



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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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.

## Host a DIY 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!

**For more information, please contact Dana Sandweiss or Vicki Singer at [accessmissouri@gmail.com](mailto:accessmissouri@gmail.com).**

## Tell President Biden and Vice President Harris to Protect Trans Health

Discriminating against trans people in healthcare is illegal, and the Biden-Harris Administration must enforce the law. Many trans and non-binary people are still facing discrimination from insurers, providers, staff, and healthcare services.



Right now, the Biden-Harris Administration needs to hear your comments on a proposed regulation for the [Affordable Care Act's Health Care Rights Law](#), also known as Section 1557. This regulation has the potential to ensure that the Administration can enforce trans people's right to be protected from discrimination and harm while seeking health care services.

[Click here](#) to submit your comment today and tell the Biden- Harris Administration that you support the new rule.

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



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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?

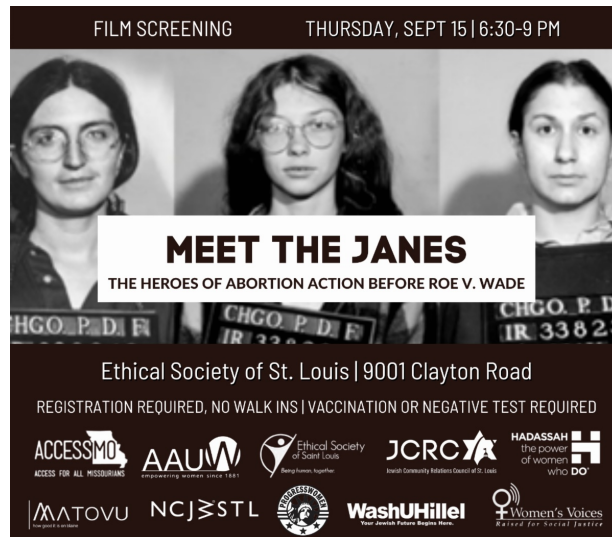
Recent research shows that Black people are 2.6 times more likely than whites to be arrested for marijuana possession in Missouri. And marijuana possession arrests during that same time period accounted for 50 percent of all drug arrests in Missouri, placing the state just outside the nation's Top 10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



**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

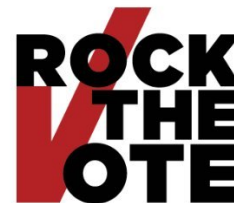
**When:** Thursday, September 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM CT

**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.

***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



Although shocking to read, the story of the 10-year-old rape victim who was forced to leave her home state of Ohio to have an abortion in Indiana was not an isolated case. It's a nationwide problem: Over 4,000 girls age 14 and under become pregnant in the United States each year, and in Ohio half of these pregnancies have ended in abortion. Without access to abortion (which is now illegal in Indiana as well), many of these girls will be forced to carry their pregnancies to term—a tragic scenario for a

child and for our society.

**[Click here](#) to read Lauren Beene, Frances Fei, Anita Somani and Erica Lundgrin's article from Ms. Magazine, "Doctors Say: Early Pregnancies Harm Girls. Abortion Bans Will Make Them Worse."**

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