing this rule. However, with the start of the new school year, with everyone having mostly recovered from Sandy, the administration has kicked this rule back into high gear. It has gone so far that the administration has threatened to barge into our classrooms and throw out any food

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## Basketball Team Performing well - by Zev Ben-Ami



The DRS basketball season is underway for both the JV and Varsity teams, and so far, both teams are doing well.

The JV team started off with a game against Ezra Academy.

Judah Levine kept the team alive by scoring 12 points in the fourth quarter, leading DRS to a victory by 44 points.

The Varsity team had their home opener against Ramaz. It was an exciting game because these two teams met each other in the championship game last season. The game was close throughout, due to Yaakov Schwalb who scored many three pointers.

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### Hockey Team Excels - By David Itzkowitz and Jeremy Lichter

The 2013-2014 hockey season has gotten off to a great start! With DRS JV starting off the season at home playing North Shore, they won 3-1 with goals from sophomores Gilad Kerstein and Isaac Fries, assisted by David Itzkowitz and Elie Levine assisted by Gilad Kerstein. After Going down 2-0 in the first period, DRS retaliated and scored 12 consecutive goals, and went on to beat Magen David by a score of 12-2. The faceoff against the Rambam Ravens was one of the



more challenging games this season. After the first period, DRS was on top 1-0 due to Isaac Fries scoring a goal on the power play, but Rambam scored to tie the game up. Throughout the third period, the game was kept even at 1-1, until sophomore Sam Schechter

scored with a wicked shot from the foul line to put DRS on top 2-1 with 12 seconds left to play. With a 3-0 record, the JV hockey team had a good start to the beginning of their season and continues to push for the championship. While the JV started off their season on

the right track, the Varsity team is right there with them. With the suspension of Sammy Rauch and Rafi Spirn, the team gave it their all to have a 9-0 victory over Solomon Schechter in Jericho. The following night, the two stars joined their team in a 3-1 victory over North Shore. The MTA Lions put up a fight when Captain Avi Genachowski was injured, but persevered through the pain and did not back down. After being down 1-0 in the first period, Ben Gelman and Ethan Felder scored to end the game with a score of 2-1. The Varsity team continues to their journey to the championship with a 5-0 record.

### Mangano, Murray Take The Gold - by Yitzchak Carroll

Republicans were victorious in Nassau County on Election night, as incumbents retained their seats in both county and town races, and the GOP gained an 11-8 lead in the county legislature. "We're on the right path, and I thank our residents for keeping us on that path," County Executive Ed Mangano said in his victory speech.

#### NASSAU COUNTY

In Nassau, incumbent county executive Ed Mangano beat former county executive Tom Suozzi 59 percent to 41 percent. "This is a tough loss," Suozzi said. "It's a tough loss for the Democrats, it's a tough loss for me personally, it's a tough loss for our family and all of our friends, but it doesn't mean we're not right."

While Suozzi had big plans for the future of the county, voters did not think that he was as fiscally responsible as Mangano. Mangano did not

raise property taxes, whereas Suozzi raised them during his tenure as county executive by a staggering 26 percent. While it would have been nice to keep the Islanders in Uniondale, as Suozzi intended to do, Nassau has some of the highest property taxes in the nation. Nassau voters sent a strong message that they could not afford another property tax increase.

In a heated race for county comptroller, incumbent George Maragos defeated Democratic challenger Howard Weitzman. While Weitzman was qualified for the post, having previously held the comptroller position, voters felt that Maragos's fiscal record, which has saved the county money, and helped keep the line on property taxes, earned him another term. "This is a great victory for the residents of Nassau County," Maragos said. "They spoke loud and clear, and we will hold the line on taxes for the next four years to protect them and improve our economy."

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The players on both teams made it a great game, but Ramaz pulled away, barely winning the game. Next, they played HANC and won. Their third was a victory at Derech HaTorah in Brooklyn. At the next game at TABC, the game was tied at the half, but TABC prevailed in the second half, and DRS ended up losing.

The JV and Varsity teams have three upcoming games in the next week. They are all double headers against Rambam on Saturday night, HAFTR on Tuesday night, and North Shore on Thursday night.



*Yonatan Kerstein shooting over HANC defender*

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Democrat Kathleen Rice, the only democrat to currently hold county-wide office, defeated Republican challenger Howard Sturim. While Sturim pledged to reduce plea-bargaining and crack down on violent crime, Rice's record as one of the nation's leading DUI prosecutors, combined with her combating prostitution in Nassau through sting operations, earned her a third term. Rice is also the president of the state district attorney's association.

