



At NCJWSTL, we are dedicated to tracking these legislative developments closely, focusing on bills that align with our mission of improving the lives of women, children, and families.

Please [click here](#) to view the bills NCJWSTL is following and whether we are in support or in opposition. The list will be continuously updated throughout session.

Fighting Bigotry & Hatred: Eminent Domain Abuse With Journalist Tony Messenger



Eminent Domain Abuse and Dr. H. Phillip Venable Park with Journalist Tony Messenger

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February 6, 2025
1pm - 2pm

8 Millstone Campus Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146

"Fighting Bigotry
& Hatred" Series
Free and in Person Event

When: Thursday, February 6, 1:00 PM

Where: Mirowitz Center at Covenant Place | 8 Millstone Campus Drive

[RSVP Here](#)

In 2021, the City of Creve Coeur righted a historic wrong involving eminent domain abuse by rededicating existing parkland and renaming it Dr. H. Phillip Venable Memorial Park. Come hear St. Louis Post-Dispatch journalist Tony Messenger tell the remarkable story about how Creve Coeur leaders and residents came together and, in the words of former Mayor Barry Glantz, worked to ensure "that tolerance and inclusiveness continue to serve as a cornerstone for our community." Current Mayor of Creve

Coeur, Dr. Robert Hoffman, will introduce our guest speaker.

This event is free, but please [click here](#) to register.

Presented in recognition of Black History Month and as part of Mirowitz Center's "Fighting Bigotry & Hatred" series. Co-sponsored by ADL Heartland, the American Jewish Committee, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis, St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, and the St. Louis Press Club.

What's Happened Since Amendment 3 Passed? A Legal and Legislative Update

When: Thursday, February 20, 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Where: Zoom

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Please join us on February 20th for an update on the reproductive healthcare legal and legislative landscape in Missouri. We are excited to have two dynamic speakers, Missouri State Senator Tracy McCreery and ACLU-MO's Director of Policy & Campaigns, Tori Schaffer, as they brief us on everything happening regarding Amendment 3's implementation and other repro rights happenings in the Missouri Legislature.

Please [click here](#) to register. There is no cost, but you must be signed up to attend. The Zoom link will be sent out on the day of the event. This event is being hosted by ACCESSMO, NCJWSTL and Missouri Healthcare Professionals for Reproductive Rights.

WHAT'S HAPPENING SINCE AMENDMENT 3 PASSED?

February 20, 2025 | 5:30 to 6 pm | on Zoom

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Tracy McCreery
Missouri State Senator

Tori Schaffer
ACLU-MO's Director of Policy & Campaigns

There is no cost to attend this virtual webinar, but registration is required.
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Join us for NCJWSTL Advocacy Day in Jefferson City!

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ADVOCACY DAY
February 25, 2025
Missouri State Capitol



When: Tuesday, February 25, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Where: Missouri State Capitol (we will leave from STL)
[RSVP Here](#)

We are excited to announce that NCJWSTL will be heading to Jeff City! One of the most effective ways of letting elected officials know about NCJWSTL's priority issues is by communicating through face-to-face meetings. This is a unique opportunity to engage directly with our legislators on critical issues affecting women,

children and families. Your voice matters!

The cost to join is \$36. We will provide lunch, snacks, and transportation to Jefferson City and back.

[Click here](#) to register for what will be an inspiring day! For questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Save the Date: Repro Shabbat 2025



Reproductive freedom is a Jewish value, and we're going to celebrate it!

NCJWSTL is excited to once again partner with local synagogues for our annual Shabbat celebration that honors the Jewish value of reproductive freedom. It takes place annually on *Parshat Mishpatim*, the reading of which contains the verses commonly referenced as the foundation of Judaism's approach to reproductive health, rights and justice.

Please [click here](#) for more information. If you would like your congregation to participate, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org and she will be happy to reach out to them.

Save the Date: Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Missouri Capitol



When: Wednesday, March 5

Where: Missouri State Capitol

NCJWSTL will be joining forces with our friends at Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their day at the Missouri Capitol. More information to come, but be sure and mark your calendars!

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 2025! 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 2025.

- **\$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 weeks since Musk made his controversial hand gesture at a Trump inauguration rally, the phrase he used to "explain" his gesture has gone from alibi to ironic right-wing catchphrase — and a standard accompaniment to imitations of the gesture. In social media posts, selfies and video clips, as well as on fan merchandise for sale online, "My heart goes out to you" increasingly appears to stand for the very message it supposedly discounted.

[Click here](#) to read Louis Keene and Jake Wasserman's article from *The Forward*, "Following Musk's Lead, 'My Heart Goes Out to You' Takes Off as Far-Right Catchphrase."

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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