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National Council of Jewish Women



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**Calling all #JewsForAbortionAccess:** mark your calendar for September 12-16, the **[NCJW Abortion Access Week of Action!](#)** As we prepare for our holiest days in the calendar, National Council of Jewish Women is mobilizing the Jewish Community to advance abortion access. **[Click here](#)** to sign up to stay in the loop on action alerts and opportunities to make a difference.

## Teen Forum: Reproductive Rights

**When:** Tuesday, August 30 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

**[Click here](#)** to register

Last month, Moving Traditions hosted Talking with Teens: Reproductive Rights & Sexual Health, a webinar for parents and educators of Jewish teens. The feedback was loud and clear – teens need a space to process too.

Teens from across North America will come together to discuss issues related to reproductive rights and how they are impacted by the recent Supreme Court decision and will be facilitated by three actual teens.

Participants will have the opportunity to connect, reflect, and process their feelings. Participants are encouraged to take action and share ideas for responding to the limitations on their rights and the rights of people they love.

**Please [click here](#) to register for what should be a powerful event.**



## September Lunch & Learn: Legal Missouri and Other Ballot Initiatives

**Legal Missouri and Other Ballot Initiatives**



Sharon Geuea Jones, Founding Member  
Jones Advocacy Group

Learn More About What's on the Ballot  
Thursday, September 15, 2022  
12:00 PM CT | Zoom



John Payne, Campaign Manager  
Legal MO



**When:** Thursday, September 15 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

Legal MO, the initiative that would legalize marijuana for personal use for those 21 years old or older and allow individuals convicted of non-violent marijuana-related offenses to petition to be released from incarceration and/or have their records expunged will be on the ballot in November. What does this mean?

Recent research shows that Black people are 2.6 times more likely than whites to be arrested for marijuana possession in Missouri. And marijuana possession arrests during that same time period accounted for 50 percent of all drug arrests in Missouri, placing the state just outside the nation's Top 10 for the highest cannabis possession arrest rates.

To help illustrate the issue further, NCJWSTL is teaming up with JCRC to welcome John Payne, Campaign Manager of Legal MO and Sharon Geuea Jones, the founding member of the Jones Advocacy Group. Payne graduated with a degree in history from Washington University in Saint Louis in 2005. In 2018, he managed the successful campaign to legalize medical marijuana in Missouri. As an attorney and lobbyist, Geuea Jones has advocated on behalf of her clients in the Missouri General Assembly, at the ballot box and in the courts since 2002. In conjunction with the Missouri NAACP and the Missouri Educational Equity Partnership, she is leading the "Let Them Learn" coalition in Jefferson City.

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

**There is Still Time to Register! Meet the Janes - The Heroes of Abortion Before Roe v. Wade Film Screening**

FILM SCREENING THURSDAY, SEPT 15 | 6:30-9 PM

**MEET THE JANES**  
THE HEROES OF ABORTION ACTION BEFORE ROE V. WADE

Ethical Society of St. Louis | 9001 Clayton Road  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED, NO WALK INS | VACCINATION OR NEGATIVE TEST REQUIRED

**When:** Thursday, September 15 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM CT

**Where:** Ethical Society of St. Louis | 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117

[Click here](#) to register

In the spring of 1972, police raided an apartment on the South Side of Chicago. Seven women were arrested and charged. The accused were part of a clandestine network. Using code names, blindfolds, and safe houses to protect their identities and their work, they built an underground service for women seeking safe, affordable, illegal abortions. They called themselves Jane. **Now that we live in a post-Roe world, *The Janes* helps us envision the enormous potential for collective action to ensure abortion access.**

Prior to the screening, award winning journalist Charles Jaco will give a brief introduction about his time spent with the real Janes. At the conclusion of the film, Stacey Newman of ProgressWomen will provide information on how you can take action.

*The program is free, but [registration is required by clicking here](#). **There will be NO walk-ins allowed at the event. Proof of COVID vaccination or negative test is also required to enter.** Masks are optional, but highly encouraged. For questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).*

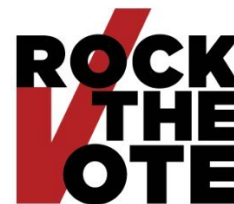
## Rock the November Vote: Registration, Regulation & Disinformation

**When:** Thursday, September 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

[Click here](#) to register

The November general election will determine U.S. House, Senate and state legislature seats. These choices, in turn, may directly impact major issues -- including housing and healthcare -- so don't miss Rock the November Vote!



Jennifer Lohman, Regional Coordinator for the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition's Election Protection Field Program and Chair of its Anti-Disinformation Committee, will discuss current registration and voting regulations. Jennifer will also connect the dots between disinformation and current voter access, as well as highlight the influence of social media on voting.

**Please [click here](#) to register. This program is co-sponsored by 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 & 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



A legal battle in Mississippi will test whether states can criminalize those who merely provide information about abortion. Recent efforts to suppress speech about abortion would seriously undermine the nation's ability to debate the topic openly and honestly. These proposals are a chilling attempt to stifle free speech. Whether you agree with abortion or not is irrelevant. You have the right to talk about it.

[Click here](#) to read Yascha Mounk's article from *The Atlantic*, "Why Freedom of Speech Is the Next Abortion Fight."

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