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**Reminder: There will be no Lunch and Learn in July. We will see you for our next Lunch and Learn on Thursday, August 15th!**

## TONIGHT: Briefing on the Ten Commandments Lawsuit

**When:** Monday, July 1 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

**Where:** Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

A couple of weeks ago, Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry signed a bill into law mandating that all public elementary, secondary and postsecondary schools display (the state's officially approved version of) the Ten Commandments in every classroom.

**This law violates the separation of church and state and is blatantly unconstitutional.**

That's why Americans United, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana and the Freedom from Religion Foundation are suing Louisiana.

Join Americans United tonight for a briefing on this lawsuit and learn their strategy for keeping Louisiana's public schools inclusive for ALL students. They will share their next steps in this fight, how you can support their efforts against this law and similar bills in other states and answer your questions live.

Please [click here](#) to register for what will be a very informative program.



## Know Your Missouri Voting Information

**Missouri's primary election is coming up on August 6th\*** and will determine which candidates appear on November's general election ballot. No matter what zip code we live in or the color of our skin, our voices are equal at the ballot box, and we all must make sure our voices are heard!



## STEP 1

### Voter Registration

NCJWSTL is encouraging all of our members, friends and supporters to confirm their [voter registration is up to date](#).

Voter registration must be completed by: **July 10th** for the **August 6th Primary** and **October 9th** for the **November 5th** General Election.

**You do not need a photo ID when registering to vote unless you have never registered to vote before.**



Voter Registration Info



## STEP 2

### Absentee Voting

You can vote absentee by mail or in person. If you vote absentee by mail, your ballot must be notarized and received by the Board of Elections by **the day before the election**. [Notaries are available at all STL County Public Libraries and NCJWSTL.](#)

#### For the August 6th Primary Election

First day to vote absentee - June 25th  
Two weeks of no-excuse, in-person absentee voting - July 23rd - Aug 5th  
Mail-in Absentee request due to election authority - July 24th

#### For the November 5th General Election

First day to vote absentee - Sept 24th  
Two weeks of no-excuse, in-person absentee voting - Oct 22nd - Nov 4th  
Mail-in Absentee request due to election authority - Oct 23rd



Absentee Voting Info

## Your Vote is Important

- This information and these voting procedures are recommended by NCJWSTL for our 2024 elections.
- Please keep in mind that these recommendations are based on current state and local information and guidelines that are subject to change according to political policy changes. We will do everything to keep you updated if there are changes.
- If you would like more information, have a question or need an update on current guidelines please contact Jen Bernstein at 314-993-5181 or [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).

**Are you interested in getting involved with NCJWSTL's Get Out the Vote Campaign? Please contact Andi Schankman at [ncjwstlvotes@gmail.com](mailto:ncjwstlvotes@gmail.com) for more information**

It is vitally important that you check to make sure your voter registration information is up to date. You can do so by [clicking here](#). For more information about absentee voting, please [click here](#).

\*Though we don't have confirmation just yet, the abortion rights amendment will likely appear on the November ballot.

## Take Action Today to Counter Antisemitism

Take action:

**Urge Congress to Counter Antisemitism**



National Council of Jewish Women

Antisemitism has been steadily rising in the United States and has skyrocketed since the terrorist attack on Israel launched by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Right now, nowhere in the United States feels safe for Jewish people. Antisemitic hate threatens us in schools and at universities, at our synagogues, at work, and in our neighborhoods. We must not allow this to become the status quo, and now Congress has an opportunity to take action.

The bipartisan [Countering Antisemitism Act](#) would ensure that the current administration and any future administration have the tools they need to fight antisemitism. This historic legislation is the most far-reaching antisemitism initiative ever to be introduced in Congress. The legislation would also promote Holocaust education, help elected officials better understand the threat of antisemitic violent extremism and online hate, and formally establish Jewish American Heritage Month in

law.

[Click here](#) to tell Congress to pass the Countering Antisemitism Act today to ensure that our government has the tools and resources to protect Jews around the country from antisemitism.

## 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.



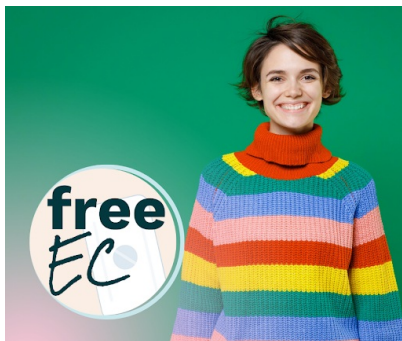
Did you know?

- 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).

## 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 emergence contraception kit by mail by [clicking here](#).

## Take Action & Join the A-List

**Now more than ever you will want to ensure 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.



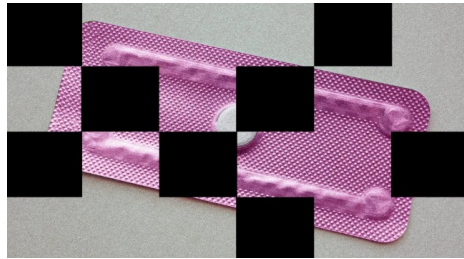
- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color.

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

[Click here](#) to see the latest A-List Ad.

Join the A-list [here](#).

## Interesting Reading



In the wake of the Supreme Court's June 2022 Dobbs decision, as dozens of abortion clinics shut down in states with total or near-total abortion bans, reproductive justice advocates warned that the closures wouldn't just affect patients seeking to terminate their pregnancies. Family planning clinics have historically provided more than abortion services, often offering basic gynecological health care for women. And without abortion as an option,

many of them would be forced to carry unwanted pregnancies to term.

[Click here](#) to read Nina Martin's article from Mother Jones Magazine, "The First National Data on Birth Control Post-Dobbs Is Here, and the News Is Not Good."

**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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