



Getting Started in Homeschooling

Step 1 – Get Organized

- ✓ A Teacher's Binder with Dividers
- ✓ A Printer – <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/can-you-recommend-a-good-printer/>
- ✓ 3-Hole Punch
- ✓ A Bible for Every Student
- ✓ A Binder for Every Student (and Dividers)
- ✓ Other School Supplies – <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/school-supplies/>
- ✓ Simple Math Manipulatives – <https://youtu.be/PW3mZsq-oc0>

Before school starts, take time to organize all your supplies.

Step 2 – Prepare Your Teacher Binder

- ✓ Together School Planner (or other planning pages) at the front
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/members/together-school-planner/>
- ✓ Curriculum Overview Chart
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/members/curriculum-overview/>
- ✓ Other Planning Forms (Calendars, Attendance)
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/members/school-planning-forms/>
- ✓ Laws for Your State
<https://hslida.org/legal>
- ✓ Checklists of Each Student's Independent Work
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/members/student-checklist/>

Step 3 – Choose Your Courses

- ✓ Use the Curriculum Overview Chart to plan your long-term goals.
- ✓ Do subjects together when possible!
- ✓ Choose individual subjects (learning to read, arithmetic drills).

Step 4 – What Time of Day Is Best for School?

Book – *The Four Foundations of Lifelong Learning*, by Anne Elliott

<https://foundationspress.com/product/book-the-four-foundations-of-lifelong-learning/> or

included in HomeschoolingTorah membership at

<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/members/teacher-helps/member-bonuses/>

Think about:

- ✓ Preschoolers
- ✓ Beginning Readers
- ✓ Naps and Break Times, Snacks for Growing Children
- ✓ Make Sure Mom Has Breaks
- ✓ Laundry, Meal Prep, Errands
- ✓ Appointments, Music Lessons, Co-ops
- ✓ Chores

* More ideas are coming in Session 7, “Basics of Teaching Time Management.”

- ✓ Short, Easy Lessons
- ✓ Consider Doing Together School 3 times/week
- ✓ Lesson Planning, Grading, School Prep, Printing Lessons (once a week)

Step 5 – Make a Schedule

- ✓ Your weekly planning time helps you get back on target.

Step 6 – Set Up Student Binders

Step 7 – Set Up Habits

- ✓ Realize that it takes time to get used to a new routine. This is normal!

Step 8 – Set Up Your School Room

- ✓ Store things at their point of use.
- ✓ Choose assigned seats, to help your students’ brains orient themselves in time and place (which improves learning retention).
- ✓ Consider having a white board or chalk board.
- ✓ Put charts on the wall if possible.
- ✓ Bookshelves
- ✓ Timeline on the wall or in a notebook

Step 9 – Print Just the First Week of Lessons

Step 10 – First Days of School

On Day 1...

- ✓ Teach procedures, not information.
- ✓ Get used to the schedule.
- ✓ Have real expectations and do fun things to make the day special.
- ✓ Give the routine time before throwing it out.
- ✓ Smile and sing! Be thankful!

After Day 2...

- ✓ Keep the routine the same, until you get used to it.
- ✓ Determine to stick with it.
- ✓ Be determined.
- ✓ Be consistent.

Need Help?

- ✓ Email us at support@homeschoolingtorah.com
- ✓ Schedule a phone call with Anne at <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/contact-us>.