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IN ACTION**

ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

**NCJW stands in solidarity with the people of Israel. May our collective hopes and efforts pave the way for a brighter future where Israelis, Palestinians and all in the region can live in peace.**

## **Fight Campus Antisemitism with a New Legal Protection Helpline**

The ADL, Hillel International and the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights have announced the [\*\*Campus Antisemitism Legal Line \(CALL\)\*\*](#), a free legal protection helpline for students who have experienced antisemitism. With antisemitism on campus reaching all-time highs since Oct. 7, this new resource comes at a critical moment for the Jewish community as incidents of harassment, vandalism and assault have increased by **388 percent** over the same period last year.



Any student, family, faculty or staff member can go to the [\*\*CALL website\*\*](#) or text "**CALLhelp**" to **51555** to report incidents of antisemitic discrimination, intimidation, harassment, vandalism or violence that may necessitate legal action. Lawyers will assess reports of antisemitic discrimination and hate, conduct in-depth information-gathering interviews and provide pro bono representation for victims who choose to move forward with specific cases. CALL will also provide referrals to social services, mental health counseling services and other relevant support services in their area.

**Please let the college students in your lives know about the CALL helpline and how it can protect them.**

Please [\*\*click here\*\*](#) for more information.

## **Photo ID Clinic Volunteer Training**

**When:** Wednesday, November 29 | 5:30 - 8:00 PM or  
Tuesday, December 5 | 12:00 - 2:30 PM

**Where:** Central Reform Congregation | 5020 Waterman Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

[\*\*RSVP Here\*\*](#)

Did you know? Many Missourians cannot readily produce the proof of identity documents or navigate the systems

## NORTH CITY PHOTO ID PROJECT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

November 29  
5:30-8 p.m.

December 5  
noon-2:30 p.m.

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required to obtain a state-issued photo ID, disproportionately impacting communities of color, the elderly and homebound, people navigating residential instability, people with disabilities and low-income individuals. Possession of a valid photo ID is not only necessary to access a multitude of services, including health insurance, housing, employment, banking/credit, and public benefits, but is **now required to vote in Missouri.**

**This training will prepare volunteers to assist Missouri residents** in applying for a photo ID through the North City Photo ID Project. It will be offered twice,

in person, in English only. There is no cost to participate and food will be provided.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to register for one of the two volunteer trainings.

## Tell Congress: Reinstate The Assault Weapons Ban Now

The cycle of violence is heartbreaking. Every time our country begins to heal from one avoidable mass shooting, we're faced with another horrific act of gun violence, like the recent tragedy in Lewiston, Maine.

There's often a common thread in mass shootings, and the tragedy in Lewiston is no different: The shooting turned as deadly as it did because of an assault weapon—a weapon invented for use on the battlefield, designed to kill as many people as possible as quickly as possible.

**We shouldn't have to live like this—and we won't stand for inaction from our lawmakers any longer.**

Please [click here](#) to urge your U.S. Senators and Representative to reinstate the bipartisan Assault Weapons Ban NOW.



## ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries

For those who have already joined, thank you!



**To protect libraries throughout Missouri, including those at public schools, NCJWSTL has helped convene a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations called Right to Read.** The coalition will oppose any legislative, state policy or other effort to restrict access to materials at public libraries; the coalition has the utmost confidence in trained, experienced librarians and

educators to evaluate and select materials in the libraries' collection.

Did you know?

- As a result of a Missouri law enacted in August 2022 restricting some types of materials in public schools, **librarians fearful of criminal prosecution have removed nearly 300 titles** from school library shelves.
- Under an administrative rule imposed by Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, all public libraries must have submitted by July 31 how they will comply with the vaguely written rule. **Failure to comply could result in loss of state funding**, which comprises a significant portion of small libraries' budgets.

- Missouri is among the nation's top book banning states, **especially regarding restricting access to books about gender, sexuality and race in public schools.**

More attempts will likely be made in the 2024 Missouri legislative session to suppress First Amendment rights. Free and open access to materials at our public libraries is an essential aspect of our democracy.

Please [click here](#) to add your name as an individual member of the coalition. For more information, please e-mail the coalition at [righttoreadcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:righttoreadcoalition@gmail.com).

## Partner Abortion Clinic Needs Donations

For the past year, NCJWSTL has partnered with local abortion clinics across the river in Illinois to provide direct support services to patients.

One of our partner clinics is in need of a few specific items:

- Gas cards
- Snack bags (pretzels, cookies, granola bars, etc.)
- Diapers (sizes 1-5)
- Travel shampoo
- Baby formula



*This is an opportunity to make a "hands-on" difference in someone's life. Please drop off or mail any donations to the NCJWSTL office at 295 N. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO, 63141. For more information, please contact Renee Sigel-Hearst at [rsigel-hearst@ncjwstl.org](mailto:rsigel-hearst@ncjwstl.org).*

## 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](mailto: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!**

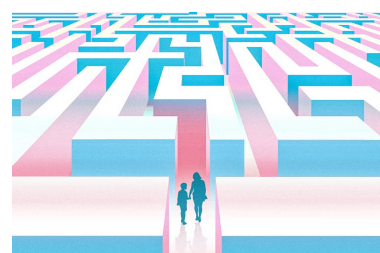
A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2023.

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### Interesting Reading



Sudden bans on health care across the U.S. have left parents scrambling. It's not as simple as just leaving for another state.

In the past three years alone, life as a young transgender person in the U.S. has changed dramatically. Before 2021, gender-affirming medical care was legal in all 50 states. None had even tried to ban it. Today, 22 states (including Missouri) have passed restrictions on that care—and while several have been blocked in court or have yet to take effect, most are active law.

[Click here](#) to read Christina Cauterucci's article from Slate, "Your Kid Is Trans. You Live in Texas. There Are No Good Options.."

**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!**

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