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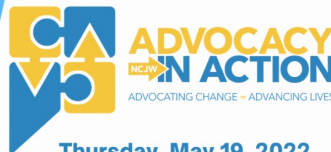
**ABORTION IS  
ESSENTIAL  
HEALTHCARE.**

National Council of Jewish Women

"The government has no place in legislating personal healthcare decisions. It is important to note that **abortion is still legal and people with appointments for abortions can still get them. The law has not changed – this is a draft opinion with no current legal authority.** However, while expected, it is no less shocking to read in print decades of precedent overturned with the stroke of a pen." - Ellen Alper, NCJWSTL CEO

To read NCJWSTL's statement on the Dobbs leak in its entirety, please [click here](#).

## **THIS WEEK! May Lunch & Learn: Missouri Legislative Session Wrap-Up with Emily Manley from Fox 2 News St. Louis**



**Thursday, May 19, 2022  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT**

*Emily Manley*

**When:** Thursday, May 19 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom Meeting

[RSVP Here](#)

The Missouri Legislature wrapped up its 2022 session on May 13th. From the Senate infighting regarding redistricting and the budget to the myriad attacks on reproductive rights, it has certainly been a doozy of a session. It can often be very difficult for the layperson to navigate its intricacies.

**For our May Lunch and Learn, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome Emily Manley, the chief capitol bureau reporter at Fox 2 News St. Louis.**

Emily received her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, Macomb, and completed her Master of Arts with an emphasis in Public Affairs Reporting at the University of Illinois, Springfield. She worked as an intern for WICS's statehouse bureau in Springfield, Illinois. That is where she also covered legislative efforts, committee

hearings, and a gubernatorial election during grad school.

She's originally from Highland, Illinois but has enjoyed becoming a Missourian and reporting on legislation that affects the state. She currently lives in mid-Missouri.

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

## Abortion All Over?: The Personal is Political

### ABORTION ALL OVER? The Personal is Political



Hon. Stacey Newman



Rabbi Andrea Goldstein



Dana Sandweiss, Attorney



Join us for a panel discussion about the potential impact of the Supreme Court decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
6:30 PM CT | Zoom



**When:** Wednesday, May 25 | 6:30 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Join NCJWSTL and JCRC St. Louis for a free, virtual panel discussion as we welcome the Hon. Stacey Newman, former Missouri State Representative, Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, Shaare Emeth, and Dana Sandweiss, Attorney and Founder of AccessMO.

Guest speakers will discuss the implications of the impending *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, expected to be finalized June 2022. Learn more about abortion from the Jewish perspective, the legal ramifications this likely judicial finding will have in Missouri, and the actions we will take together.

The event will be moderated by NCJWSTL Past President and longtime reproductive justice powerhouse Marlene Hammerman.

To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call the office at (314) 993.5181.

## Sign a Petition to Let Zander Speak!



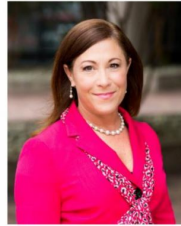
High school senior Zander Moricz is a plaintiff in the Florida "Don't Say Gay" lawsuit and the first openly gay class President of his school. He was banned from discussing LGBTQ+ rights in his graduation speech and was told that if he referenced his activism or role as a plaintiff in the lawsuit, the school administration had a signal to cut off his microphone, end his speech, and halt the ceremony.

Zander has received repeated threats from the administration about his LGBTQ+ rights. When it was discovered that he was organizing a Say Gay walkout, they had all of the posters ripped from the walls and told him to shut down the protest. They said they would send school security if he did not listen. He held the walkout anyways, and it became Sarasota county's largest protest. [Now, he needs our help.](#)

Please [click here](#) to sign the petition to #LetZanderSpeak and show that LGBTQ+ students will not be silenced.

## Rock the Vote: Voter Registration, Election Info & More With Denise Lieberman

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Join us for a special online program!

Rock the Vote: Voter Registration, Election Info, & More!  
Denise Lieberman, Missouri Voter Protection Coalition  
6/9/2022 (Thursday)  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**When:** Thursday, June 9 | 2:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Your vote impacts issues directly affecting your well-being such as reproductive justice and housing. Now is the time to prepare to vote in the August 2nd primary elections. This election will determine the candidates appearing in the November general elections for seats in the U.S. House, Senate, and the state legislature. Changes will be coming, so join this discussion about the election process - voter registration, critical deadlines, ID requirements, accommodations for disabilities, in-person voting, and absentee voting.

Speaker Denise Lieberman is a nationally-recognized voter rights lawyer, the director and general counsel for Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC), the Washington University faculty director of the Voter Access and Engagement Initiative, and an adjunct professor of law and political science. Get ready to rock the vote in 2022 and make your voice heard!

Please [click here](#) to register. This program is co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice, and the Mirowitz Center.

## Take Action for St. Louis City Employees



At her recent State of the City address, City of St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones announced a \$1 million commitment to paid family leave for City of St. Louis employees. Paid family leave helps people take the much-needed time for health, wellness, and infant bonding without fear of lost wages.

Please take five minutes to call the Mayor's office at (314) 622.3201 or email her at [mayor@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:mayor@stlouis-mo.gov) to say THANK YOU!

In addition, if you are a City of St. Louis resident, **please also call your member of the Board of Aldermen** to let them know you support the Mayor's commitment to this issue. If you do not know your Alderperson, you can look them up [here](#).

## Interesting Reading



Crisis pregnancy centers are basically the ultimate movement-building tool for anti-abortion activists. Some of these "clinics" even have contracts with state governments to help collect data from callers seeking abortion care, in a conjoined effort to stalk, possibly criminalize and force people to give birth. And because, in most cases, they provide no actual health care, they

notably aren't subject to the patient privacy standards set by HIPAA.

[Click here](#) to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel entitled "How Crisis Pregnancy Centers Help Anti-Abortion Legislatures."

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