

THIS WEEK! Rock the Vote: Voter Registration, Election Info & More With Denise Lieberman



When: Wednesday, June 8 | 10:00 AM 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 <u>click here</u> 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.

June Lunch & Learn: LGBTQ+ Inclusion Matters



When: Thursday, June 16 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT Where: Zoom RSVP Here

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, in commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising. It may feel to many like equality and inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community is a non-issue in this day and age, but if this year's Missouri legislative session taught us anything, this is not the case. The conservative caucus made it their mission to target trans youth in Missouri, and only due to the hard work of our coalition partners like Missouri's LGBTQ+ advocacy group PROMO (and the Senate infighting) did these bills go nowhere.

In honor of Pride Month, we are excited to welcome PROMO's Executive Director, Katy Erker-Lynch, who will guide us on how to help build a truly inclusive community. Like so many young, queer Missourians, Katy left the state at 18 and headed west for school, in search of a vibrant queer community. Returning to Missouri as an adult, Katy envisions a Missouri where all community members are valued, have the tools to thrive, and are given a seat and voice at the tables where decisions are made – a Missouri with thriving, vibrant queer communities.

We will also have an opportunity to hear from representatives from Metro Trans Umbrella Group and the local peer support hotline for LGBTQ+ youth, SQSH.

Please <u>click here</u> to register for the June Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call (314) 993.5181

Abortion Rights - The Doctors' Perspective



When: Wednesday, June 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom RSVP Here

Did you know? The debate over access to abortion not only impacts patients. It impacts doctors and their ability to counsel patients on a variety of reproductive health issues. Legislation in Missouri and in other states attempts to criminalize the action of doctors working in the best interest of their patients. And this is likely to get worse when the Dobbs decision, which could overturn Roe vs. Wade, comes down.

To help us learn more about what doctors will soon be facing, NCJWSTL and JCRC are excited to welcome Drs. Colleen McNicholas, Chief Medical Officer of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri and Jennifer Smith, OBGYN at Consultants in Women's Healthcare.

Dr. McNicholas brings more than 12 years of experience as an obstetrician-gynecologist with a strong track record of high-quality patient care and impactful reproductive health advocacy. Before joining Planned Parenthood she was an attending physician at Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Smith, a graduate of UCLA, moved to St. Louis to attend medical school at Washington University in 1995, and has been in St. Louis ever since. She has been a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists since 2006 and has served on the board of the St. Louis Maternity Hospital Society.

To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Jen Bernstein at <u>jbernstein@ncjwstl.org</u> or call the office at (314) 993.5181.

Save the Date - PrideFest is BACK!



When: Sunday, June 26 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT **Where:** 10th and Market, Downton St. Louis (exact start location TBD)

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, NCJWSTL is once again proud to help spearhead the Jewish Community contingent in the annual St. Louis Pride Parade!

We will stand together in solidarity, to celebrate and speak out with our collective voice. We have a strong history of coming together as a community and are excited to bring everyone together again to get involved!

We look forward to having a strong Jewish community presence.

Please <u>click here</u> to sign up for the parade and, if you'd like, to purchase t-shirts. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at <u>jbernstein@ncjwstl.org</u>.

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.

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Interesting Reading



As the nation grapples with the consequences of Roe v. Wade's likely demise, the May 23–June 5 issue of New York Magazine features a practical guide to the abortion clinics in each state, how to reach them, and the services they offer — plus a guide in eight parts of where to seek services if abortion is banned, or further restricted, in your state. Understanding that the ability to access care depends largely on where a patient resides, the guide will live on the Cut as a searchable online database of abortion clinics, abortion funds, and other resources intended to help individuals locate abortion services and practical support near them.

<u>Click here</u> to read Priyanka Mantha's article from New York Magazine entitled "This Magazine Can Help You Get An Abortion."

