



As you have likely already heard, the Supreme Court announced issued their decision overturning Roe vs. Wade. This decision is a horrific violation of human and civil rights, and will cause immeasurable harm to millions who have just lost access to safe and legal health care. We grieve, but we are not giving up.

Please [click here](#) to read NCJWSTL's statement on the ruling.

Judaism and Abortion Session with Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg

When: Thursday, July 14 | 12:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Last week, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned Roe vs. Wade. **Abortion is now illegal in Missouri.**

Our Jewish movement is committed to abortion access. And, sometimes, we need to hear a comforting voice to help guide us through this harrowing journey.

NCJW National's Scholar in Residence Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg will lead an in-depth teaching on Jewish sources around abortion justice. Not only is she one of the most knowledgeable scholars on the topic of Judaism and abortion, she is also incredibly dynamic. This program is not to be missed!

For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

**ABORTION
BANS ARE
AGAINST OUR
RELIGION.**



July Lunch & Learn: Abortion from the Interfaith Perspective

Abortion Rights from an Interfaith Perspective



Rev. Anzilotti
St. Francis' Episcopal Church



Rev. Kennedy
Buren Chapel African Methodist
Episcopal Church (AME)



Rev. Turner
Christ Church Maplewood



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By now, most of us are familiar with Judaism's stance on abortion rights. However, many of us may not know is that several Christian denominations support abortion rights as well and have been instrumental in the interfaith movement that brings the moral force of religion to protect and advance reproductive health. **To help us learn more, NCJWSTL and JCRC are excited to welcome Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Rev. Gabrielle Kennedy and Rev. Becky Turner for our July Lunch and Learn to discuss abortion rights from an interfaith perspective. Rabbi Janine Schloss, who will be joining the clergy staff at Temple Emanuel on July 1st, will be moderating.**

Rev. Anzilotti is Vicar at St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Eureka. She earned her Masters of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. She currently serves on the Cabinet of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis and previously served as Director of Faith & For the Sake of All, a non-profit that deepens understanding of and response to racial disparities in St. Louis.

Rev. Kennedy is first generation St. Louisan, pastor of Buren Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) and director of a community-based racial equity organization, Faith & For the Sake of All (FFSOA). FFSA is committed to improving the health and well-being of African Americans by mobilizing the faithful and Rev. Kennedy exercises this mission personally and professionally.

Rev Turner became Pastor of Christ Church Maplewood in 2017. With a diverse background serving three different denominations and interfaith non-profit justice work, she is deeply committed to the UCC value of "Being the Church," that is, putting faith into action for the common good. She was also the long-time Executive Director of Faith Aloud, a pro-choice faith group.

Please [click here](#) to register for the July Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call (314) 993.5181

Tell Congress to Take Immediate Action to Increase Investment in Title X

Now, more than ever, we need Congress to fully fund Title X. Following years of political attacks and chronic underfunding, Title X (10), the nation's family planning program is struggling to keep services available in communities across the country. With so much on the line right now for abortion rights and

comprehensive reproductive health access, we need Congress to make a significant investment in the Title X family planning program immediately.



For more than 50 years Title X has provided a critical pathway to preventive health care for millions, but this essential public health program cannot keep pace with a growing demand for care with fewer resources. To make it right for people who rely on Title X for high-quality family planning and sexual health care, Congress must take immediate action to increase investment in Title X.

[Click here](#) to sign the petition if you believe that Congress must put our fundamental rights first and fully fund Title X!

Tell Governor Parson to Veto Unfair Tax Credit



In the closing days of the legislative session, the Missouri General Assembly rushed through an ill-conceived tax credit proposal that **costs \$500 million and leaves out the very Missourians who need it most, like families earning low wages and seniors who rely on Social Security income.**

Further, the legislation was created to give folks who make \$150,000 a much larger benefit than those making \$30,000 - even though families earning less often pay a higher proportion of their incomes in taxes than their wealthier counterparts. Those Missourians who are eligible for a rebate will likely be disappointed to see rebates far below the widely touted \$500 for individuals and \$1000 for married couples.

Governor Parson has been open about his concerns about the bill. Please ask him to veto the measure by [clicking here](#).

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Interesting Reading

The dissenting three justices know that abortion is the fundamental building block of being a free person. The ability to decide when and if to become pregnant and



parent is at the bedrock of our ability to be free. Using the word disappointing to describe how the justices feel is an understatement. "Respecting a woman as an autonomous being, and granting her full equality, meant giving her substantial choice over this most personal and most consequential of all life decisions," the trio wrote.

[Click here](#) to read Caitlin Cruz's article from Jezebel entitled *"Liberal Justices Deliver Blistering Dissent on Roe: Supreme Court Says 'a Woman Has No Rights to Speak Of'."*

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