



Origami Torah

Grade Level

Grades 2 and up

Goals for the Lesson/Activity

Students will be able to make an origami Torah to use as in a variety of classroom activities.

Materials needed

- Assorted rectangular pieces of paper per student, (light weight wrapping paper or origami paper cut into rectangles work well)
- OR one \$1 bill per student
- Glue sticks* (optional)

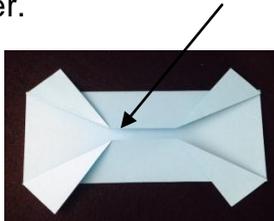
Folding Instructions

Fold the paper in half long-ways (like a hot dog). Open it back up, and lay it flat on the table.

1. Fold one long side of the paper to the middle line and crease the side. Then fold the other side to the middle and crease the fold. The two sides should touch in the center.



2. About 1/3 in from the short edge, put an index finger on the spot where the paper comes together (see arrow) and fold the top flap up to form a triangle. Keep your finger on that spot and fold the bottom flap down to form a triangle. Repeat this with the opposite side of the paper.



3. To create the *Atzei Chaim* or Torah rollers, flip the paper over and, holding the short edge of the paper, make a small fold in towards the middle. Crease the fold. Take the new edge and continue folding the "roller" two more times. Repeat on the other side.





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To make a pocket inside the Torah: Follow steps 1-3 as described above, but only fold each side of the roller towards the middle a total of two times. Flip the piece over and fold each roller once more towards the center.



Voila! A Torah with a pocket!

*Having trouble keeping your Torah rollers in place? A dab of glue will do the trick!

If you would like to make the Torah out of a dollar bill, follow the above instructions. When you open your “ Torah” you will see that it says ”In God we Trust and ONE inside the scroll!

