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Human Trafficking Lobby Day

When: Wednesday, February 1 | Time TBD

Where: Missouri State Capitol

Please join us for important conversations with legislators and coalition partners on Human Trafficking in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness month.

This event is presented by Missouri State Senator Brian Williams, the Missouri Attorney General Human Trafficking Task Force, and the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis.



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

Urge #MOLeg to Protect and Expand Access to Birth Control



NCJW ACTION ALERT

As Missouri legislators gaveled in for the 2023 regular legislative session today, we know access to birth control is more vulnerable than ever and "[anything's on the table](#)" when it comes to limiting access. But we also know Missourians across the political spectrum strongly support greater access to birth control and want policy

solutions that increase health equity and access to healthcare.

Missourians want our state legislature to increase access to birth control, not restrict it. So we're asking our elected officials to pass the following legislation:

1. Annual-Supply Birth Control;
2. Pharmacist-Dispensing of Birth Control; and
3. The Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act.

When signed into law, these policies will significantly increase access to contraception, improving health equity and reproductive health outcomes.

Please [click here](#) to urge our lawmakers not just to protect, but to **expand** access to contraception now.

Abortion Stories: Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade and the Work that Continues



When: Sunday, January 22 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM CT

Where: Congregation Shaare Emeth | 11645 Ladue Road | St. Louis, MO 63141

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All too often, discussions in this country regarding abortion do not involve the most important voices: the voices of those who have experienced abortion. The Focus on Abortion exhibit seeks to correct this omission by giving a platform to these voices that span every geographic area, generation, and socioeconomic background. Sharing these complex and nuanced stories has the potential to mitigate the profound stigma that surrounds abortion in the United States.

NCJWSTL and Congregation Shaare Emeth are thrilled to cosponsor a joint exhibit and program to honor the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* this month. The program will include time to browse the exhibit, a panel discussion featuring speakers sharing their own abortion stories from the pre-, during and post-Roe eras, and light refreshments.

The event is free of charge, but you must register to attend by [clicking here](#). If you aren't able to attend the program, you can still view the exhibit at Congregation Shaare Emeth January 10-29. Please contact them at (314) 569-0010 to set up a time. For more information, please contact Jen Bernstein at jkbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

The Big Chill: How Extremism Is Eroding Our Rights

When: Wednesday, January 18 | 7:00 PM CT (doors open at 6:30 PM)

Where: The Center of Clayton | 50 Gay Ave.

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"The Big Chill" reflects not only the probable winter temperature but also the chilling effect of current extremism and fundamentalism in our society. Marie Griffith, PhD, director, John C. Danforth Center of Religion and Politics, will speak on what we can do to help put an end to this scourge.



Dr. Marie Griffith is a Distinguished Professor in the Humanities and editor of the Danforth Center's journal, *Religion & Politics*. Her research and writing focuses on American Christianity, including the changing profile of American evangelicals and ongoing conflicts over gender, sexuality and marriage.

This program is presented by Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice and co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis, the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis, and the Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and a mask will be required for entry.

January Lunch and Learn - Shopping Ethically with David Cook



Thursday, January 19, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

David Cook

When: Thursday, January 19 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Ethical shopping has been a rising topic for some time now. The phrase "vote with your dollars" has even become a common rallying cry for making ethical decisions with daily purchases. However, as ethical shopping is a broad and sometimes complex topic, it can be difficult to know where to get started.

Fortunately, making ethical purchases is well worth the benefits it can bring to your local community and the world at large (like when you shop at [NCJWSTL's ReSale Shop!](#)). Plus, some methods of ethical shopping can be easily added to your normal shopping routine. For our January Lunch and Learn, we are thrilled to welcome David Cook to help us navigate this landscape

David Cook serves as President for U.F.C.W. Local 655. David joined Local 655 in 1977 as a courtesy clerk for Kroger. In 1987, he began his career with Local 655 in the Organizing Department and has worked as a service representative prior to his current position. In addition to his duties with the Local, he is also a delegate to the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, trustee for the UFCW Local 655 Pension Fund and UFCW Local 655

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

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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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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



Since the U.S. Supreme Court's devastating decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* eliminated the federal right to abortion, abortion rights advocates and government officials alike have either passively forgotten or intentionally disregarded the health needs of 58,000 pregnant people entering jails and prisons every year, along with the almost 225,000 women and girls held in local jails, juvenile centers, state and federal prisons.

[Click here](#) to read Janet-Garcia Hallett and Carla Laroche's article in *Ms.*, "Protect the Abortion Rights of People in Prison Too."

Want to help people seeking access to reproductive healthcare in our region?

Here is an opportunity 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)**.

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