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## Amendment 3 Information



[Click here](#) to stay connected with NCJWSTL for updates and opportunities to further engage in the Amendment 3 effort, as your involvement is crucial to help restore abortion rights in MO.

**If you would like a yard sign or wish to host a postcard party**, please come to our office (between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Thursday and 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Friday) where you can pick them up!

If you are voting absentee by mail, please make sure you give yourself plenty of time in case there are USPS delays. **NCJWSTL is available to notarize any absentee ballots on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**

## THIS WEEK! What To Know About the November 5th Elections

**WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT  
THE NOVEMBER 5  
ELECTIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 25  
NOON  
ZOOM WEBINAR**

LEARN ABOUT BALLOT MEASURES & HOW TO COUNTER MISINFORMATION

DETAILS ABOUT EARLY VOTING & GET OUT THE VOTE EFFORTS

ELECTION JUDGE SIGN-UP INFORMATION

DISCUSS YOUR BALLOT QUESTIONS WITH A PANEL OF LOCAL EXPERTS

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Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis

Kol Rinah  
Building Inclusive Community

MIROWITZ CENTER  
National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis

NCJWSTL  
National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis

**When:** Wednesday, September 25 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

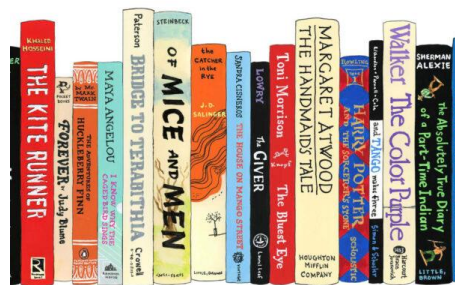
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Get ready to make your voice heard in the upcoming General Election on November 5th! We understand that navigating the complexities of the electoral process can be daunting, but you don't have to do it alone. Join us in collaboration with partners—JCRC, Kol Rinah, and The Mirowitz Center—as we come together to empower you with the knowledge you need.

This is your opportunity to get your questions answered, gain clarity on critical ballot measures, and learn effective strategies to counter misinformation. Together, we can foster informed engagement and ensure that every voice contributes to shaping our community's future. Your participation matters—let's rise to the occasion!

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## THIS WEEK! Book Bans: Challenges, Solutions and Democracy



**When:** Wednesday, September 25 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

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In 2023, anti-book activists targeted 4,240 unique titles for censorship, which represents a 65% increase over the previous year's number. It's the highest number of titles targeted for censorship in the more than 20 years that the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom has been tracking book

ban efforts.

As Jews, we know from our history and our lived experience that an assault on books and ideas is almost always a precursor to violence against people and attacks on democratic institutions. Books are like the proverbial canary in the coal mine. As part of Banned Books Week 2024, we invite you to join the Jewish Council for Public Affairs for an hour-long webinar exploring what is behind these book bans and how we can stand together in the fight against censorship.

Please [click here](#) to register.

**Pledge to Vote Yes on Prop A for Paid Sick Days and to Raise**

**No one should have to choose between their paycheck and their family's health.** However, this is NOT the reality in Missouri. That's why we are working toward earned paid sick time off and a fair minimum wage for Missouri workers. More than 210,000 Missourians from every county signed the petition to put Missourians for Healthy Families and Fair Wages on the 2024 Missouri ballot!



Now it's our turn as voters to make this a reality. [Pledge to vote YES on Prop A](#) to deliver paid sick days and fair wages to Missouri's working families.

Prop A will:

- Allow Missouri workers to earn up to 7 paid sick days
- Gradually raise Missouri's minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2026

[Click here](#) to show how your vote is your power. Join the movement and get involved. **PLEDGE TO VOTE!**

## October Lunch and Learn: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention



Thursday, October 24, 2024  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Emily Stoinski

**When:** Thursday, October 24 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

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A longtime priority issue for NCJWSTL is domestic violence as we strive to help develop and pass effective public policy to address intimate partner violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to ensure increased emphasis on prevention, accountability for perpetrators and justice and resources for survivors.

For our October Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome Emily Stoinski (she/her/hers), who is passionate about empowering the community to respond to domestic, relationship and sexual violence and addressing the experience and needs of marginalized populations. Having spent seven plus years working directly with survivors of domestic and sexual violence and/or providing community education, Emily believes every person has the ability to prevent and/or reduce the impact of violence in their relationships, families, and larger community. Emily Stoinski also serves as the chair for the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Panel for the City of St. Louis.

Please [click here](#) to register for the October Lunch & Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call 314.993.5181.

## NCJWSTL ELECTION GUIDE

### END MO ABORTION BANS, VOTE YES ON 3

NCJWSTL believes that all Missourians should have access to the full range of reproductive healthcare, including abortion. Right now, Missouri has a TOTAL ban on abortion, without exceptions for rape and incest survivors. Regardless of how one personally feels about abortion, politicians should not be forcing their beliefs on patients and doctors. Government shouldn't be involved in personal healthcare decisions.



### IMPORTANT NOVEMBER ELECTION DATES

September 24 Absentee voting with an excuse opens  
October 9 Last day to register to vote (5:00 p.m.)  
October 22 No-excuse in-person absentee voting opens  
October 23 Last day to apply for a mailed absentee ballot (5:00 p.m.)  
November 2 Board of Elections office open for absentee voting  
November 4 Last day for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections  
November 5 ELECTION DAY, Polls open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



### SUPPORT HEALTHY FAMILIES



NCJWSTL believes that all Missourians should not have to choose between a paycheck and being healthy. We support paid sick leave for all Missourians. **Vote yes on A.**

### WHAT ELSE IS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT?

In addition to all President, Senate, statewide races, and Missouri House races, you might have a state senate race and a local race. NCJWSTL does not take a position on candidates. **NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on Amendment 7**, which would ban rank choice voting.

**NCJWSTL**

National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis

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

Protect Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

For those who have already joined, thank you! *Check our member list to see who supports us...and if you've already joined by [clicking here](#).*

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,000 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. The coalition opposes legislative, state policy or other efforts to restrict access to materials at public and school libraries.



Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community:

- Missouri ranked third nationally in 2023 for the number of books banned at school



libraries.

- 60% of banned books in the U.S. include characters of color and discussed issues of race and racism or presented LGBTQ+ characters or themes

Laws and policies enacted recently have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries. **We expect more censorship efforts in Missouri in 2025.**

Add your voice to thousands of Missourians to fight censorship and book bans!

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 emergency 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 2024!** 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 2024.



- **\$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.

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

## Interesting Reading



A group of state legislators, local politicians and nonprofits on Tuesday launched a national coalition that hopes to circumvent the congressional stalemate on gun reform by pressing for violence prevention efforts at the local level.

The coalition, Legislators for Safer Communities, aims to capitalize on the shifting politics of gun reform by focusing more attention on state legislatures, where violence prevention advocates have scored their biggest


wins in recent years.

[Click here](#) to read Roque Planas's article from the Huffington Post, "State Lawmakers Have A New Strategy For Gun Reform."

**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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