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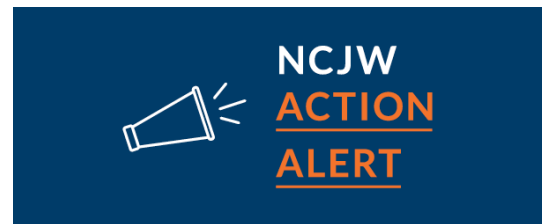
Legislation Watch - Take Action Today!

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

Both anti-trans bills that passed the Senate in March are now scheduled for a public hearing in the House. Tomorrow at 4:30 p.m., NCJWSTL will testify against a transgender athlete ban ([SB 39](#)) and a transgender healthcare ban ([SB 49](#)). These bills both aim to take away the ability for trans youth to thrive and simply exist. Lawmakers know the harm they are causing and still continue to use trans youth as political pawns to score political points with their base.

Both bills will be heard in the [Missouri House General Laws Committee](#). We encourage you to either submit testimony online by [clicking here](#) and/or contact the members of the General Laws Committee by [clicking here](#). Urge them to vote **NO** on SB 39 and SB 49.

SB 4 - This bill is commonly known as the "Parents Bill of Rights." If passed, this legislation would create a chilling effect on teachers regarding how they teach accurate historical events and curriculum. It has already passed the Senate and will be heard in the [Missouri House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee](#) on Wednesday. NCJWSTL will be there to testify against it. We encourage you to either submit testimony online by [clicking here](#) and/or contact the members of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee by [clicking here](#). Urge them to vote **NO** on SB 4.



TOMORROW! NCJW's Medication Abortion Briefing



When: Tuesday, April 11 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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On Friday, April 7, federal judges in both Texas and Washington state issued contradictory rulings on the abortion pill mifepristone. These dueling decisions make this situation even more complex, and may likely fast track the case to the Supreme Court.

Please join NCJW for a special briefing for the Jewish community on the status of mifepristone access in the United States. Mifepristone is the most common drug used for medication abortion and miscarriage care. We will learn from doctors and other experts who will provide background on the medication, the legal implications of the two decisions out of Washington and Texas, and its impact on the communities we care about, including women and people who can become pregnant.

Please [click here](#) to register. The zoom link will be emailed to you tomorrow morning.

April Lunch and Learn - Criminal Justice with Lindsay Runnels



Thursday, April 20, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Lindsay Runnels

When: Thursday, April 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Lamar Johnson was convicted in 2004 of shooting a man several times in broad daylight. No physical evidence connected him to the incident. After spending 13 years in prison, the state's attorney's office concluded that eyewitness testimony during the trial was flawed and that the two witnesses who identified Johnson as the gunman had said that he merely "looked similar" to the shooter.

One of the attorneys instrumental in securing his freedom is Lindsay Runnels, whom we are thrilled to welcome as our April Lunch and Learn speaker. Runnels is an attorney at Morgan Pilate, LLC in Kansas City, Missouri. She specializes in trial and post-conviction criminal defense, innocence, and civil rights litigation. She is a former clinical professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law where she was the director of the Wrongful Convictions Clinic in partnership with the Midwest Innocence Project.

Please join us to hear about this incredible effort to free an innocent man and what we can do to advocate for others who are wrongly convicted.

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

The Language of Abortion: How to Talk With People who Don't Believe What you Believe

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Sunday, April 30, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CT



Marlene Hammerman



Brian Silva



Dr. Diane Rosen



When: Sunday, April 30 at 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM CT

Where: Zoom

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More than ever, it's now a critical time to talk about abortion with your friends and family – even if you disagree about the issue. The U.S. Supreme Court took away our constitutional right to abortion and robbed our ability to control our bodies and future healthcare decisions. **Discussing it openly is one way you can fight back.**

We know these are not easy conversations to have with those who may not share our same perspectives on abortion. This is why NCJWSTL is excited to partner with American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice to offer a workshop on how to confidently talk about abortion, give you the tools necessary to have what may be difficult conversations, and increase the possibilities for positive outcomes.

Our speakers are **Brian Silva**, Vice President of Outreach and Engagement at Americans United for Separation of Church and State and **Dr. Diane Rosen**, a local OBGYN. The program will be moderated by NCJWSTL Past President **Marlene Hammerman**, who has been entrenched in the abortion rights battle for decades.

Please [click here](#) to register. For more information, 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 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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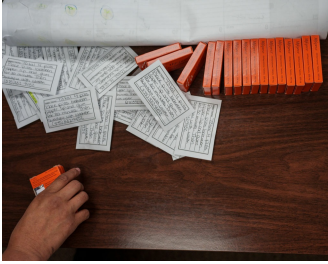
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Interesting Reading

For those who are unable to participate in the NCJW webinar on the mifepristone rulings, Ms. Magazine has published an informative article breaking down the competing rulings, why



they happened and what's next.

[Click here](#) to read Carrie N. Baker's article from Ms. Magazine, "Federal Courts in Texas and Washington Release Contradictory Rulings. Abortion Pills Remain on the Market—For Now "

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