

2017 Homeschool Family Conference

GUIDING OUR LIVES BY THE BOOK



Session 4

Practical School Scheduling

What Is the Providence of God?

Matthew 6:25-34

James 4:13-17

Plan Your **Calendar** >> **Subjects** >> **Together School** >> **Checklists** >> Notebooks

1. Calendar

- ☐ Check your laws.

Romans 13

Recommended Resource: www.hslda.org

- ☐ Print an annual calendar. Mark days you plan to take off.

<http://homeschoolingtorah.com/school-year-calendars/>

- ✓ Feasts: First year

- study (adults/older)
- family memories (or go up to Jerusalem); need time off school
- assemble with others; guests
- prepare good food; clean for Passover; packing; etc.

- ✓ Vacations, travel, sickness, field trips, pregnancy

- ✓ 12 Reasons to Homeschool Year Round:

<http://homeschoolingtorah.com/12-reasons-to-homeschool-year-round/>

- ☐ Print attendance record.

<http://homeschoolingtorah.com/school-year-calendars/>

2. Subjects

Plan the subjects you'll be studying this year.

Recommended Resource: Chart at

<http://homeschoolingtorah.com/a-broad-look-at-homeschooling-torah-for-every-age-and-grade/>

- ✓ What can be done together?
- ✓ What must be done individually?

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- ✓ When will meals be?
- ✓ When will other activities be?
- ✓ Time to play/explore interests?

Preschool, Early Elementary (until reading/writing well):

- don't do too much school!
- naps
- meals
- chores/skills
- PLAY!!
- nature walks

What about younger children/babies?

Babies: feed/wake/sleep pattern, be predictable

Preschool: have activities, rotate help from siblings

Learning Time
Creative Time
Build Time
Outside Time
Rest Time

Recommended Resource:

- Free to members on website here: <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/the-four-foundations-of-lifelong-learning/>
- Purchase here: <http://foundationspress.com/our-homeschool-curriculum/the-four-foundations-of-lifelong-learning/>

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3. Together School

Parental instruction: AMAP!!! (as _____ as possible)

- Don't forget:
 - time to plan/print/hand out
 - set up
 - stewing and daydreaming
 - interruptions, unexpected problems
 - snacks
 - clean up
 - record keeping, filing
- Be sure to have Start Times and Stop Times. All else is homework.

4. Checklists for Independent Work

- Kids love to know what to expect in a day.
- They can do their list at any time, but you should have a scheduled time if they need help.
- Teach responsibility
- Homework
- When will you check individual work?

5. Plan weekly printing and planning time.

- Why I like weekly more than monthly (so I can adjust as we go)
 - Most customers like monthly, so Month 1 will be available September 1.
- Science supplies, preschool supplies, phonics and math manipulatives

6. Notebooks

What kind of school?

- paper or digital? or a mix?
- binders
 - buy a 3-hole punch
 - hand out papers weekly or monthly
 - dividers
 - a place to put binders and books at night/weekends

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- Join us for Session 12 (Wednesday night) at 7pm, Planning with a Purpose, by Annie Kawchack from Proverbsinmyhome.com

Place for school?

- table? school room? moveable?
- place to collect independent work, if needed

Plan a fun shopping day. Have a list! \$\$\$

Post-it notes

7. Other things on Mom's schedule

Time with Abba! (No Bible, no breakfast; plus Torah Time, which includes a place for prayer requests)

Meals and Cleaning

- menu, master shopping list
- order groceries online
- cook faster
- crockpot
- reduce clutter in the kitchen, pantry
- get help with cleaning
- make lists
- do it as a family
- Have a master plan!

Member Resources:

- <http://homeschoolingtora.com/homemaking-forms/>
- <http://homeschoolingtora.com/category/member-home/teacher-helps/menus/>
- <http://homeschoolingtora.com/recipes/>

Time with Your Spouse

Time with Other Adults

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8. Troubleshooting

What IS working?

What is not working?

1. Tasks need a time. (No such thing as spare time.)
2. Wrong time of day. (motivation, energy, morning person)
 - Times of day when kids/mom are fresh and alert (especially harder subjects)
3. How Long Does Each Subject Take?
 - Make a list of your subjects (together and individual); see mine at <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/together-school-planner/>
 - Estimate what you think (using mine as a guide).
 - Keep track of actual times.
 - Revisit in one month (allow time to learn curriculum, and get in a rhythm).
 - Personalities/homes are different. (Example: My husband and I)
4. You need help.
 - subjects difficult to teach
 - you must be somewhere else
 - not sure what to do
 - unrealistic workload
 - health problems
 - life in transition
 - many interruptions (babies, farm, etc.) – Say “no” to all but priorities.
 - other people’s chaos (ignore the phone, facebook, texts)
 - you’re a drama queen
 - fear
 - perfectionism
5. Haven’t planned a planning time.
6. Cluttered life (a cluttered closet often is a sign of a cluttered schedule)

Recommended Books:

- ✓ *Time Management from the Inside Out*, by Julie Morgenstern
- ✓ *Organization from the Inside Out*, by Julie Morgenstern
- ✓ *The Organized Homeschool*, by Anne Elliott