



HOMESCHOOLING *Torah*  
For 12-13

# HOMESCHOOLING CHALLENGES

LIVE Q&A WITH ANNE

## How to Start Homeschooling

Relax! ☺

*"I'm a first-time homeschooler. I don't know where to start!"*

- ✓ Determine one thing that YHVH wants you to teach your children this year.
- ✓ Don't start until you're organized (at least a little).
  - School Supplies:  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/school-supplies>
- ✓ Work on respect, obedience, and listening skills.

*"What if I'm a single mom?"*

*"What if I have to work full time?"*

- ✓ Treat homeschooling with the seriousness you would give to a job.
- ✓ Aim for 2 hours of school per day.
- ✓ Use a planner, to stay organized with your time.
  - "My Beautiful Planner"  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/2020-conference-goodie-bag>
- ✓ Give independent assignments to your children.
  - How to Do School Independently  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/how-to-do-high-school-independently>

## Organization and Chores

Top Question Asked!

*"How do we stay organized?"*

- ✓ Have "anchors" to your daily routine (such as meals, bedtime, etc.).
- ✓ Commit to a weekly planning time.
- ✓ A place for everything, and everything in its place.
- ✓ Stores things at their point of use.
  - *The Organized Homeschool*  
<https://foundationspress.com/product/the-organized-homeschool-ebook>



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*“How can I stay organized with a large family?”*

- ✓ A large family forces you to be organized. (That’s good!)
- ✓ When your family was smaller, you didn’t notice that you were disorganized.

**KEY POINT:**

**Take a month to get organized before you start school.**



- ✓ Put things away immediately. (Do the dishes right away, clean the bathroom after each use, only pick something up once.)

*“How do I stay organized on my computer?”*

- ✓ Make a computer folder for every school subject.
- ✓ Use the “Together School Planner” to remember what needs to be printed each week.
  - <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/together-school-planner>

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*“How do I teach my children about time management, staying organized... when I’m not great at it myself?”*

- ✓ Get yourself organized first. 😊
- ✓ Your children will learn best by your example.

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## Homeschooling with Small Children

*“How do we homeschool with babies and older children?”*

*“How do we add babies into our routine?”*

- ✓ Give your small children “anchors” in their routine, too.
- ✓ Avoid snacking; have consistent “meal” times.
- ✓ Encourage daily nap/rest times for preschool children.
- ✓ Don’t try to plan life too far out into the future.

*Teach your older children to help!*

*“Would a routine of six weeks on/one week off homeschooling work with a small child?”*

- ✓ Stay on routine with your “anchor” points (especially meals, naps, and bedtime).
- ✓ Prepare your child for what you plan to do over the next few hours. Kids love to know what is expected!

## Learning Focusing Skills

*“How do we avoid chaos and teach age-appropriate self-control and focusing-attention skills?”*

- ✓ Use a timer.
- ✓ Test your child’s focusing skills. Develop skills little-by-little over time.

*Give lots of praise!*

*“What do I do about siblings distracting each other?”*

- ✓ Teach children to “love your neighbor as yourself.”
- ✓ Be close to your children throughout the day so you can correct behavior quickly.
- ✓ Try assigned seats and help children maintain their possessions.



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## Teaching Difficult Subjects

*A parent is a child's best teacher!*

*"Math is our most frustrating subject. How can I teach in a way that is beneficial?"*

- ✓ Learn alongside your children.
- ✓ Get help from your curriculum publisher.
- ✓ Get help from YouTube.
  - <https://www.khanacademy.org>
- ✓ Teach with repetition and association.
  - Memorize math facts so they come easier to mind.
  - Use stories from real life (kitchen, farm, playground, etc.).
  - Draw pictures.
  - Do the work on the whiteboard or chalkboard.

*"How do I teach a struggling reader? He has special needs and does vision therapy at home."*

- ✓ Be consistent with daily teaching, even when you can't see progress.
- ✓ Plan out complicated therapy. Have supplies at hand.

*Actions have consequences...*

## Teaching Children How to Think

*"How do I introduce "systems thinking" in my child's mindset?"*

*"How do I teach critical-thinking skills, in a world where these are vital?"*

- ✓ Teach in times of non-conflict.
  - Conversations in the car
  - Talk before bedtime
- ✓ Teach with stories and example.
- ✓ Teach what the Bible says about our actions.

