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March 3 - 5, 2023

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- Purim's Persian Queen Esther: An Advocate Then, An Example Now

For additional information, view/download [this conference flyer!](#)

Legislation Watch - Take Action Today!

NCJWSTL is closely monitoring the following legislation this week and we are asking you to take action:

HJR 43 - This bill would attack our citizen initiative process by making it harder to get a citizen initiative on the ballot and more difficult for measures to pass once on the ballot.

NCJWSTL will be in Jefferson City TODAY testifying in opposition to HJR 43. Please contact the members of the [Senate Local Government and Elections Committee](#) and urge them to vote NO on HJR 43. The hearing begins at 1:00 PM, so please contact them this morning. [Click here](#) for the committee's contact information.



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SB 4 - This bill would restrict what could be taught in the classroom, including Civil Rights history and even Holocaust history. This bill will be heard TODAY in the [Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee](#) at 1:30 PM. Please contact the members of this committee this morning and urge them to vote NO on SB 4. [Click here](#) for the committee's contact information.

HB 442 - This bill would allow for a person using drug manufacturer coupons for prescriptions to count the coupon's amount toward their deductible, which is currently prohibited. NCJWSTL will be testifying in support of this bill at noon today. Please contact members of the [House Health and Mental Health Policy](#) and urge them to vote YES on HB 442. [Click here](#) for the committee's contact information.

SB 21 is scheduled to come to a vote on the Senate floor today. This bill would tie the duration of unemployment benefits to the unemployment rate and lower Missouri's number of weeks to as low as eight, which would be the **lowest in the nation**. We currently have 20 weeks, which is still shorter than the average state, which is 26. It is important to remember that unemployment rates are not always accurate and do not take into consideration all factors. Please contact your Senator today and ask them to vote no. [Click here](#) to find your Senator's contact information.

Repro Shabbat is This Weekend!



When: Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18
Where: [Central Reform Congregation](#), [Congregation B'nai Amoona](#),
[Congregation Shaare Emeth](#) and [Congregation Temple Israel](#)
Specifics: Please click on the congregation name above.

In the Jewish year 5782, we lost our legal right to abortion. In 5783, we're committed to restoring reproductive freedom for everyone.

This Shabbat, we read Parshat Mishpatim, which includes the verses that explain Judaism's approach to abortion. Judaism not only permits abortion but even requires it when life is at stake. And, of course, pikuach nefesh – preserving the life of the pregnant person – and, more broadly, building a just society, are ultimate Jewish concerns.

Please join one of the above congregations for a Repro Shabbat program (NCJWSTL will be represented at B'nai Amoona). With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, it's crucial that we talk openly about bodily autonomy, reproductive freedom and abortion.

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

THIS WEEK! February Lunch and Learn - Tackling Conspiracy Theories and Disinformation



Thursday, February 16, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Sarah Fenske

When: Thursday, February 16 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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With an abundance of misinformation and non-factual reporting, it can be challenging to decipher what is factual information and what is not. Misinformation is nothing new. Newspapers have been accused of printing fake news stories since they began. But now misinformation can reach a global audience within seconds via social media platforms.

Without factually correct information guiding their decision-making processes, everyone from children to seniors are likely to form incorrect opinions and views of the world around them.

To help us navigate this landscape, we are thrilled to welcome Sarah Fenske as our February Lunch and Learn speaker. Fenske served as host of St. Louis on the Air from July 2019 until June 2022. Before that, she spent twenty years in newspapers, working as a reporter, columnist, and editor in Cleveland, Houston, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and St. Louis.

She won the Livingston Award for Young Journalists for her work in Phoenix exposing corruption at the local housing authority. She also won numerous awards for column writing, including multiple first place wins from the Arizona Press Club, the Association of Women in Journalism (the Clarion Awards), and the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

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

Learn How to Fight Attacks on Missouri's Initiative Petition Process

When: Thursday, February 16 | 7:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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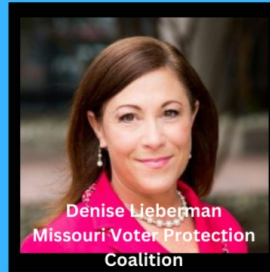
The Citizen Initiative Petition Version 2023

What It is, How It is At Risk, And What You Can Do

Thursday, Feb. 16, 7:00 PM

via Zoom - bit.ly/3X8btOw

Join us for a virtual panel discussion featuring experts on the current Initiative Petition proposal, its trajectory and concrete actions you can take to fight back.



The Missouri General Assembly again is trying to change the Citizen Initiative Petition, making it more difficult for citizens to have a say in our Democracy. In 2022, we fought back these efforts. The Missouri House has already passed a bill, and the Missouri Senate will soon consider it. Join us to learn what you can do to stop these changes; and what happens if Initiative Petition changes become a ballot measure.

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National Council of Jewish Women St Louis
Will of the People Coalition
Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice

Please [click here](#) for more information and to register.

Moms Demand Action Lobby Day

When: Tuesday, March 7 | 10:00 AM CT

Where: Missouri State Capitol

[RSVP Here](#)

Each year, Missouri Moms Demand Action volunteers meet with state lawmakers about priority gun violence prevention policies to keep our communities safer. This is a great opportunity to make sure our legislators know MDA concerns, to show appreciation for those legislators who already support their work, and to meet and support other volunteers.



To register for the Moms Demand Action lobby day and for more information, please [click here](#).

NOTE: Carpools will be available for those who need a ride to Jefferson City.

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 2023! 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, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2023.

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Interesting Reading



A case pending at the Federal District Court in Amarillo, Texas, could have catastrophic consequences on the ability of patients across the United States to access needed medication abortion care and miscarriage management. A decision in favor of the plaintiffs in this case would essentially remove mifepristone from the marketplace, affecting every

single state (not just those in which abortion is currently illegal) and exacerbating the current abortion care crisis in the U.S. NCJWSTL is monitoring this closely and will keep our membership informed of this ongoing situation.

[Click here](#) to read a new article in the Journal of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), "Mifepristone in the Courts."

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).**

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

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