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For those who missed last week's important conversation with Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt addressing the current state of antisemitism in the United States, you can access the recording by [clicking here](#).

Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

Pledge Your Support for Fair Wages and Earned Sick Time



NO ONE should have to choose between their paycheck and their family's health. NO ONE working full-time should have to live in poverty. However, this is NOT the reality in Missouri, which is why we are coming together again to do what the legislature refused to do for hardworking

Missourians last session.

[Missourians for Healthy Families and Fair Wages](#), a coalition of which NCJWSTL is a member, has launched a ballot initiative to gradually raise Missouri's minimum wage to \$15 by 2026 and allow employees to earn paid time off to care for themselves and loved ones.

Missourians for Health Families and Fair Wages rewards hardworking Missourians by making sure they can care for their families and keep food on the table. By gradually increasing the minimum wage, we can ensure wages can keep up with rising prices. By ensuring that all workers have the ability to earn paid sick leave, we can make sure no parent has to choose between taking care of themselves or loved ones and affording the cost of necessities like medicine or utilities.

Please [click here](#) to pledge your support for fair wages and earned paid sick time!

Urge Meta to Protect Facebook and Instagram Users from Hate

The internet was supposed to be a space for ideas and collaboration, but these days, more people are encountering hate and harassment online than ever before – especially on Facebook. According to the [ADL Center for Technology and Society's](#) latest report, more than **half** of American teens and adults have reported experiencing harassment online targeting

their faith, identity, sexual orientation, or race.

Meta continues to allow hateful content to flow unchecked on Facebook and Instagram because it's good for profits, even if it's antisemitic, racist or homophobic and transphobic. There are simple steps that Meta can take to put people over profits and ensure we are all safe from hate, but we need your help. We all deserve to feel safe online.



Please [click here](#) to urge Meta to protect Facebook and Instagram users from hate.

Urge Governor Parson to Veto SB 35



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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

Carla Maley

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

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.

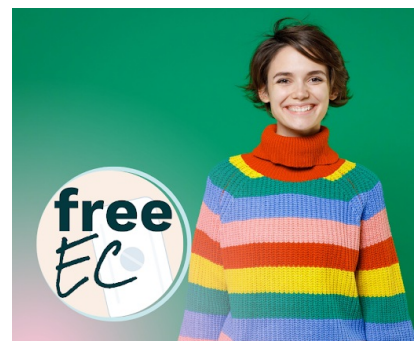
For our July Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome Carla Maley of St. Martha's Hall, a domestic violence shelter and longtime NCJWSTL coalition partner. Carla will not only speak to us about recognizing signs of abuse, how to direct survivors to resources and how else to help, she will also talk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

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

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[Click here](#) to see the **A-List flyer**.
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Interesting Reading



Transgender healthcare has suddenly become a political lightning rod in the U.S. 'culture wars.' But it wasn't always like that. In the 1970s, dozens of well-respected university hospitals and medical centers operated gender identity clinics where transgender patients received hormone therapies and surgeries. These practices were applied, studied, and refined by some of the leading researchers and clinicians in the country. So what happened?

[Click here](#) to read G. Samantha Rosenthal's article from *Lilith Magazine*, "*Transgender Healthcare Has Always Been Feminist.*"

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