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## Recycle Your Amendment 3 Yard Signs!



Did you know? In 2020, the St. Louis region diverted a total of 2,680 pounds of yard signs and 1,200 metal frames from landfills. This year, participation has expanded to almost 20 collection points in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, Jefferson County and St. Charles County.

**Please do not place yard signs in your single stream recycling bin!** The wire frames can impede or jam sorting equipment at the materials recycling facility (MRF), and the panels may not be made of a recyclable

material that is accepted at the MRF.

**Please note:** ONLY Corrugated Plastic signs will be accepted; NO plastic wrap/film, cardboard or laminated cardboard signs. Also, volunteers cannot take signs off of private property without permission.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to find a collection point near you!

## Sign the Jewish Community Disaster Relief Petition

In light of the recent devastation caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, NCJW, in collaboration with MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger and the Religious Action Center, has initiated a petition aimed at addressing the urgent needs of the impacted communities. This petition calls upon Congress to enact a comprehensive recovery package that not only provides traditional disaster relief funding for the rebuilding of homes and infrastructure, but also emphasizes the necessity for program flexibility in emergency nutrition assistance and housing.

This recovery package would provide funding for essential services such as childcare, home health care, paid leave, public transportation and counseling. These components are crucial in ensuring the stability and well-being of all individuals impacted by the hurricanes.

Please [click here](#) to sign this important petition.

Take action:  
**Urge Congress to pass a comprehensive recovery package!**



**ncjw** National Council of Jewish Women

# November Lunch and Learn: Missouri Legislative Session Preview



Amy Kuo Hammerman



Thursday, November 21, 2024  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT



Sarah Martin

**When:** Thursday, November 21 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

We are thrilled to invite you to our November Lunch and Learn, where you can explore what lies ahead in the Missouri legislative session! If you're eager to share your thoughts on our policy priorities and actively shape the discussions around the 2025 session, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Join us as we welcome NCJWSTL State Policy Advocate and passionate political insider Amy Kuo Hammerman, and NCJWSTL Board Member and legislative expert Sarah Martin. Your voice matters, and we can't wait to hear your perspectives as we navigate these important topics together!

***The 2025 session should be an exciting one, and we would love to give you a sneak preview.***

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.

## 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!*

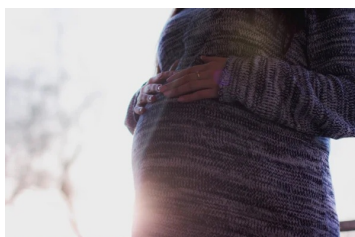
A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2024.

- **\$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.

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## Interesting Reading



As we breathe a sigh of relief at the news of Amendment 3's passage, it's important to highlight a study in January 2024 on rape-related pregnancies in the 14 U.S. states with total abortion bans. It highlighted the profound impacts of these restrictive laws on survivors of sexual violence. Following the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, these states enacted stringent abortion

laws, often with few exceptions for cases of rape. This situation has significant implications for women and girls who experience rape, as access to abortion is severely restricted.


[Click here](#) to read Giovanna DeStefanis's article from *The Feminist Majority*, "Forced to Carry: The Reality of Rape-Related Pregnancies in a Post-Roe World."

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**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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