Incumbent Maureen O'Connell retained the county clerk post, defeating Democrat Laura Gillen by a 14-point margin.

The battle for the 7th county legislative district, which covers the Five Towns, got ugly, and resulted in a \$100 million defamation lawsuit being filed against Republican incumbent Howard Kopel, who beat East Rockaway attorney Lisa Daniels, who ran as the democratic candidate. Voters concurred that Daniel's pledges did not beat the two-term incumbent's record.

### TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

Republican incumbents retained their posts in the largest town in America, as Kate Murray beat political newcomer Felix Procacci in the town supervisor race by a large margin. As the chief executive officer of the town government, the town supervisor presides over town council meetings, and is responsible for the town's budget. Murray, who is the first female supervisor in town history, got nearly two-thirds of the vote.

Republican Nasrin Ahmad, who was recently appointed to the town clerk post after Mark Bonilla was forced to vacate office as a result of his conviction for official misconduct, beat Levittown resident Jasmine Garcia-Vieux by a slim margin.

In town council district 4, which covers the majority of the Five Towns, longtime councilman Anthony Santino defeated political newcomer Patrick Gillespie, who was running as the democratic candidate.

According to many political experts, Nassau is viewed as a typical swing county, and is viewed as a swing county for the 2014 midterm elections.

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While the DRS defense was preventing the Ravens from scoring a touchdown, DRS's strong offense continued to score on most of their possession. To start off the second half, DRS coach Yitz Mendlowitz designed a play with a deep throw to Ariel Axelrod for a 40 yard touchdown pass. Other highlights of the game included Moshe Keller's touchdown pass to Johnny Silber late in the game, and Keller's three other rushing touchdowns.

The DRS Wildcats trounced the Rambam Ravens by a score of 40-0. "I think for our first game we played extremely well... We are missing a lot of our major pieces from last year, but we are looking to get better each week. We will keep on working to get back to where we were last year," said coach Yitz Mendlowitz

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caught eating during class. Why can't food be eaten during class?

A major argument offered by the administration for why eating is prohibited in the educational wing of the building is that students won't clean up after themselves and the garbage will then attract mice and other vermin, which will then disrupt the learning atmosphere in the classroom. Now what if students actually make commitments to throw out their garbage, would the administration agree to allow food in class? This argument for banning food during class that students wouldn't clean up after themselves is quite a strong one. However if students are presented with the option to not clean up after themselves and be forbidden from eating during class, or to clean up after themselves and be allowed to eat during class, wouldn't any logical person choose the latter? Why doesn't the administration offer this option to us; wouldn't we surely agree to clean up our garbage?

Some may further argue against allowing food in the classroom by saying that it causes distractions and students' minds will drift away from paying attention to

their teacher. This is not a good argument because hungry teenagers can only think about eating and nothing else. If teenagers are hungry, they'll stop at nothing to get something to eat, and will therefore have wandering minds when they are supposed to have their thoughts focused on paying attention to their teacher. Therefore, having the administration enforcing the rule that no food may be eaten in the educational wing of the building makes no sense. It is enforced in order to help students learn better in the classroom, but however, it does the very opposite, it is an obstacle to student's learning well in the classroom. The fact that this rule is enforced is ridiculous!

In recent weeks, in an effort to enforce the rule against eating in the educational wing of the building, the administration has recently proclaimed that eating in it is a Torah prohibition. Is this really true? Last time I checked, it doesn't say that in the Torah.

So come on administrators, please let us eat during class. If we clean up after ourselves, what harm could it possibly do?

## The Star Columns and Articles

### The DRS Star Humor Column - by Noach Levy

Anyone who has a funny joke/ video/ picture and wants to be mentioned in the DRS Star's Humor Column, this is your chance! You can send them to me by emailing nel1197@aol.com with the joke, the picture, or the link to the video with your name. Or if you're lazy (like me), and don't have or use your email address often (again, like me), and you just have a joke you would like to spread through the school, you can write it on a piece of paper and slip it through the vent in locker 223, or find me, Noach Levy. Anonymous jokes are also accepted. Please make sure that anything you submit is appropriate. Also, if you have ideas of different sections for the Humor page, feel free to contact me in any of the aforementioned ways. If you find any of the jokes not funny and/ or offensive, keep reading. I'm sure you will find some that will be funny. If not, feel free to contact me and tell me your opinion on it.

And now to the Humor...