*Spend time with non-readers first*

## A Daily Schedule With Non-Readers

*"School seems to be more difficult when one of my children can't read. I have to read all the directions to him, and he can't go on without me – simply because he can't read."*

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| ✓ Breakfast  | ✓ Continue language arts and math with older children |
| ✓ Bible  | ✓ Break time  |
| ✓ Chores (older children), while you spend time with non-readers: phonics and math | ✓ History, science, and so on                         |

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*"What about a child with extreme dyslexia?"*

*You need a strategy.*

- ✓ When You Encounter Reading Problems  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/when-you-encounter-reading-problems>
- ✓ Dyslexia  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/dyslexia>
- ✓ Teaching Gifted and Special Needs (2017 Homeschool Family Conference)  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/teaching-gifted-and-special-needs-2017-homeschool-family-conference>
- ✓ More Resources  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/category/blog/special-needs>

## Achievement

*"What is the difference between self-esteem and being proud? How do I push my kids to excel, without their having feels of pride or bitterness? What does the Bible say about 'how hard is too hard'?"*

- ✓ Read the book of Proverbs often. (One chapter per day is a good plan.)
- ✓ Read the book of Ephesians.
- ✓ Learn to be content and live peaceably.

*Your life is in His hands!*

*"I don't feel like I'm doing homeschooling good enough."*

- ✓ Learn to be okay with the providence of YHWH in your life. You are exactly where He wants you to be.
- ✓ Don't compare yourself to others.
- ✓ Be thankful.

*"I am in my 40s. I used to find time and joy in homeschooling my older kids. I've lost my zeal with my younger children."*

- ✓ Don't try to be like the young, energetic mothers.
- ✓ Don't compare yourself to Pinterest.
- ✓ You have wisdom that the younger moms don't have! It's okay to move more slowly. 😊
- ✓ Require obedience; don't be too tired to properly train your children in good character.



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## High School

*Jeremiah 29:5-7*

*“Can you talk about high school from a biblical perspective?”*

- ✓ Pour as much Scripture and Bible discussion into your student as you can!
- ✓ Teach your child to provide for a family and do good for the “city” where YHVH places him.
- ✓ Be prepared for whatever the future holds. (This is why advanced subjects are wise for all students.)
  - Career Preparation (2017 Homeschool Family Conference)  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/career-preparation-2017-homeschool-family-conference>
  - More Resources for High School  
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/category/blog/high-school-blog>

*“What if my daughter doesn’t want to be anything but a homemaker?”*

*“What if my student can’t decide what he wants to be?”*

- ✓ We can’t know the future; be prepared.
- ✓ Learn to listen to the Father’s leading in prayer (Isaiah 30:21).
- ✓ Teach your children how to use a planner and make goals for their future.
- ✓ If unsure, err on the side of being ready for college.

*“How do I help a young adult remain a lifelong learner and keep his mind on ‘things above’ after high-school graduation?”*

*“How do I help my teenager develop a love of learning?”*

- ✓ Teach by example. Show your own love of learning.
- ✓ As you learn new things, show that your beliefs come from Scripture.
- ✓ Discuss, discuss, discuss.
- ✓ Reduce the outside influences coming into your home.
- ✓ Explain *why* you believe what you believe.
- ✓ Give your children the same grace that the Father gave you.

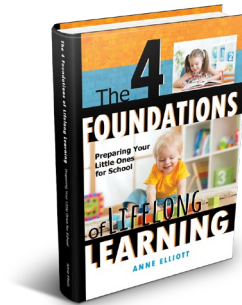
*Teach why,  
not just what.*

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## How Can I Help My Daughter Prepare to Homeschool Her Own Children?

*"I am a grandmother, and all my grandchildren are younger than five years old. How can I help my daughter prepare them for homeschooling?"*



*Answer 😊*

## Does Curriculum Need to Be Accredited?

- ✓ No – but check your state's laws:  
Home School Legal Defense Association <https://hsllda.org>
- ✓ Check out what potential colleges require.

*You should join!*

## Get Free Teacher Training Here:

- ✓ <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/free-teacher-training-for-homeschoolers>

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