



# ADVOCACY 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.**

## St. Louis March for Israel



**When:** Sunday, December 10 | 1:00 PM

**Where:** The corner of Delmar and Kingsland in University City

**March to free the hostages. March for Israel. March against antisemitism.**

Whether you were at the rally in Washington, D.C., or couldn't be there but wanted to participate, join the St. Louis community as we march in solidarity with Israel. Hope you can be there.



## Tell Congress to Support the Right to Contraception Act

Guided by our Jewish values, National Council of Jewish Women has long affirmed the need for access to family planning, including contraceptives. [The Right to Contraception Act \(HR 4121/S 1999\)](#), introduced by Senators

Take action:

## Support the right to contraception!

TELL CONGRESS TO PASS THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION ACT



National Council of Jewish Women

Edward Markey (D-MA), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Representative Kathy Manning (D-NC), would reaffirm the right to use birth control first recognized by the Supreme Court more than half a century ago in *Griswold v. Connecticut*.

This bicameral legislation would protect unrestricted access to contraception in the face of growing threats by ensuring the legal right for individuals to use contraception and practitioners to provide contraception and related information. Enshrining the right to contraception into federal law would reverse steps already taken by state legislatures to restrict access to contraceptives and ensure that any future court rulings would not endanger access to this **essential** health care.

[Click here](#) to contact your lawmakers and urge them to pass the Right to Contraception Act to protect birth control access for all.

## TOMORROW! Photo ID Clinic Volunteer Training

**When:** Tuesday, December 5 | 12:00 - 2:30 PM

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

[RSVP Here](#)

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

### NORTH CITY PHOTO ID PROJECT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

November 29  
5:30-8 p.m.

December 5  
noon-2:30 p.m.

Central Reform Congregation  
5020 Waterman Blvd.



## Take Action to Save Child Care

Take action:

### Save child care for working families

TELL CONGRESS TO PASS  
THE CHILD CARE  
STABILIZATION ACT



National Council of Jewish Women

### Childcare is facing a crisis in our country.

Quality childcare has long been unaffordable and out of reach for many, gaps that most harm families with low incomes and others pushed to the margins. These inequities also hurt care workers, who are disproportionately Black, Latina, Asian and immigrant women, and who have historically been paid poverty level wages. Pandemic funding that saved the childcare industry from collapse expired on September 30th, which could lead to childcare programs raising their rates or closing their doors permanently, leaving countless working families without the safe and quality care they need.

**[The Child Care Stabilization Act](#)**, introduced by Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Bernie Sanders (I-VT) in the Senate and Representatives Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Katherine Clark (D-MA) in the House, would address the impending childcare cliff by investing \$16 billion in emergency childcare funding to avert a devastating decrease in

the supply of care that would disrupt the lives of families and our economy.

Please [click here](#) to urge your Members of Congress to act NOW and pass the Child Care Stabilization Act.

## 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.

- **\$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

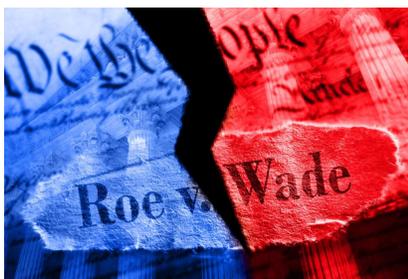
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## Interesting Reading



Shrouded in hypocrisy, entangled by complexity and ensnared in a battle for control, the abortion issue will be a real test of the structure of our democratic form of government.

Will there be a new overarching federal law along with specific state laws governing abortion?

It is a central focus in the 2024 presidential election, and there are also firestorms raging in the halls of state

legislatures and Congress.

[Click here](#) to read Janice Ellis' article from *The Missouri Independent*, "Resolution of

the Abortion Issue Will be a Seminal Test for our Democracy."

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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