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Want to help people seeking access to reproductive healthcare in our region? Want to make a "hands-on" difference in someone's life? NCJWSTL has partnered with local clinics to provide direct support services to patients. Help us help women in our region by ordering from our [Amazon Wish List](#). These items will be stocked at the clinics for patients in need. NCJWSTL volunteers will coordinate and deliver everything to the clinics.

- Please [click here](#) for the **NCJWSTL Clinic Wish List**.
- Please make sure that **NCJWSTL is the shipping address when you place an order (295 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141)**.

****Thanks in advance for your help and support.****

Volunteers Needed for Election Protection



If you agree that every eligible voter deserves to have their voice count, you can take action from home or in person by serving as a nonpartisan Election Protection volunteer for both the upcoming August 2nd Primary Election and the November 8th General Election.

NCJWSTL's coalition partner The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) is mobilizing thousands of volunteers to help our fellow Missourians navigate the voting process and cast their votes without obstruction, confusion, or intimidation. [Will you sign up to be one of them?](#)

As a nonpartisan Election Protection volunteer, you will assist voters who encounter any problems voting. You will receive training and much of this can be done from your car!

Please [click here](#) for more information and to sign up to protect the vote with MOVPC's Election Protection program in Missouri!

Knit for Reproductive Justice!

Are you a member of a knitting circle or just looking for a reason to dust off your knitting needles? Whether you are a neophyte or a seasoned pro, we need you!

As mentioned above, NCJWSTL has partnered with local clinics to provide direct support services to patients seeking

reproductive care. Among the items our partner clinics have requested is blankets and scarves. We will provide the yarn and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference while enjoying a favorite hobby. A win-win for all!

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.



Tell the FDA: We Need Over-the-Counter Birth Control Now!



Did you know? An application for the first-ever over-the-counter (OTC) birth control pill was filed with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in June.

The FDA announced an advisory committee will meet on November 18 to review the application. This meeting is a key step in the FDA's regulatory process and an important opportunity for public testimony emphasizing the strong evidence and broad support for OTC birth control pills for people of all ages.

You can submit testimony letting the FDA know that everyone should have the resources they need to plan their futures, including the birth control method of their choice, free from barriers or stigma. **Submissions must be received by November 3.**

Please [click here](#) to submit your electronic testimony urging the FDA to approve over-the-counter birth control.

November Lunch and Learn - NCJW's Israel Programming With Kalela Lancaster



Thursday, November 17, 2022
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Kalela Lancaster

When: Thursday, November 17 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

Did you know? For more than 70 years, NCJW has been supporting women, children and families throughout Israeli society regardless of ethnicity, religion, and economic status. NCJW does its work through a gender lens, empowering Israeli and American women to advocate for a robust civil society. With our grants to Israeli organizations, participation in advocacy coalitions, policy statements, and our pioneering work in education and research, NCJW is a leader of women's and gender rights in Israel.

For our November Lunch and Learn, we are thrilled to welcome Kalela Lancaster, NCJW Israel's Program Manager, who will speak about the impact our programs have had in underserved communities all over Israel.

Kalela Lancaster joined NCJW as Israel Program Manager in November 2021, with

responsibility for driving NCJW's strategy to strengthen the feminist field in Israel through a range of capacity building and philanthropic initiatives, and for engaging NCJW advocates in our Israel work.

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

Absentee Voting Information - What You Need to Know

We hope you are registered to vote! If you plan on voting absentee, the following information will help you:

- All absentee ballot requests must be received by October 26th.
- To request an absentee ballot in St. Louis County, [click here](#).
- To request an absentee ballot in St. Louis City, [click here](#).



Absentee voting began on September 27th. Ballots **must** be received by 7:00 pm on Nov 8th, either by mail or in-person. **Absentee ballots must be notarized.** The statement on the outside of the ballot envelope must be signed in front of a notary public. **NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager Jen Bernstein is happy to notarize your ballot.** Please contact her at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org to make an appointment.

Remember, ballots can be turned in person by a close family member on or before November 8th, but if you plan to mail your ballot, we suggest doing so no later than October 27th.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

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.
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Interesting Reading

As of the middle of August, more than two dozen states have introduced — and 11 states have enacted — bills or rules to restrict the teaching of history and contemporary social realities. Right-wing activists have mounted similar attacks at school board meetings throughout the country. This stunning barrage of legislation and policies aims to ban teaching critical



race theory (CRT), and supposedly “divisive topics” in the curriculum. And it’s happening even at well-regarded public high schools like New Trier, outside of Chicago.

[Click here](#) to read Isabela Diaz’s article from Mother Jones, “The Right-Wing Attack on Public Education Began in One Elite Illinois High School .”

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