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Tell Governor Parson: Veto Cruel Anti-Trans Bills

On Wednesday, May 10, both [SB 39](#) and [SB 49](#) were passed by the Missouri legislature. These bills, which specifically target trans children and their families, will now head to Governor Parson's desk for his signature.

NCJWSTL is absolutely appalled that the lives of transgender Missourians, especially children, have been the focus of an entire legislative session. Instead of working to increase healthcare access for pregnant people, trying to curb the gun violence epidemic or fighting human trafficking, the Missouri legislature decided it was more important to punish children who are just trying to live their lives authentically.

Lawmakers know the harm they are causing and still continue to use transgender Missourians as political pawns to score points with their base. NCJWSTL, with guidance from our coalition partners from [PROMO](#) and other LGBTQ+ organizations, will continue to fight for trans rights. We need your help.

Please [click here](#) to contact Governor Parson and tell him to veto Senate Bill 39 and 49.



THIS THURSDAY! May Lunch and Learn - Legislative Session Wrapup with Amy Kuo Hammerman and Mandy Hagseth



Amy Kuo Hammerman
NCJWSTL State Policy
Advocacy Chair



Thursday, May 18, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT



Mandy Hagseth
The Missouri Family Health
Council's Director of Policy
& External Affairs

When: Thursday, May 18 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

The 2023 Missouri legislative session came to an end on May 12th. It became evident early in the session that as usual, NCJWSTL would be in the position of defending against a slew of legislation designed to harm women, children and families in our state. From the relentless attacks on trans kids to the attempts to undermine the initiative petition process, it has certainly been a doozy of a session. It can often be very difficult for the layperson to navigate its intricacies.

For our May Lunch and Learn, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome NCJWSTL State Policy Advocacy Chair Amy Kuo Hammerman and The Missouri Family Health Council's Director of Policy and External Affairs Mandy Hagseth. Both have been a constant presence in Jefferson City this session and will provide an insider's view on everything that happened in the Capitol this year.

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

Rethink Media Presents: A Voting Rights Roundtable

When: Wednesday, May 31 | 12:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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What would you ask a panel of national reporters about the media's coverage of voting rights?

With voting restrictions being attempted in many states (including Missouri) and policy debates underway nationwide, don't miss your opportunity to engage with top journalists as well as position yourself as an issue expert ahead of the 2024 cycle. The panel includes Kira Lerner, democracy editor at The Guardian, Mike Lillis, senior reporter at The Hill and Cassandra Jaramillo, national reporter with ProPublica.

Please [click here](#) to register for the roundtable and hear what these reporters think will be the top voting rights stories in 2024 and what narratives are defining their editorial decision-making.



Disarming Antisemitism With ADL's Cheryl Drazin



NCJWSTL PRESENTS
CHERYL DRAZIN

DISARMING ANTISEMITISM:
 GUN VIOLENCE + ANTISEMITISM
 JUNE 1, 2023
 10:30 AM - 11:30 PM

NCJWSTL + ADL

When: Thursday, June 1 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Where: NCJWSTL Office | 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd. or via Zoom

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As hate crimes and mass shootings continue to spread across the US with little legislative reform, it becomes increasingly important to stay informed and connected with others. June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, and NCJWSTL is honored to host Cheryl Drazin from the Anti-Defamation League to speak on the connection between antisemitism and gun violence.

As Vice President of ADL's Central Division, Cheryl Drazin and her team work daily to fight antisemitism and all forms of hate in the Austin, Heartland, Michigan, Midwest, Mountain States, Plains States/CRC, Southwest and Texoma regional offices.

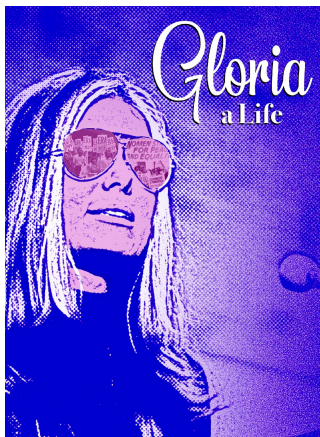
As a Texan, she closely watched last year when an armed man, making antisemitic statements, entered the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, TX while members celebrated Shabbat morning services. This terrifying attack certainly wasn't the first act of violence based in antisemitism; and, as many experts warn, it might not be the last.

Please join us for a special program to learn more about how we can push back against this violence. There is a direct connection between antisemitism and gun violence and Cheryl will share her perspectives based on the work that ADL had done throughout the Midwest.

Please RSVP to attend either in person or on zoom - both options are available - by [clicking here](#). Space at the NCJWSTL office is limited so make your reservation today. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call the NCJWSTL offices at 314-993-5181.

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to the community at no cost in partnership with ADL Heartland.

Save the Date: NCJWSTL Night at the New Jewish Theater Production of Gloria A Life



When: Thursday, June 8 | 7:30 PM

Where: New Jewish Theater at the JCC | 2 Millstone Campus Dr., St. Louis, 63146

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

NCJWSTL and the New Jewish Theater are excited to team up for a special performance of Gloria A Life with a discussion after the performance with the play's actors facilitated by NCJWSTL President Nancy Litz and NCJWSTL CEO Ellen Alper.

Decades after Gloria Steinem began raising her voice for equality and championing the voices of others, her vision is as urgent as ever. In this exploration of the iconic feminist's legacy and the women who inspired and fought alongside her (including Dorothy

Pitman Hughes, Flo Kennedy, Bella Abzug, Coretta Scott King, and Wilma Mankiller) the first act tells her story, and the second invites the audience to share their own. Gloria: A Life embodies Steinem's philosophy that conversation is a catalyst for change as it celebrates one of the most inspiring women of our time.

This will be an amazing event that you won't want to miss!

Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets. Use discount code **NCJW!** to get \$5 off each ticket for the June 8th performance.

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.

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



Nearly a year after Roe v. Wade was overturned, a new report by the National Abortion Federation published Thursday reveals how mass clinic closures due to abortion bans have impacted clinics in states where abortion remains legal. In particular, clinics in states where abortion rights are proactively protected—what the NAF calls “protective states”—now face the brunt of targeted anti-abortion violence.

[Click here](#) to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel, "Abortion Clinics See Triple-Digit Spikes in Stalking, Burglaries, Bomb Threats and Arson."

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