



**ADVOCACY
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A Moral Response to an Immoral Budget: Virtual Jewish Day of Action

When: Tuesday, August 5 | Time TBD

Where: Zoom

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While members of Congress are home for August recess, we'll show up strong as a Jewish community to thank those who stood with us during the recent budget fight, express our deep disappointment to those who didn't, and urge all lawmakers to show us they care about women, children, and families by using the funding process when they get back to Washington to make serious investments in our communities. As the budget law is enacted, we will not stand by while millions of people go hungry or without health care.

We are proud to sponsor this Jewish Day of Action with MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger and Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies. *We will share a toolkit, information about scheduling in-district meetings, and more soon!*

Please [click here](#) to participate in the Day of Action and to receive more information.

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AUGUST 5, 2025

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JEWISH DAY OF ACTION

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Tell Congress to Pass the EACH Act

**Demand Equal Access
to Abortion Coverage**

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Every year, our federal spending bills continue to include the deeply harmful [Hyde Amendment](#), which bans federal funding for abortion. This exclusion presents a major barrier to exercising reproductive freedom, particularly for people on Medicaid and those struggling to make ends meet.

[The Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance \(EACH\) Act](#) would undo the

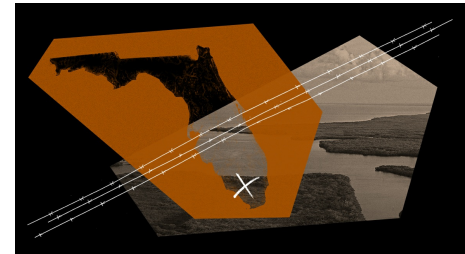
Hyde Amendment and reverse its harmful restrictions. It would guarantee that every person receiving care or insurance through the federal government has the necessary coverage for abortion services. The EACH Act would also prohibit political interference in the decisions of private insurers to cover abortion. This groundbreaking legislation would ensure that every single person — regardless of how much they earn, what insurance they hold, where they live, or any other factor — has the right and ability to

make personal decisions about their health, body, family and future.

Please [click here](#) to urge your lawmakers to support the EACH Act to ensure equal access to abortion care, no matter people's income, identity or ZIP code.

Urge Congress to Shut Down "Alligator Alcatraz"

Thrown up in just eight days, the "Alligator Alcatraz" detention center already has a reputation for horrific conditions. Reports of chaos and mistreatment get more disturbing by the day. Now, the people detained are being denied their Constitutional right to communicate with legal counsel. Attorneys aren't able to call their clients or meet with them at the facility – instead, they've been turned away at checkpoints and barred from entering. The facility won't even accurately tell lawyers who's being detained or whose custody detained individuals are under.



The ACLU recently filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of the hundreds of people being detained at this facility – demanding immediate access to legal counsel. While their legal team fights this violation of our Constitution in court, we need your help to bring the fight to Congress. Congress just voted to give the Department of Homeland Security \$170 billion to expand its mass detention and deportation efforts.

Please [click here](#) to tell your member of Congress to reverse course and immediately block any more federal funds to Alligator Alcatraz.

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.

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Interesting Reading



In the United States, whether or not you can access abortion often comes down to one question: can you afford it? The Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH) Act aims to fix that. Introduced by Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA-7) and Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), the bill would end decades of federal restrictions that deny abortion coverage to people based on how they are insured, which disproportionately harms low-income communities and women of color.


[Click here](#) to read Madison Maier's article from the Feminist Majority Foundation, "Why the EACH Act Matters."

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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