



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

THIS WEEK! Honor Repro Shabbat 2022 at B'nai Amoona, Shaare Emeth, Temple Israel, or on Zoom!



When: Friday, January 28 and Saturday, January 29

Where: B'nai Amoona, Shaare Emeth, Temple Israel and on Zoom

See below for information on services

This Shabbat, we read Parshat Mishpatim which includes the verses that explain Judaism's approach to abortion. This year the timing also coincides with the Shabbat after the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision affirming our Constitutional right to abortion access. Judaism not only permits abortion but even requires it when life is at stake. And, of course, *pikuach nefesh* – preserving the life of the pregnant person – and, more broadly, building a just society are ultimate Jewish concerns.

We must get educated and we must get activated.

Repro Shabbat is an opportunity to celebrate the critical importance of reproductive health access, reproductive rights, and reproductive justice with friends, family, or other communities. We must not remain idle while barriers to health care place anyone's health, well-being, autonomy, or economic security at risk. Reproductive freedom is about gender justice, racial justice, economic justice, and so much more.

Below are the local events:

- B'nai Amoona - Saturday, January 29, 9:00 am [click here to stream the service](#)
- Shaare Emeth - Friday, January 28, 6:00 pm [click here to stream the service](#)
- Temple Israel - Friday, January 28, 6:30 pm [click here to stream the service](#)

Please [click here](#) for more information on the NCJW Repro Shabbat national effort.

Urge Your Lawmakers: Support the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA)

ABORTION RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK

CALL YOUR LAWMAKERS NOW
888-481-3868

The Women's Health Protection Act, a federal bill introduced in the House and Senate, would safeguard access to high-quality care and secure our constitutional rights by protecting patients and providers from this type of dangerous political interference no matter where you live.

National Council of Jewish Women **NCJW**

The Missouri legislature has filed almost **two dozen bills** so far this session that would put abortion out of reach for the vast majority of people in our state.

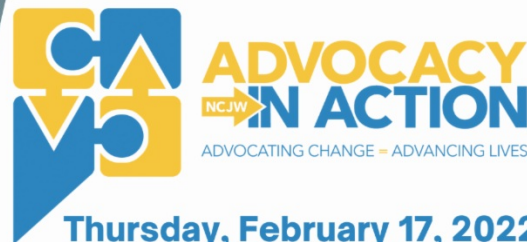
The **Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA)** would safeguard access to high-quality care and secure constitutional rights by protecting patients and providers from this dangerous political interference no matter where someone lives.

Equal access to abortion nationwide will allow individuals to achieve their social and economic goals, promote reproductive and moral autonomy, and the right to determine their own lives.

We call on Congress to pass WHPA to protect access to abortion and to help us build a society where all women, children, and families can thrive in our communities with dignity.

[Click here](#) and urge your lawmakers to support the WHPA today!

February Lunch & Learn: Current State of Immigration with Javad M. Khazaeli



Thursday, February 17, 2022
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Javad M. Khazaeli

When: Thursday, February 17 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom Meeting

[RSVP Here](#)

Immigration has been a touchstone of the U.S. political debate for decades, as policymakers have weighed economic, security, and humanitarian concerns. Congress has been unable to reach an agreement on comprehensive immigration reform for years, and in the meantime, people are suffering. NCJWSTL has always been at the forefront of immigration rights advocacy, but we must always strive to do more.

For our February Lunch and Learn, we are thrilled to welcome Javad M. Khazaeli, the Co-Founder of Khazaeli Wyrsh, LLC, a St. Louis-based law firm that focuses on civil rights, immigration, and litigation. In 2021, the Riverfront Times chose Javad as the Best

Attorney in St. Louis. In 2017, St. Louis University awarded Javad and his firm the Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Service award. Javad is the only private bar attorney in America that has served in senior immigration positions in both the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Labor. For nearly a decade, he was assigned to the Department of Justice and then the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, National Security Law Division. His writings have been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, and others, and his life story was featured on the 11:FS-Connection Interrupted technology podcast, Javad Khazaeli, The Immigrant's Story.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP and receive your login information. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Urge Your Legislators to Prioritize Contraceptive Equity



If 2021 taught us anything, it's that **birth control is not a bargaining chip** – Missouri residents across the political spectrum strongly support greater access to contraception. **That's why we're going on the offense this session.**

According to a new public opinion poll conducted by *The Right Time initiative*, 76% of Missourians believe the state legislature should increase access to birth control. [We must let our lawmakers know that](#)

[we are in the 76%.](#)

We are asking our elected officials to pass the following legislation:

- Annual-Supply Birth Control (an NCJWSTL bill);
- Pharmacist-Dispensing of Birth Control; and
- The Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act.

When signed into law, these bills will significantly increase access to contraception, improving health equity and reproductive health outcomes.

[Click here](#) to sign the petition urging your legislators to prioritize contraceptive equity this session.

Take Action: Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to make sure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2022!

Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2022.

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Interesting Reading



Women's unemployment rate has since dramatically fallen, dipping below men's for much of the pandemic. At the same time, though, there are still millions of women who have not rejoined the workforce: Their labor force participation is the lowest it's been since 1988. So, how can we make sense of this?

[Click here](#) to read *Jacob Rosenberg's* article from *Mother Jones*, "The Pandemic Has Been Hard for Women Workers. A Labor Economist Breaks It Down for Us."

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