

[To: Friends, family, co-volunteers, havurah members, co-workers, any potential supporters.]

This August, I will be lucky enough to spend a week at the National Havurah Committee Summer Institute, where I will be engaged in in-depth study, moving prayer, spirited conversation, creative arts, social justice work, song, dance, and community building with folks from a wide variety of backgrounds. (Want to join me? Scholarships and travel grants are still available: www.havurah.org/institute)

The theme of the Institute this year will be “Walking in Your Ways” (Deut. 10:12 & 11:22). We have been encouraged to take this theme to heart and challenge ourselves to find a new “way” to “walk” during our week together.

I have decided to challenge myself to [insert personal goal], because [insert reasons]. I am writing to ask for your financial support for my participation in this “Walk-in-all-Your-ways-a-thon.” Your pledge will help me to maintain my resolve to meet this goal of personal growth while in the middle of an environment filled with myriad opportunities for distraction. The money will help to sustain the National Havurah Committee, which is providing me with the opportunity to explore new ways, ideas, and experiences in supporting, loving community.

I am asking for pledges of [amount] per [unit of your goal, e.g. day, song, meal, etc.], for a total of [amount] if I meet my goal, but any support, of amounts lesser or greater, would be greatly appreciated. (NHC is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. All donations will be acknowledged for tax purposes.)

To pledge your support :

1. Let me know! If you want to publicly display your pledge, find me at <http://tinyurl.com/Walk-in-all-Your-ways-a-thon> and sign up to sponsor me.
2. Donate! For logistical reasons, the NHC would prefer to receive donations in advance of the Institute. Having you pay on faith that I will meet my goal will provide me extra motivation! However, if you prefer, I will also be collecting donations after the week is over and my success rate has been determined.
 - You can donate online at www.havurah.org/donate; please also email institute@havurah.org to indicate that it is a “Walk-in-all-Your-ways-a-thon donation (copying me so that I can keep track of my pledges).
 - You can make out a check to “National Havurah Committee” and give/send it to me at [your address] or send it to the NHC Office at 7135 Germantown Avenue, Second Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19119. Please note “Walk-in-all-Your-ways-a-thon” in the memo line.

Thanks for considering pledging in support! I know that times are tough and appreciate all the non-financial support that you give me regularly!