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TOMORROW! Messaging Training: Abortion and Religious Freedom

When: Tuesday, June 20 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM CT
Where: Jewish Federation | 12 Millstone Campus Drive
[RSVP Here](#)

NCJWSTL is proud to cosponsor this training designed to teach powerful ways to talk about abortion, the Missouri abortion access lawsuit and project and how church-state separation and religious freedom run through it all. With these tools and skills, participants will be able to help change the conversation and move the needle on these topics in any situation.

The program will be facilitated by [Brian Silva](#), Vice President of Outreach and Engagement at Americans United for Separation of Church and State and is co-sponsored by the Bohm Center for Social Justice of the JCRC, NCJWSTL, Access MO, Ashrei Foundation, Pro Choice Missouri, Central Reform Congregation and Congregation Shaare Emeth.

This is a free program but registration required. A light dinner will be served. Please [click here](#) to register.

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Where Are We Now? A Supreme Court Term Debrief



When: Wednesday, June 21 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM CT
Where: Zoom
[RSVP Here](#)

Join National Council of Jewish Women and The Leadership Conference Education Fund for the second in our three-part series about the Supreme Court, "Where Are We Now? A Supreme Court Term Debrief." We will be joined by special guest [Leah Litman](#), professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School and co-host of [Strict Scrutiny](#), a podcast about

the Supreme Court.

This special [Courts Matter](#) program will focus on some of the Supreme Court's blockbuster cases from this term and the impact on our rights. From reproductive justice to voting rights to affirmative action and more, you won't want to miss our engaging speakers and their expert analysis on the issues that impact our everyday lives.

This event is free of charge, but you must register to attend by [clicking here](#).

Yahrtzeit of Roe Virtual Candle Lighting with National NCJW

When: Friday, June 23 | 12:00 - 12:30 PM CT

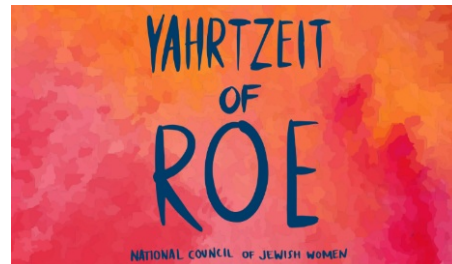
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June 24, 2023 marks one year since the Supreme Court took away the constitutional right to abortion with their ruling to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Without the protections of *Roe*, more than half of states across the country (including Missouri) have implemented abortion restrictions or bans that have exacerbated structural inequalities blocking access to abortion and other reproductive care.

In Judaism, it is customary to mark the anniversary date of a death, a *yahrtzeit*, to mourn, remember, and honor the departed.

*Please [click here](#) to join us for a virtual *yahrtzeit* candle lighting and mark this one year anniversary to affirm your commitment to the path forward in abortion access.*



Reproductive Freedom Block Party

When: Sunday, June 25 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM CT

Where: Ritz Park | 3147 S. Grand, St. Louis, 63116

[RSVP Here](#)

One year ago the Supreme Court overturned #RoevWade, and within minutes Missouri became the first state in the country to make providing abortion a criminal offense.

We are choosing determination over despair and celebrating a year of resilience & resistance in the face of ongoing attacks.

Join us with our Repro Justice partners for an afternoon of celebration!

For more information and to register, please [click here](#).



July Lunch and Learn - Domestic Violence and the Court Watch Project with Carla Maley



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

Carla Maley

When: Thursday, July | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

Intimate partner violence, sexual assault, harassment, and stalking affect millions of Americans. On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million individuals. It can happen to anyone regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age and socioeconomic background.

For our July Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome Carla Maley of St. Martha's Hall, a domestic violence shelter and longtime NCJWSTL coalition partner. Carla will not only speak to us about recognizing signs of abuse, how to direct survivors to resources and how else to help, she will also talk about the Court Watch Project.

The mission of the Court Watch Project is to make the justice system more effective and responsive in handling cases of domestic violence perpetrated against women and children and to create a more informed and involved public. It's an entirely community based program that has made a profound difference in people's lives.

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

Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!

NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the [Missouri Family Health Council](#) (MFHC) to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits!** This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.



Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, MFHC, NCJWSTL and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. You can also order an emergency contraception kit by mail by [clicking here](#).

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.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color

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Interesting Reading



Today is Juneteenth! Juneteenth is not just any holiday, it's an important one. In fact, it took nearly 156 years for our nation to celebrate the end of slavery as a national holiday, and states like South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida and 23 others still refuse to recognize it. Still, a Gallup poll found that in 2021, 62 percent of Americans reported knowing little to nothing about Juneteenth.

[Click here](#) to read Antjuan Seawright's article from *The Root*, "Why Juneteenth Isn't a Black Holiday, but an American Holiday."

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