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SHABBOS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

5:30 pm: Shir Hashirim—**Michael Abramson**
5:45 pm: **Mincha followed by Maariv (plag 6:01)**
Toras Chaim—'Laws of Sefiras Ha'omer'—**R' Moshe Cohen**
7:03 pm: **Candle Lighting**
8:01 pm Krias Shema (earliest)

SHABBOS, APRIL 11

7:00 am Hashkama Minyan
8:45—9:15 am Mishna Berura Shiur—'Hilchos Sefira'—**R' Moshe Cohen**
9:00 am Shachris Minyan
9:15 am Teen Minyan—(in the seminar room)
9:45 am Krias HaTorah—**Gavriel Cohen**
9:52 am Krias Shema (latest time)
10:30 am Birkas Hachodesh
10:45 am Divrei Torah—**Meir Kahn & Brandon Kaufman**
11:15 am Kiddush
11:30 am 1 Minute Mitzvah/Mesillas Yesharim/Kiruv Q & A—**Michael Abramson**
6:30 pm **Mincha**
7:00 pm Seudah Shlishis
7:45 pm Shiur—**R' Moshe Cohen**
8:00 pm **Maariv**

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

5:40 am: Earliest Tallis
8:00 am: **Shachris**
9:40 am: Latest Shema
10:45 am: Latest Shachris
1:27 pm: Earliest Mincha
7:05 pm: **Mincha**

MONDAY—FRIDAY:

7:00 am: Sanhedrin 91b Sanhedrin—'Olam Haba'—**R' Moshe Cohen**
7:30 am: **Shachris**
6:45 pm: **Mincha/Maariv—parking behind TCS**

Daily Kitzur between mincha/maariv—'Laws of Pesach'—**R' Cohen**

THURSDAY:

12:00 pm: Pirkei Avos—**Howard Witkin (ZOOM ID: 4288024739)**

FRIDAY:

7:07 pm: **Candle Lighting (Tazria-Metzora)**
6:00 pm: **Mincha/Maariv**



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Practical Halacha - Music

Music
The early poskim do not mention a custom to refrain from music during sefira. However, later poskim mention that listening to music is not allowed during sefira. The prevalent custom is that music even in one's home should not be listened to during sefira.

Singing
Some had the custom not to sing during sefira. However the minhag is to permit singing a song during sefira without the accompaniment of music e.g. signing while learning, davening, or during zemiros.

Acappella
As stated many hold singing without music is not permitted. Therefore according to this listening to acappella would not be acceptable during sefira. There are some poskim who permit singing on a CD etc without musical accompaniment.

Radio and CD
The custom is not to listen to music from the radio or CDs during sefira (even if one is lenient and listens to music all year). If the tape only has slow music and one is listening to lift his spirits, it is permitted. However, others still consider this forbidden. Included in this discussion is classical music or chazanut CD's

Children and music
One is permitted to listen to a children's music CD etc since he is not doing so for enjoyment, but rather for his child. Children who have reached the age of chinuch (9j) should refrain from listening to music during sefira.

Driving
One who wishes to listen to music while driving to keep him awake may do so even during his sefira period. One who does not listen to music and is in a car where others are listening, does not have to ask for the music to be shut off.

Parnasa
One who depends on playing musical instruments for his parnasa is permitted to practice a musical instrument or play one at a wedding or other seudas mitzva (even if he is holding sefira). One may continue music lessons during sefira.

Background Music
One who walks into a store and hears background music may listen to it. If one is holding a meeting in his house he may put on a little background music. Similarly listening to music on hold, or in a waiting room at a doctor etc. is permitted.

Without Intent
Many cases of listening to music are not because one wishes to enjoy the music. E.g. one who is exercising and wishes to listen to music to make the exercising better is permitted to do so since his intent is not to enjoy the music. In a playgroup or nursery a teacher may play music even during her sefira period.

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Cohen

Parshas Shemini | Birkas Hachodesh
Candle-lighting: 7:01 PM | Shabbos ends: 8:06 PM
April 10-11, 2026 | 23-24 Nissan

SPONSORSHIPS

KIDDUSH:

Brandon and Jessica Kaufman are sponsoring kiddush this week in honor of the birth of their daughter Monica Gloria (Miriam Tehila) who was given her hebrew name last Shabbos. We are joyous and grateful to have the opportunity to share in this simcha with our community, family and friends and appreciate all the love and well wishes we have received.

The Kahn Family is sponsoring kiddush this week in honor of Meir's Aufruf for his upcoming wedding in Baltimore next week. The community is warmly invited to continue the simcha with kiddush after davening!

SEUDAH SHLISHIS:

Sponsorship for Seudah Shlishis is still available. To sponsor, please contact the office.

LEARNING:

Harlan Schwartz sponsored learning last week in honor of the Yartzheit of his beloved sister, Ruth Ellen Schwartz, Ruth bas Sheva (Nissan 13). Ruth, as the director of the Shelter Partnership for 35 years helped many unhoused people receive housing, drug addiction therapy, and job skills. May her Neshama have an Aliyah!

SECURITY:

Sponsorship for Security is still available. To sponsor, please contact the office.

TEEN MINYAN:

Richard and Beverly Horowitz are sponsoring this week's Teen Minyan!

Your support is priceless!

Help support a petition drive for a Oskar Schindler Plaza Adults (18 or older) and residents of 90035 may sign the petition. We need to collect 500 signatures and the petitions will be presented to the LA City Council for a vote!



THE DERECH ERETZ PROJECT

As we journey toward Shavuot, TCS is taking on a special initiative centered around a fundamental Torah concept: **"Derech Eretz Kadmah Latorah"**— proper respect for each other is a prerequisite for receiving the Torah.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on small yet meaningful actions: speaking kindly, showing patience, giving the benefit of the doubt, and treating everyone especially our Rabbis and Rebbetzins, staff, parents and friends with dignity.

These everyday actions help create a stronger, more unified community and more prepared to receive the Torah in the most meaningful way.

Let's grow together, one interaction at a time!



TCS DERECH ERETZ PROJECT WEEK 1

Discussion point for the week:

"What are the situations you find it most difficult to speak kindly in? What can you do to better prepare yourself for those situations?"

Halacha:

- A) The words of the wise are spoken calmly (Koheles 9:17)
- B) Greet everyone with a smile (Pirkei Avos 1, 16)
- C) One must ask their family about having completed pre-Shabbos preparations calmly and pleasantly (Talmud, Shabbos 34a)
- D) A Torah Scholar should not yell and scream when speaking, nor raise their voice too much, rather they speak calmly with all people...they greet everyone, speak in their praise rather than critically...if they see that what they say will be heard, they speak, and if not, they remain silent. (RMBM, Deos 5,7)

Action Step:

Pause before responding in a challenging moment.

THANK YOU

- To **Jeff Halpert** for delivering this week's Tomchei Shabbos route!

MAZEL TOV

- **Brandon and Jessica Kaufman** on the birth of a baby girl, **Monica Gloria, Miriam Tehila!**
- **Rick and Jill Kahn** on the Aufruf and upcoming wedding of their son, **Meir Kahn!**

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