



NCJWSTL President Nancy Litz co-wrote a powerful Op-Ed that was published in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* last week addressing the dangers of abortion restrictions. Please [click here](#) to read.

Take the Pledge: Rebuild Missourians' Access to All Sexual & Reproductive Health Care



Within minutes of the U.S. Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, Missouri politicians banned abortion except in cases of medical emergency. NCJWSTL, Planned Parenthood and the Missouri Family Health Council have joined forces to fight and rebuild a state where everyone can access the sexual and reproductive health care — including abortion — that they need.

Now more than ever, it's important that everyone has accurate information about the health care available to them. Abortion is banned in Missouri, but **birth control is still legal & available**. Let's keep it that way.

[Click here](#) and take the pledge to fight for Missouri's reproductive future.

THIS WEEK! 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 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.

Tell Your Senators to Fill Judicial Vacancies

The Senate has returned from summer recess, and they must take immediate action to take back our courts!

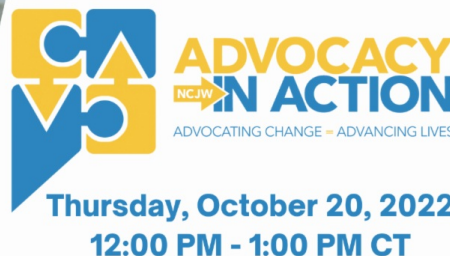
Gun safety, separation of church and state, the government's ability to fight climate change, and, of course, abortion rights have all been significantly weakened. These decisions will harm people across the country. This compromised Court chose to leave us to fend for ourselves, but we are not helpless. [The Senate must act.](#)



If our nation's highest court will not protect us, we must ensure our lower courts are filled with judges committed to protecting the rights of all of us, not just the wealthy and powerful. **There are over 100 judicial vacancies, and the Senate must move to fill every seat by the end of 2022 with judges committed to equal justice.**

[Click here](#) to tell your senators to fill every lower court vacancy.

October Lunch and Learn - Disability Rights with Sarah Jane Hunt



Sarah Jane Hunt

When: Thursday, October 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)


Disability rights are human rights. Everyone deserves to be included and live a full life in their community — accessing the same public spaces, housing opportunities, education, and work as anyone else. Many people with disabilities experience multiple risk factors for human and civil rights violations. Although the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990, discrimination still exists. Attitudes, poor enforcement of the law, underfunded programs, and fiscal difficulties in state and local government budgets all contribute to the ongoing need to be vigilant advocates for full inclusion and equity.

For October's Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome attorney Sarah Jane Hunt, who will talk about disability advocacy and its intersection with other civil rights issues. Hunt is an accomplished attorney who focuses her practice in civil rights, employment, and special education disputes. She has extensive experience representing sober homes, disability rights agencies, and individuals in fair housing matters in federal and state court. Sarah Jane also litigates collective and class actions relating to unpaid wages and


overtime under both the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and state wage and hour laws.


Please [click here](#) to register for the October Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call 314.993.5181


Host a DYI Roe the Vote Box Party





PARTY HOST INFO

 **WHO :** You + Your Friends (10-20 people is ideal)

 **WHAT :** Send Roe Your Vote Care Packages to College Students/Friends/Relatives
(1) set up evite with event info and a list of care package items guests can sign up to bring;
(2) prep enough essentials for all guests including packing tape, filler, sharpies, notecards, and boxes (use flat rate boxes from your local post office)

 **WHERE :** Private home (or anywhere)

 **WHEN :** Before September 30th to meet the MO voter registration deadline of October 12th (ship Rosh Hashanah themed boxes by September 19th).

 **WHY :** To give our college students/friends/relatives the knowledge and power to vote, while also providing tools for reproductive health and treats for a sweet new year.

SUGGESTED CARE PACKAGE CONTENTS:

- condoms
- morning after pill (take within 3 days of sex)
- vote stickers (roe, roe, roe your vote)
- Sweet & savory snacks (swedish fish and gold fish roe theme)
- challah/honey /baked apples/freeze dried apples
- Emergen-C

Are you looking for a way to give our college students/friends/relatives the knowledge and power to vote, while also providing tools for reproductive health and treats for a sweet new year? Then look no further - host a Roe the Vote box party!

To learn more about hosting a Roe the Vote box party, please [click here](#). For any other questions, please contact Dana Sandweiss or Vicki Singer at accessmissouri@gmail.com.

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.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color

[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.

Interesting Reading

ABORTION BANS ARE AGAINST OUR RELIGION.



"The story of an abortion is never a straight line. It is a simple choice for some, but some who seek abortions suffer internally, as I did and still do. I will have to live with my ambivalent feelings. However, knowing where I am now vs. where I could have been, I would make the same decision again. The Jewish laws my mother cited helped me find the strength to go through with my choice, to tell myself that I was no less in God's eyes."

[Click here](#) to read Liesel Feldstein's article from Lilith Magazine, "How Judaism Helped me Through My Abortion."

Important Voting Information

WHAT'S IN MISSOURI'S NEW VOTING LAW, HB 1878?

Effective August 28, 2022

VOTER ID RESTRICTIONS

PHOTO I.D. REQUIRED



Present one of the following to cast a regular ballot in person:

- A nonexpired Missouri driver's license or non-driver state ID card;
- A nonexpired military ID, including a veteran's ID card;
- A nonexpired United States passport;
- Another current Photo ID from Missouri or Fed'l Gov't

Eliminates voter registration card and student ID options

No valid photo ID? Cast a provisional ballot that will only count if voter returns to poll with photo ID or signature match

VOTER REGISTRATION RESTRICTIONS

- Illegal for anyone (except gov't) to be paid or compensated for soliciting voter registration
- Those soliciting 10 or more voter registrations must register with the Secretary of State as a Voter Registration Solicitor
- Solicitors must be 18 and Missouri registered voters



ABSENTEE VOTING CHANGES



- Illegal for anyone to "solicit" an absentee ballot application
- 2 weeks no-excuse in-person absentee voting with photo ID
- Caregivers must reside with confined person to vote absentee
- No absentee ballot drop boxes
- First responders can vote absentee

OTHER VOTING CHANGES IN HB 1878

- **Eliminates** Presidential Preference Primaries
- Allows SOS to **audit voter rolls** and order removal of voters
- Eliminates electronic machines, **requires hand-counted paper ballots**
- **Gives legislature power** over challenges to voting laws
- **No grants** or outside funds to local election authorities
- Allows **private audits** of elections
- Allows voters to **update registration** address at the polls



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