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Tell Congress to Fill Every Federal Judicial Vacancy Before January



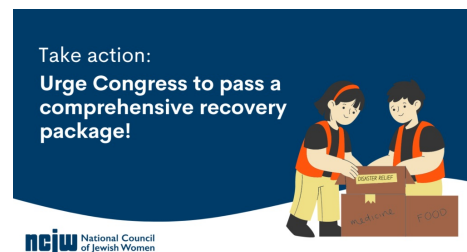
With a new Congress and administration on the horizon, the time is now for lawmakers to ensure women, children, and families are safe, healthy, and supported for the long term. Critical legislation and judicial confirmations have been stalled during the election season, and with only a few legislative days left in the 118th session of Congress, this could be the last opportunity to make a real difference on the issues that matter most.

This includes confirming fair, independent, and qualified federal judges who would protect our fundamental rights and uphold justice for all. This includes passing a federal budget that supports our communities without harmful anti-abortion, anti-LGBTQ+ restrictions. This includes extending critical food security programs and ensuring affordable, high-quality childcare so that every family has the support they need. And, this includes comprehensive disaster relief to provide urgent aid to communities impacted by natural disasters.

[Click here](#) to tell your Members of Congress: *It is time to act, while there's still time, to confirm fair, independent, and qualified judges; pass a clean budget; fund affordable, high-quality childcare; and deliver urgently needed disaster relief.*

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.

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 November Lunch & Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at 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.

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. 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.
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Interesting Reading

Missouri's Planned Parenthood clinics filed a lawsuit on November 6th seeking to strike down the state's current



abortion restrictions, less than 24 hours after an amendment enshrining reproductive rights in the constitution was approved by voters.


The news was announced by coalition members of Missourians for Constitutional Freedom, the organization behind Amendment 3. What does this mean for Missouri?

[Click here](#) to read Anna Sporre's article from the Missouri Independent, "Lawsuit Challenges Missouri's Abortion Restrictions Hours After Voters Approve Amendment 3."

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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