Example of a short joke: A man was building a house near a train station, but needed a certain amount of bricks. So, he did the calculations and ordered the exact number of bricks. But, when he finished building the house, he had an extra brick, and threw it away!

Funny Quote: "Sir, you are drunk, horribly drunk." "And madam, you are ugly, terribly ugly, but in the morning I shall be sober." Who was the second speaker?

- A) Benjamin Franklin
- B) Winston Churchill
- C) Tony Stark
- D) Barack Obama

Example of a long joke: A woman was riding a train with her miniature poodle in her lap, when a man sat down across from her smoking a cigar and breathing out a ton of smoke. The woman noticed her dog's reaction to the smoke, and politely asked the man, "Could you please put out the cigar or move somewhere else, the smoke is bothering my dog." The man looked at her for a second, and then continued smoking without response. Miffed by his lack of reaction, she asked again for him to either extinguish his cigar or move away. This time, the man took a deep breath of smoke and breathed out in her face. Insulted, the woman grabbed the cigar from his mouth and threw it out the window. Incredulous, the man grabbed the poodle, and chucked it out the window, then walked away. After standing there stunned for a few seconds, she broke down in tears and ran to the conductor and said, "Please, sir, do something, this man threw my dog out the window, can you stop the train and let me get it?" The conductor said, "I'm sorry, but you have to wait for the next stop. We will arrive there shortly." At which point the automated voice said, "This is the train to, Penn Station. This stop is, Far Rockaway. The next stop is, Hewlett." Dejectedly, the woman left the train, and frantically called out for her dog, asking anyone if they had seen it. One person pointed down the tracks and said, "Is that it?" Sure enough, galloping up the tracks was the beloved poodle. And guess what it had in its mouth?

The brick from the other joke!

Chuck Norris Joke: Chuck Norris was born in a log cabin that he built with his own two hands.

Funny Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzaakCLfA6E>

Answer to Quote: C) Winston Churchill



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repeatedly. Rookies on the Saints had injuries as a result to this, which caused them to miss games, and ended up hurting the team instead of bringing it closer together.

Teams have created solutions to locker room hazing. Tony Dungy, former coach of the Indianapolis Colts, prohibited any form of hazing. However, the NFL can make a transition to the N.B.A. style of innocent pranks.

These innocent pranks only seem to bring the team closer, not cause rifts between teammates.

Hazing is not worth the trouble because most teammates may not know where to draw the line, and it is taken offensively. These actions only seem to be detrimental to the team chemistry and should be removed from every team's locker room.

### Israel Column - by Maury Rosenfeld

#### A Grave Misconception:

We're all Jewish teenagers, raised in Jewish homes, and located in Jewish communities. We grow up with Jewish friends, and have an infusion of Jewish lifestyle wherever we go. Even when we're out someplace "not so Jewish," we have that tinge of guilt inside of us, telling us to put our yarmulkes back onto our heads. The eternal flame of our religious background remains constantly lit deep inside ourselves.

For most of us, a big part of that background is Zionism. The term is almost synonymous with "Orthodox Jew". Well, at least in our kind of town. Although we no longer live in an era where every Jewish home has a framed picture of Herzl, Zionism is still present. It would be a safe bet to assume that every Jewish child being raised religiously grows up simply knowing that Israel is the Jewish state, and that it's perfect in every way. It is an image projected to us constantly. Look around in everywhere from nurseries to high school classroom bulletin boards. The white and blue flag is almost

omnipresent, along with a map or two of the country. It is projected upon our children and impressed upon us as teenagers: Israel is our home. She is unfairly criticized by the nations of the world, but that's because She belongs to the Jews, who are of course, the persecuted people. It becomes a part of us. It becomes fact.

But how many people can correctly define Zionism? How many people wrongly see it as just a country that, sure, belongs to the Jews. How many will hear Israel and think of the bible, or think of terrorism, or think of the ultra-orthodox ruling the country? How many will fail to see Israel as not just a Jewish homeland, but also as a technological leader and innovator of the world? What about as a bright beacon of humanity, sending aid to places like Haiti and the Philippines? About three-hundred thousand American students spend at least one year studying abroad. Only 1,500 spend it in Israel, the majority being yeshiva students. Israel's recording-breaking year of tourism, 2013, saw three million tourists. Compare that to Turkey's five million a month. Foreign investments from international sources gives Israel five billion dollars a year.

