

HIR Scrips FAQ

Below are some frequently asked questions about scrips and the HIR Scrip program. This is an important program that has tremendous fundraising potential for the HIR at no additional cost to you. We hope that everyone will participate and encourage their friends and family to participate as well. For more information or to order or volunteer, please contact HIRScrips@gmail.com or James Lapin at (718) 884-8576.

1. **What are scrips?** Scrips are gift cards or certificates that the HIR will obtain from retailers and sell to you.
2. **How do I purchase scrips from the HIR?** You can email HIRScrips@gmail.com or call James Lapin at (718) 884-8576 to place orders. We will begin accepting orders on Sunday, August 2nd. See the order forms in the synagogue lobby. Your scrips will be available for pick-up at the HIR on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am – 10:30 am approximately one week after you place your order.
3. **What form of payment can I use to purchase scrips from HIR?** You may pay by cash, check or credit cards. We prefer cash or checks because we must pay a fee for each credit card transaction. You must make your payment at the time you place your order.
4. **How do I volunteer for the HIR Scrips program?** You can email HIRScrips@gmail.com or call James Lapin at (718) 884-8576 to volunteer. We need volunteers to help take orders and to assist with distribution.
5. **What stores are participating in the HIR Scrips program?** Initially, scrips will be available from several grocery stores and local vendors including Fairway, Stop & Shop, Riverdale Kosher Market Place and others. See the order forms in the synagogue lobby for a complete list of current retailers. Over the next few weeks and months additional retailers will be added. If you don't see a store that you patronize, please email HIRScrips@gmail.com or call James Lapin at (718) 884-8576 to let us know.
6. **Is it more expensive to shop using scrips than to use my credit card?** No. Scrips are as good as cash. For example, if you purchase \$100 in scrips to be used at Stop & Shop, you can pay at Stop & Shop using \$100 in scrips instead of your cash, check or credit card.
7. **Is there a fee to use the scrips?** No.
8. **Is the money I use to purchase scrips tax deductible?** No. Although the HIR is a tax exempt not-for-profit institution, purchases in the HIR Scrips program do not represent charitable contributions because you receive goods equal to the amount you paid. Each retailer makes a contribution to the HIR when issuing the scrips.