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TOMORROW! Antisemitism Briefing with Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt

When: Tuesday, June 27 | 12:00 - 12:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom

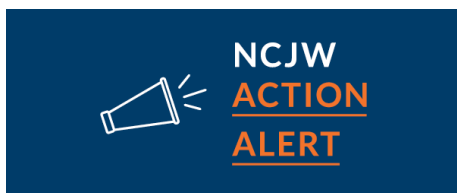
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Last month, the Biden administration announced its [National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism](#), an ambitious plan to mobilize all of government to address the alarming rate of antisemitism in the US. Hear from [Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt](#), US special envoy to combat antisemitism, one of the lead architects of the plan, in conversation with NCJW CEO Sheila Katz, as they break down the unprecedented, comprehensive strategy.



Please [click here](#) to register. You will not want to miss this important briefing.

Urge Governor Parson to Veto SB 35



In 2022, there were 92,497 domestic relations cases filed in Missouri. A carve out for child custody cases where a parent has a history of domestic violence is essential. If [SB 35](#) is signed now and the legislature implements it in the 2024 session, **almost 100,000 Missouri children could have to spend 50% of their life with someone who has a history of**

abuse.

Having children in common is often a barrier for victims wanting to leave an abuser. They often look to the courts to safely separate from an abusive partner. And, if passed, this bill would limit judges' discretion in deciding the best plan for children.

We have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in Missouri.

[Click here](#) to urge Governor Parson to veto SB 35. You can also contact him at 573-751-3222.

Urge Congress to Pass The Judicial Ethics and Anti-Corruption Act

The Judicial Ethics and Anti-Corruption Act, recently re-introduced by Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) and Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), would modernize our nation's judicial ethics laws and restore public trust in our federal court system. This legislation includes an overhaul of the judicial recusal process, the establishment of a Supreme Court code of conduct and a ban on federal judges owning individual stocks. These reforms would ensure that judges and justices are held to the highest ethical standards and are free from conflicts of interest.



[Click here](#) to tell congress to pass the Judicial Ethics and Anti-Corruption Act.

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

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Where: Zoom

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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.

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Interesting Reading



A year after the right to abortion was gutted, doctors and patients are still terrified. After the Supreme Court's Dobbs ruling nullified the nearly 50-year-old Constitutional right to an abortion and handed the responsibility for its regulation back to the states, what was often a black and white decision to protect the life of the mother is now a grueling calculus of legal risk for doctors. Even in specialties far from obstetrics, the end of Roe has forced healthcare providers to waste precious time on added bureaucracy and to work in ways that deprioritize patient's best interests.

[Click here](#) to read Ariel Rachmandani's article from Mother Jones, "The Hell of Providing Health Care in a Post-Dobbs America."

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