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## The Star Columns

### NEW TECHNOLOGY BY DAVID HERMAN

#### Khan Academy: An Invaluable Resource

Did you ever wish that you could pause a teacher? Repeat what they said a few minutes ago? Fast forward through the stuff you already know? Sometimes students wish they could do this, but they feel embarrassed, or they feel that they are wasting the teacher's time. With Khan Academy, you can do all three – and not feel guilty about it. Khan Academy is a free online resource dedicated to



providing a world-class education to students everywhere. With it, you can find videos to go over any subject you like, whether you are having trouble in class or you just want to learn something new. Khan Academy, which began as just a small project that Salman

Kahn started to help his cousins, has now grown into a useful tool used by students, teachers and adults all over the world. It is truly an amazing innovation in technology.

Salman Khan was very successful – he had three degrees from MTA,

an MBA from Harvard, and was a financial analyst at a hedge fund. So why did he quit his job in order to start Khan Academy? It all started when his niece needed tutoring in mathematics, and to help, he tutored her by sending video lessons. Soon after, more and more relatives asked him to do the same for them, and he decided to post his videos on Youtube, where they got extremely popular. Salman started getting comments of appreciation from the people watching these videos, and he realized that his videos were really helping students who otherwise struggled in their academics. He quit his job at the hedge fund and decided to start Khan Academy so

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#### Fantasy Football - by Baruch Weissan



##### All Hope is Not Yet Lost:

It's already Week 11 in the NFL and if you don't have at least 5 wins in your fantasy football league, then you're really in trouble. But don't throw it in the towel just yet, because whether C.J. Spiller's dud of a year or an injury to a key player such as Julio Jones has ruined your season, there are plenty of players available for you to add who can turn your fantasy fortune around. The number one buy-low player in fantasy football is Tom Brady. Brady has greatly disappointed his owners. He only has two games with over 20 points and owners are looking to shop him. He is bound to explode in many, if not all, of the remaining games this season.

Another buy-low quarterback is Robert Griffin III. RGIII has been inconsistent all season but has recently shown signs of his rookie playmaking abilities. If he's being shopped, try to acquire him. He will not let you down and he can carry your team in the playoffs.

If you're in need of a wide receiver, Roddy White may be worth looking into. Chances are he's not on a team, and if he is he'll be easily acquirable. He hasn't had a good game in a while, but now that Julio Jones is gone for the year, the Falcons are going to be relying on him to perform well. Once he's healthy, he'll get back on track and he'll be a solid wide receiver second option.

Tight ends are easy to come by, so if you're in need of one, don't look past the free agents list. There are plenty of tight ends available to fill the void on your team, even if you need a new one every week based on the matchup.

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She is a country, however, that sits on the potential of one hundred to one hundred fifty billion. So why the underperformance?

Israel's Consul General of New York, Ido Aharoni, recently gave a lecture to a group of young writers learning to advocate for the country that included an answer. Israel's image is tainted to be one of conflict and disaster. This is due, in no small count, to our misconceptions. Sure Israel is a holy land, and of course it belongs to the Jews, and obviously it's an icon for more than one religion. But it must be understood - if not embraced, that Israel is more than religiousness. It's a place where the Jews show their capabilities. A place where David beats Goliath every day. Instead of robotically believing that Israel is the perfect country, established for Jews, why can't we see for ourselves? Why can't we stop with the preaching of "Israel is great!" and start with the

teaching of why Israel is great? Why can't we learn about Her innovations, and ditch the misconceptions?

Aharoni included in his speech that the most important thing Americans can do for Israel is to take interest, to learn about the country, and to even visit the country. Only twenty-five percent of Jews have even been to Israel, according to a survey cited by Aharoni.

It's easy for a teenager to think that Israel pertains only to the religious, and its true significance is that an ancient ancestor lead a bunch of people through the desert to get there, only because an even more ancient ancestor had a tent and herded some sheep on that same land generations earlier. Unless we stop believing and start learning, how would someone be able to think otherwise?

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### Music - by Caley Sanders



#### California Girl No More (★★★★):

Like white light hitting a prism, Katy Perry bursts forth from her new album in a rainbow of fresh sound. It has been almost a year and a half since the re-release of her last EP, the number one hit laden, behemoth of an album, Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection. This past August, Katy returned to the radio with the hit single, Roar, to usher in the shimmering new era of Prism. Primarily teaming up with master pop music songwriter Max Martin, Katy brings about sixteen new songs, each one different than anything she's done before. Songs, such as Legendary Lovers and Unconditionally, with their mystical and powerful intimacy, It Takes Two and Ghost, with their mournful, but empowering tones, are some of the darker songs on this album in which Katy successfully pulls away from the sugary pop music which she's been known for.



