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March 3-5, 2023

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- Storytelling Strategy: The Personal is Political
- Purim's Persian Queen Esther: An Advocate Then, An Example Now

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

Tell Your Legislators TODAY to Help Protect Medicaid!

Last week, NCJWSTL Past President Farilyn Hale and CEO Ellen Alper testified in opposition to [SJR 4](#), a dangerous attack on Missouri's already overwhelmed health care safety net. This measure would effectively gut Medicaid expansion by allowing politicians to take out whatever they don't like and instituting racist and discriminatory "work requirements." Politicians are trying to take away health care access even though **Missouri voters overwhelmingly approved Medicaid Expansion in 2020.**



Hundreds of thousands of people across Missouri rely on Medicaid for critical sexual and reproductive healthcare. Every Missourian should have access to the full range of reproductive health care. This basic right is the foundation of freedom and opportunity

for Missourians and their families.

Please [click here](#) to email the members of the Missouri Senate Committee on Health and Welfare TODAY and tell them to Vote NO on SJR 4!

Join MOCADSV for Capitol Advocacy Days



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Missouri Coalition Against
Domestic and Sexual Violence

When: Wednesday, February 8, February 15 and February 22 | 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM CT

Where: Missouri State Capitol

[Click Here to Register for February 8](#)

[Click Here to Register for February 15](#)

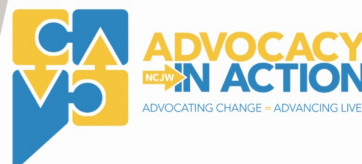
[Click Here to Register for February 22](#)

Our coalition partners at the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV) are excited to announce that they will be holding three Capitol Advocacy Days this year. You are welcome to attend one or all three! Advocates from MOCADSV member agencies meet annually with legislators - virtually or in the Capitol - each week in February to put into practice the refrain of MOCADSV's legislative advocacy: "We change laws. We change lives."

Meetings occur between advocates, survivors, and members from every MOCADSV membership region with Missouri's 34 state Senators and 163 state Representatives.

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

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

[RSVP Here](#)

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.

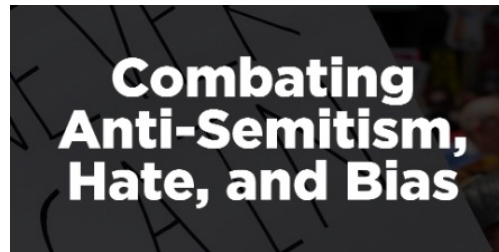
To help us navigate this landscape, we are thrilled to welcome Sarah Fenske as our February Lunch and Learn speaker. Fenske served as host of St. Louis on the Air from July 2019 until June 2022. Before that, she spent twenty years in newspapers, working as a reporter, columnist, and editor in Cleveland,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

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

Fighting Bigotry and Hatred with Jordan Kadosh from the ADL

When: Tuesday, February 21 | 10:00 AM CT
Where: The Mirowitz Center at Covenant Place | 8 Millstone Campus Drive
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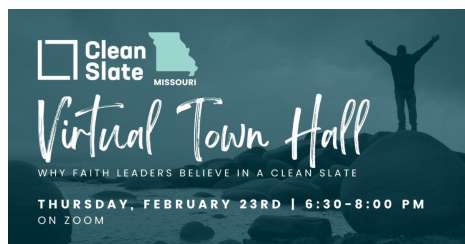


Why has racist and antisemitic rhetoric become so normalized? Learn answers to tough questions about bigotry, hatred, and misinformation with ADL (Anti-Defamation League) Heartland's Regional Director, Jordan Kadosh. This free program – part of our "Fighting Bigotry & Hatred" series – is co-sponsored by ADL Heartland, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, and the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis, and is provided in conjunction with FEL (Friends Enjoying Life), an organization supported by the Mirowitz Center.

There is no cost to attend, but RSVP is required. You may register online by [clicking here](#) or emailing Susan Kemppainen at skemppainen@mirowitzcenter.org.

NOTE: Masks are highly encouraged for this in-person program, but not required.

Virtual Town Hall - Why Faith Leaders Believe in a Clean Slate



When: Thursday, February 23 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM CT
Where: Zoom
[RSVP Here](#)

Join Missouri faith leaders for a conversation about forgiveness, community healing, and automatic expungement. Clean Slate would offer a second chance to Missouri families who have been held back

by a criminal record. Learn about the current legislation and how to support advocacy efforts at this virtual event.

Please [click here](#) to register for the event and go to www.mocleanslate.org to learn more.

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. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2023.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
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Interesting Reading



At 52, Susan Rames was looking for a way to give back. She worked part time at a Kentucky hospital as a postpartum nurse and, with her three children nearly grown, she had some extra time during the week. Motivated by her Christian faith, Rames decided to volunteer at ALC Pregnancy Resource Center, a crisis pregnancy center whose mission is to discourage people from seeking abortions.

That's when she spotted the red flags.

[Click here](#) to read Laura C. Morel's article from Reveal, "This Nurse Wanted to Help Women Avoid Abortions. Then She Saw Infection Control Problems at a Crisis Pregnancy Center."

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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