



# Stepping Stones April Newsletter

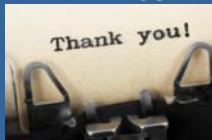
April Showers Bring May Flowers

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## THANK YOU!



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## SAVE THE DATE!!!

for

**The 19th Annual Foster Classic**  
Benefiting  
**Stepping Stones**

Join us on **Tuesday, June 30th** for a 7:30 am Shotgun, Scramble Format at the **Golf Club at Bear Dance**

Please visit the [Stepping Stones Website](#) for more information on Sponsorships and Early registration.

Stepping Stones is a positive response to intermarriage that creates connections to the Jewish community.

Please join us as a player and tournament sponsor and know that you are contributing to the future of the Jewish community

## Stepping Stones April Events!

(Blue = Denver events & Red = Boulder events)

April marks the beginning of our **Aleph-Bet class** (co-sponsored with the JCC). *This is a **four** week class that is designed to meet th interests of parents who did not experience a Jewish childhood themselves but are raising Jewish children (cost \$80). **First class is Sunday, April 19th from 10-11:30 at the JCC (350 S. Dahlia Street)** Please register with the Jewish Community Center- Jill Katchen [jkatchen@jccdenver.org](mailto:jkatchen@jccdenver.org) or 303.316.6336*



Also on **Sunday, April 5th** Everyone (including Alumni) are welcome to our **Family Passover Seder (RSVP by 4/3)**. Festivities start at **4:00pm at Congregation Emanuel located at 51 Grape Street**

There is a lot of happenings **Sunday April 5th in Boulder**. In the morning there is a *Passover 101 class for all alum and current families at BJDS*. Also *Shalom Baby will take place from 4:30-5:30 at the JCC*

**Sunday, April 12th:** *Alum Seder*

**Friday, April 24th:** *Everyone is welcome at our No Experience Necessary Shabbat Dinner (RSVP by 4/22)*. The fun starts at **5:30pm at the Stepping Stones Office**

**Thursday, April 23rd:** *Adult Alum evening*

**Wednesday, April 29th:**  
*Adv. committee at 1:30pm*

**Friday, May 1st:** *Shabbat Dinner-Everyone Welcome*

**Sunday, May 3rd:** *Second meeting of Aleph-Bet class. 10-11:30 at JCC*

**Friday, May 29:** *Everyone is welcome to our No Experience Necessary Shabbat Dinner (RSVP by 5/27)*

**Sunday, May 31st:** *Blues Clue's trip to the ZOO!! 10:00 am at the Denver Zoo*

**Friday, June 26th:** *No Experience Necessary Shabbat Dinner (RSVP by 6/24)*

For more information on Denver events or to rsvp please contact [delcau@steppingstonesfamily.com](mailto:delcau@steppingstonesfamily.com)

For more information on Boulder event and to RSVP please contact [debkorny@comcast.net](mailto:debkorny@comcast.net)

## Jewish Parenting Tip

*"Miracles are instantaneous, they cannot be summoned, but they come of themselves, usually at the unlikely moments and to those who least expect them." Katherine Ann Porter*

We all know the strength and stability that comes from routine, structure and discipline. What is all too often over looked is the wisdom and beauty that comes from surprises and change.

I personally am rather attached to my routine- where I run, when I work out, who I see. Yet, when forced out of my comfort zone of routine, I

am always gifted with the ability to see something from a different perspective. When we get out of our box, our routine, we can open our eyes and our hearts to newness and freshness.

This month we celebrate Passover. During Passover, we mark the exodus out of Egypt. The Hebrew word for Egypt is mitzrayim, which means narrowness. The way out of narrowness is through awareness and openness. Dull routines creep into our lives in the most benign yet



insidious ways. Predictability and dullness can squash our love, creativity, passion, and aliveness. Comfort and complacency, without any discontent, can easily cause us to take our relationships for granted.

The very essence of love, that which keeps love ALIVE, is surprise, wonder and amazement. The magic of falling in love with someone is learning something new in every moment. The magic of falling in love with life is constantly challenging yourself to learn and experience newness.

This month, we should all challenge ourselves to push out of our routines: a new running route, a new friend, wear a new color. Create the opportunity for love to flourish by having a surprise dinner, an unexpected gift- shake up the dullness of habitual existence. Create the opportunity for a miracle (a parting of the sea perhaps) as you move from your narrow box or structured life.

Blessings, Deb Dusansky, MA

## Upcoming Event

Family Passover Seder EVERYONE WELCOME  
Congregation Emanuel  
51 Grape Street Denver, CO.  
Sunday, April 5th at 4:00pm

**We hope to see you at our next event!**

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