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THIS WEEK Talking with Teens: Reproductive Rights & Sexual Health

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**TALKING WITH TEENS:
REPRODUCTIVE
RIGHTS & SEXUAL
HEALTH**

A webinar for parents
July 14, 2022 @ 8-9 p.m. ET

RAISING UP TEENS
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When: Thursday, July 14 | 7:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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While we are still reeling from the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, NCJW wants to help you adjust to this shifting reality.

Abortion is a complicated and politicized topic, and your teen likely has questions, concerns, and feelings about the implications on their own lives and reproductive choices. One of the most important discussions you may end up having on the topic this summer is with your own teen or a teen in your life about issues of their own sexual and reproductive health, rights, and choices.

Featured speakers include NCJW Scholar in Residence Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg and Charis Denison, a Youth Advocate, teacher, and expert in Human Development, Ethics, and Social Justice. Please join us for this important conversation.

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

Tell the White House: Make Abortion Care Accessible to Everyone NOW

It's time to demand action from our elected representatives — and we're starting at the top.

The recent ruling overturning *Roe vs. Wade* is catastrophic for people of all backgrounds seeking compassionate health care, including abortion, and violates our religious freedom by prioritizing a narrow understanding of when life begins. Abortion access is a Jewish value, as Judaism permits abortion, and even requires it when the life of the pregnant person is in danger.

**JEW FOR
ABORTION
ACCESS**

National Council of Jewish Women

NCJW is urging President Biden and Vice President Harris to look creatively at their executive powers and other avenues that the government has at its disposal to rapidly make abortion care accessible to everyone — including people of minority religions and people of no religion — regardless of the state in which they reside. **Options include, but are not limited to, increasing access to abortion medication, and calling for the Senate to pass the Women's Health Protection Act.**

Please [click here](#) to urge President Biden and Vice President Harris to make abortion care accessible to everyone.

July Lunch & Learn: Abortion from the Interfaith Perspective



July Lunch and Learn:



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 UCC



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By now, most of us are familiar with Judaism's stance on abortion rights. However, several Christian denominations support abortion rights as well. These denominations have been instrumental in the interfaith movement; they too bring 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 of Temple Emanuel 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). FFSOA 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 UCC 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

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration New Hotline Number



Did you know? In 2020, Congress designated the new **988** dialing code to operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's (1-800-273-8255) network of over 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.

On July 16, 2022, the U.S. will transition to using the 988-dialing code, and it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen and expand the existing Lifeline.

988 is more than just an easy-to-remember number—it's a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress – whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health, substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial **988** if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

The **988** dialing code is just a first step toward strengthening and transforming crisis care in this country. It serves as a universal entry point so that no matter where you live, you can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help. Please help spread the word.

****If you, or someone you know, is experiencing suicidal ideations or crisis, please call the existing hotline at 1-800-273-8255 until July 16th, when you can dial 988.***

Know Your Missouri Voting Information

Missouri's primary election is coming up on August 2nd and will determine which candidates appear on November's general election ballot for seats in the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and the state legislature, among other races.



Essential Information:

- **Absentee voting** - Absentee voting for August 2 has begun! You can vote absentee by mail or in person. The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is **Wednesday, July 20th**. You can cast an absentee ballot in-person up until **Monday, August 1st**. [Click here](#) to request an absentee ballot by mail.
- **In-person on Election Day** - Polls are open from 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM. To find your polling place, please [click here](#).

If you have any further questions about voting, please [click here](#). If you have any problems voting either absentee or on Election Day, please call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

Save the Date: NCJW and League of Women Voters Town Hall



When: Thursday, August 18 | Time TBD

Where: Zoom

RSVP and other details coming soon



Two historic women's organizations join forces for a critical town hall about the 2022 Midterm Elections.

Join National Council of Jewish Women CEO Sheila Katz and League of Women Voters CEO Virginia Kase Solomón for a virtual Town Hall to get informed and excited about the voting landscape this year.

More details to come!

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



As more and more information leaks about events leading up to the recent SCOTUS decision, we have learned that a right-wing evangelical activist was caught on tape bragging that she prayed with Supreme Court justices. The court's majority cited a legal brief that her group filed while overturning Roe v. Wade.

[Click here](#) to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel,

"Supreme Court Justices Have Been Praying With Leaders of a Group That Helped End Roe v. Wade."

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