



THIS WEEK! SCOTUS 2025: What Happened, What's Next?

When: Wednesday, July 9 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Where: Zoom

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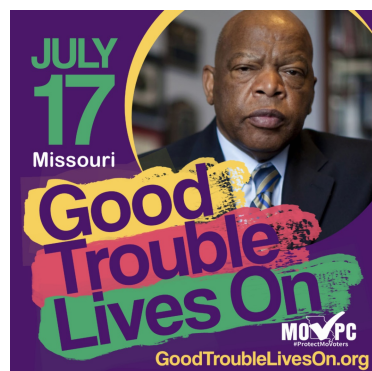
National Council of Jewish Women and The Leadership Conference Education Fund invite you to a virtual [Courts Matter](#) gathering. Join us and learn how you can take action to ensure our courts reflect our values and serve every community fairly.



This Supreme Court term delivered some devastating blows — with decisions that deeply impact our rights, our communities, and our future. In this webinar, we will unpack the rulings that shape our civil and human rights — and focus on how we build a judiciary that protects all of us. Joining us is **Madiba Dennie** — author, columnist, professor, and fierce Supreme Court analyst — to break it all down, answer your questions, and remind us of our power.

Please [click here](#) to register for what will certainly be an enlightening webinar!

John Lewis Day of Action - Good Trouble Lives On



When: Thursday, July 17 | 5:15 - 7:15 PM

Where: Old Courthouse STL

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On July 17, Missouri advocates will join with others nationwide to honor the anniversary of the passing of civil rights hero John Lewis. Across the country, we will take to the streets, courthouses, and community spaces to carry forward his fight for justice, voting rights, and dignity for all.

[Good Trouble Lives On](#) is a national day of nonviolent action to respond to the attacks posed on our civil and human rights and to remind politicians that in America, the power lies with the people.

From voter suppression bills like the SAVE Act to the criminalization of protest, the politicians are launching a full-scale attack on our civil and human rights. But we know the truth: in America, the power lies with the people, and we're rising to prove it.

This is more than a protest; it's a moral reckoning. A continuation of the movement Lewis helped lead, and a new front in the struggle for freedom.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to register.

Act NOW to Stop Antisemitism and Hate in all forms: Pass the Improving Reporting to Prevent Hate Act

Violent antisemitism is escalating. From the brutal murder in Washington, DC to the terrifying attack in Boulder, Colorado just before Shavuot, Jewish communities are under threat — and regularly experiencing antisemitic hate. No community should have to live in fear.

In order to effectively address this spike in hate-driven violence, we need an accurate and complete picture of hate crimes in the US. We cannot fight a problem that we cannot see, and yet many law enforcement agencies around the country do not properly record or report hate crimes.

The [Improving Reporting to Prevent Hate Act](#) is exactly what our communities need to protect ourselves and each other from the ongoing threat of hate-fueled violence. This bill will improve hate crime reporting and response by requiring law enforcement to report hate crimes to the FBI every year.

Please [click here](#) to urge your Members of Congress to pass the Improving Reporting to Prevent Hate Act to protect all communities from hate!

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Tornado Relief Efforts Continue



The St. Louis Public School District was heavily affected by the devastating tornado that hit some of the most vulnerable areas of our community; several school buildings have been closed due to damage, and many families have been displaced or are still living without electricity and other basic needs.

☐ We are collaborating with the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation to support the families of SLPS! Please join us in collecting supplies for students and families. ☐

Please join us in purchasing supplies for students and families. We are seeking donations of NEW items only:

1 - From our [Amazon Wish List](#), have the supplies sent to our address at 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141.

2 - Contribute a **monetary donation** or mail a check to the address above, and we will purchase what is needed.

If you have questions, please reach out to Renée Sigel-Hearst, Director of Community Impact, at rsigel-hearst@ncjwstl.org.

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.

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



Interesting Reading



On Thursday, June 26, the Supreme Court issued a 6–3 decision in *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*, ruling that individuals cannot sue to enforce the “free choice of provider” provision in the Medicaid Act. This decision strips Medicaid patients of a vital legal tool to challenge state actions that limit their access to qualified healthcare providers. By reversing lower court rulings and sending the case back to the district court, the Court has made it harder for people to defend their right to choose their own provider — putting essential care, including reproductive health services, at greater risk.

[Click here](#) to read Sela Turkel's article from the Feminist Majority Foundation, "New Supreme Court Ruling Could Restrict Access to Reproductive Health Providers."

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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