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However, while the song This Is How We Do is a great track with heavy rhythmic and electronic beats and is perfect for the dance club scene, it is a pathetic attempt at a rap song. Urban is not a genre of music which Katy should venture into, especially when just two years ago she was touring the world in a glitter dusted dress shaped like a cupcake. And although Katy seems to have completely started over in Prism, she has managed to maintain a semblance of her familiar, flamboyant and explosive style in songs like International Smile and Roar. The light and bubbly disco pop song Birthday seems to be the only other legacy this album shows of Katy's prior album. In general, Prism is not Katy's best album, but the effort she put into it is both apparent and impressive. In the songs, music and everything else revolving around the album, what Perry is trying prove to the world is quite obvious. Promotional videos released prior to the album depict a funeral with the casket decorated in the fashion of her last tour as well as a clip of what appears to be the unceremonious burning of Katy's trademark blue wig. Along with the new feel of Prism and its more personal and mature mood, it's clear that Perry is desperately trying to send out the message that, for her, the "Teenage Dream" is over.

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that he could use his knowledge and expertise in technology to change the way students learn. Khan Academy is produced using very simple technology, but it is innovative in the way the technology is used. Nowadays, many teachers use Khan Academy to "flip the classroom". Instead of teaching the lesson in class, many teachers will assign a Khan Academy video to watch at home, and then discuss it in class the next day. This way, a student can go over any concept they find challenging without having to feel like they are wasting a teacher's time – they simply have to press a replay button. The students can then go to class the next day and

ask their teacher about any confusion they may have had, and the teacher can work with the students in class using practice questions. This optimizes precious class time and encourages the students to use the information they learned in a practical way. Salman Khan did not expect the small project that he started for his niece to grow into such an impressive organization. This can be a lesson for everyone. Anyone can make an impact on the world if they learn to use the skills they are naturally good at for good and if they take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way to make a difference.

### Guys in the Kitchen - By Sue Weinberg

#### APPLE CRISP:

##### Ingredients:

14 Apples (sliced), 1/3 cup Sugar, 1 tablespoon Cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon Nutmeg, and 2 tablespoons fresh Lemon Juice

##### Topping:

1 1/2 sticks Margarine, 2 cups Flour, 3/4 cup Brown Sugar, 1 cup Oats, 1 tablespoon Cinnamon, a pinch Salt, 3/4 cup toasted pecans, and (optional) 1 Egg

1. Combine Apples, Sugar, Cinnamon, Nutmeg and Lemon Juice in large mixing bowl. Pour Apple mixture in 10"x15" baking dish.
2. Prepare the Topping: Place the Margarine, Flour, Brown Sugar, Oats, Cinnamon and Salt in a mixing bowl. Mix with CLEAN hands until crumbly. Add egg and mix until moistened.
3. Crumble the topping evenly over the apples.
4. Bake until the topping is golden brown and apples are bubbling. Serve with Vanilla Ice Cream or Whipped Cream.

## The Star Columns and Articles

### Clubs Provide an Outlet for Students - By Matan Bauman

School can be fun. Teachers and principals alike have said this statement for many years. But is it true? DRS and many other schools have an array of programs that help students have an enjoyable time during and after school. Some of these programs include sports teams, music and art programs, and clubs. At DRS we have many different clubs. But what exactly is happening in each club?

Self Defense (Warren Levi): Each week the students learn a new defense tactic to help them defend themselves.

Cooking Club (Sue Weinberg): Each week the students in cooking club make a delicious treat in this student-favorite club. So far the students have made Cookies, Brownies, Blondies, Apple Crisp, and Coffee Cake.

Sushi Club (Stop Chop and Roll): Each week the students make a different type of sushi, under the guidance of a professional sushi chef.

Sports Journalism (Burry Klein): Students in the Sports Journalism Club are making their own sports publications. The students and Rabbinical Intern Burry Klein, also discuss current events that are going on in the sports world.

Chess Club (Rabbi Fleksher): Students are split into pairs and play thrilling games of chess.

Model U.N. (Rabbi Fleksher): The students in Model U.N. are discussing the tryouts and preparing for Model U.N. The three countries they will be representing are Côte d'Ivoire, Seychelles, and Australia.

Football (Rabbi Balsam): Every week the students are split into teams and they play flag football.

Soccer Intramurals (Larry Gordon): The students in the club have been split up into four teams. Each week every team plays each other for twelve minutes.

