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Dear Temple Beth El family:

This purpose of this letter is to explain the different type of “scrip” programs that we have in place, and help you understand how they benefit the Temple.

First of all, scrip is the easiest type of fundraising activity for you to participate in, as it does not cost you anything. You can think of it as “Free Money” for the Temple. All you need to do is to go through TBE in purchasing things that you ordinarily would be buying anyway. We are not asking you to spend one more penny than you already plan to spend.

There are two basic types of scrip programs:

The first, which is the easiest to participate in, simply requires that you register your credit card or supermarket club card, so that TBE automatically receives a percentage of your purchases at selected vendors. For these programs, once you register, you can forget about it and just shop as usual. Note that some programs require annual re-registration. The scrip committee staffs a table, with laptop computers, on Sundays and Tuesdays and can assist members in enrolling in these programs.

The second, which in general nets more for the Temple, requires that you pre-purchase scrip cards from us prior to your shopping. This takes a bit more planning, but again we would only ask you to purchase scrip for items that you would ordinarily be getting for yourself. Fortunately, we now have access to a multitude of businesses through these programs, so it is possible to purchase scrip for everything from restaurants to gasoline, supermarkets through department stores, and even for Disneyland.

The attached pages describe the programs in more detail. We hope that they will answer your questions regarding the different types of scrip that we’re participating in. Our hope is that you start participating on these programs as much as possible, and help TBE earn money simply by buying what you usually do!

If you have any questions at all, please contact us at [scrip@tberiv.org](mailto:scrip@tberiv.org).

Happy shopping!

**Jory Yarmoff**  
Fund Development Chair

## Programs Requiring Registration

### E-Scrip



E-Scrip is a scrip program where you register various cards (debit cards, credit cards, and some shopping cards – i.e., Vons). When you shop at certain merchants with the registered card, a portion of your purchase will be simply deposited to TBE – without you have to have any further involvement. Please make sure you've registered ALL of the cards that you can – this is the easiest way for you to help TBE earn money without any additional effort or thought on your part (except that it would be great if you would review the participating merchants and, where possible, choose those merchants). You can find a list of participating merchants, as well as to check your contributions, at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). If you haven't registered yet, our Supporter I.D. Number is **900004841**.

### Ralph's



Shopping for groceries at Ralph's using your Rewards Card earns money for TBE every time you swipe. You simply register your 12-digit card number found at the back of the Rewards card online at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com). While online, click on the "Sign In/Register" icon to begin the process. Click on "My Account", and then link your Rewards card with TBE by clicking on "Edit Community Contribution Program Information" and entering the number **83372**. If you do not have access to register online, call the Temple office and you will be sent a special scanbar form that can be brought to the store cash register for registration purposes. Please call the TBE office for any questions you might have.

### Albertson's



Albertson's also has a program that earns money for TBE with each purchase when you swipe your Preferred Savings Card. To register, go to [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com) and select the tab labeled "In the Community". Next, click on the section that says "Community Partners", and click where Shoppers Register. Enter your card number and phone number. Make sure Riverside Temple Beth El is designated to receive your contributions. The ID for TBE is **49000123451**.

### Amazon



Our congregation is registered with Amazon.com as well. There is an ad on our home page ([www.tberiv.org](http://www.tberiv.org)), which connects to amazon.com. If you use this link to navigate to amazon.com and then shop, the Temple will receive a percentage (up to 10%) of all of your purchases. Please be sure to use the link if you plan to shop for anything at Amazon.com.

## **Programs Requiring Pre-Purchase**

### **Great Lakes Scrip**



Great Lakes Scrip is a more traditional kind of scrip, where you buy “gift cards” for participating vendors, and then use those gift cards just like money. TBE can buy these gift cards from Great Lakes at a discount, so the Temple keeps the difference. All we’re asking is that you shift your spending from your debit card to these gift cards. For example, if you regularly stop at Starbucks in the morning, rather than using your debit card or cash at Starbucks, you buy a gift card from the Temple for \$25.00 (they also come in \$10.00 denominations). You get \$25.00 that you can spend at Starbucks, so there’s no difference in your shopping habits, but the Temple only pays \$23.25 for the card, keeping \$1.75. There are various percentages that the vendors will discount their cards, from 1.5%, all the way up to 25%. There are numerous vendors – including grocery, gas, vacations, etc. We have a list of local merchants that has been distributed, and will be available via e-mail if you request it or it can be downloaded from our website, but this list is not all-inclusive. The entire list of nationwide merchants is 26 pages long, and can be found at [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com)!

We will keep some scrip in inventory for things that people use all the time – and everything else can be ordered. The scrip committee will be taking orders at the temple on Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm, and on Tuesdays, from 4 pm to 6:15 pm. Anything ordered on either Sunday or Tuesday will be available at the temple the following Sunday. Orders can also be sent to the temple, and we will send you your cards via mail, or arrange some other type of delivery method, if appropriate.

Payment for Great Lakes Scrip can only be made via cash or check at this time, made payable to TBE Scrip.

### **Stater Bros.**



We are still selling Stater Bros. scrip, which is also in the form of gift cards, but it does not come through Great Lakes, as we get a better percentage (6%) dealing with the store privately. This scrip can be purchased through the gift shop.