



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

Please Continue to Contact Governor Parson's Office and Urge Him to 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.

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

[RSVP Here](#)

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.

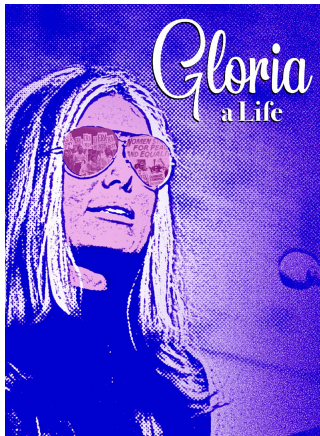
As a Texan, she closely watched last year when an armed man, making antisemitic statements, entered the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, TX while members celebrated Shabbat morning services. This terrifying attack certainly wasn't the first act of violence based in antisemitism; and,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

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.

Abortion and the Initiative Petition Process

When: Monday, June 12 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM CT

Where: Private home - upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email with the event location.

ABORTION AND THE BALLOT INITIATIVE PROCESS

Monday, June 12, 2023
6 to 7:30 pm



JOIN US, TAKE ACTION, & GET UPDATES ON:

- Attacks on the ballot initiative process
- Efforts to add a right to abortion into the Missouri Constitution
- How we can help

More information:
accessmissouri@gmail.com

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THE SPEAKERS

Tori Schaefer
ACLU MO



**Richard
Von Glahn**
Jobs with
Justice



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on the location.



June Lunch and Learn - The State of LGBTQ+ Rights in Missouri with Senator Greg Razer



Thursday, June 15, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Greg Razer

When: Thursday, June 15 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, in commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising. In past years, it felt to many like equality and inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community became a non-issue, but if this year's Missouri legislative session taught us anything, this is not the case. Members of the Senate made it their mission to target trans youth (at the

expense of other important legislation) and passed two extremely harmful bills targeting trans children and their families.

In honor of Pride Month, we are excited to welcome Senator Greg Razer, who is the only openly gay member of the Missouri State Senate. As a once-suicidal teen struggling with his sexuality growing up in southern Missouri's cotton country, Razer especially feels a kinship with transgender youth who are targeted in our state. He spent the entire session standing up for these kids and worked relentlessly to try and stall these bills. We are excited to hear from him what we can do as community volunteers to support trans youth and how we can plan for future legislative attacks against the LGBTQ+ community.

Prior to his election to the legislature, Razer was a field organizer for PROMO, the state's major LGBTQ+ advocacy organization, and worked on the campaign staff of Senator Claire McCaskill.

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

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 Video



May is both Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month AND Jewish American Heritage Month. As two communities who are both stereotyped as "model minorities", American Jews and Asian Americans should be uniquely positioned for mutual understanding and solidarity. However, as is common for Jews of Color, many Asian American Jews experience feeling excluded, tokenized, or fetishized in Jewish communities. In this episode,

Jewish Asian Americans share our experiences with racism, antisemitism, and the model minority myth, in hopes of inspiring a much-needed broader dialogue about inclusion in the Jewish community and beyond.

[Click here](#) to watch *From Division to Solidarity - Asian American Jews Speak Out*.

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