We hope that everyone has a great time during their club period and now have a little idea about what some of the other clubs are doing. Maybe next semester you'll now have a better idea of what you want to do.

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Rashad Jennings is on the rise, and he's a great flex option until Darren McFadden returns to full health. Chris Ivory is another running back who is worth a flex play until proven otherwise. Both players are available in over 40% of Yahoo fantasy football leagues.

Whether you're 11-0, 7-4 or 4-7, there is still hope for you! There are plenty of buy low players and free agents that

can help you make the playoffs and maybe even win it all. If you want up to date fantasy advice, follow me on Twitter at @bweiss\_theStar. If you have any fantasy football questions, you can tweet them to me or email them to baruchweissman@gmail.com and I will try to respond as soon as I can.



### Should TSA Agents be Armed? - By Jordan Eidlisz

Gerardo Hernandez became the first TSA officer killed in the line of duty on November 1st when a gunman took out a rifle from his bag at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and open fired. He also wounded three other TSA agents and two civilians.

The question here is should TSA agents be armed, or not? I believe that individual TSA agents should not be armed, but rather a

special unit of well-qualified, experienced TSA officers should carry a weapon. This special unit should receive specialized training on weapon usage and safety, and have to undergo extensive background checks and perhaps possess military experience. There should be at least one member of this unit at every airport checkpoint, to help stop tragedies like this.

The only way that the shooter, Paul Ciancia, was stopped, was when he was shot by airport police, but by that time, it was too late and Gerardo was already dead and others wounded. If there was a specialized unit of the TSA with armed officers, they may have been able to stop the shooting faster before waiting for airport police to step in. The situation could have been much worse, as in this case the shooter was only targeting TSA agents. If the shooter was targeting civilians as well, it would've had many more casualties.

At the very least, we need to have a specialized TSA unit which is armed, so shootings can be stopped quickly and efficiently with minimal casualties. Having a special unit of armed TSA agents would also prevent criminals or terrorists from even attempting a shooting. Criminals would rather go up against unarmed security personnel since they can't fight back and potentially kill them. The criminals that attempt to create a tragedy, like the one at

LAX, will be stopped quicker by this unit then they would by airport police. In situations like this, every second counts.

A few seconds be the difference between two or 20 bullets being shot. A few seconds can mean the difference between the assailant having a fully loaded gun or still trying to get the magazine in. Even a few seconds can save lives, and while making this armed unit may not completely stop airport shootings, thinking realistically, the creation of this unit will definitely save lives. Even if only one life is saved, this unit will have been a success.



## The DRS Star Editorial and Staff

### Letter To The Editor:

As I walk around the halls of Yeshiva on any given day, I have come to realize that any free moment is spent by most of our talmidim using a hand held device, primarily for entertainment. Now don't get me wrong, we all need down time, and some fun and games. With a long day and busy schedule, why not veg out? BUT, if the only way to fill our free moments is electronic games, I think that we've got a problem! When I was a young parent, I was always suspicious of good old Sesame Street. Yup, I knew that it was cute and innocent, but I noticed that any given segment lasted a minute at most. Lets be honest, does that bode well for patient attendance to any task that really requires extended time and concentration? it is interesting to note the explosion of ADHD over the past decade at the same time that preoccupation with i-entertainment has grown.

In an era when people read for their down time, there was a certain worldliness and awareness of the greater world around us It is frightening to see the how little basic info so many of our students have today, despite this being an Age of Information. Let's face it; the computer and its offspring are great tools to access so much knowledge. But mastery of machinery is not education, and fun can become an unhealthy addiction!

Rabbi David Friedman

### Letter From The Editor:

The power of the press can never be underestimated. Without journalism, people wouldn't as interested in politics, sports, and entertainment. Whenever you see a sports game on television, or hear about the latest buzz in the Washington, it is thanks to journalism. That is why I started the DRS Star. It is essential for us, the students, to have an independent voice in the school, and have some control over decisions made in the school. It is a way for us to hear about the latest Wildcats game, get a good laugh, or become informed in local and federal politics. The Star is the hub for all news, sports, entertainment, and opinions in DRS. It is the paper of the students, by the students, and for the students.

Star staffers are around and about the school and community all week long. We welcome your involvement, comments, suggestions, and opinions. Star editors can be reached at [drsstareditor@gmail.com](mailto:drsstareditor@gmail.com). We hope you enjoy reading the Star and look forward to your continued involvement.

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