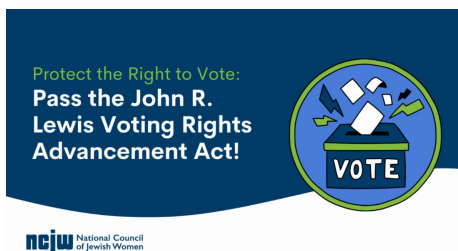




Protect the Right to Vote: Tell Congress to Pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

The most meaningful way to celebrate the **60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act** is by working to restore and strengthen it. Voting is the foundation of American democracy. Yet, between US Supreme Court rulings over the last twelve years gutting the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and dangerous anti-voter laws passing in states around the country, millions of voters have been barred from making their voices heard at the ballot box -- disproportionately people of color, the elderly, and low-income voters.



This is why we need the **John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**: to restore the full power of the landmark Voting Rights Act and block laws and practices undermining the right to vote. By passing this bill, we will ensure that voters all over the country can safely and easily cast their ballots.

Please [click here](#) to urge your members of Congress to support and pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to ensure we all have an equal say in our future.

Join the St. Louis Law Library and NCJWSTL for a Special Exhibit Preview of the Judicial Legacy Project



When: Thursday, September 4 | 4:00 PM

Where: Law Library Association of St. Louis, 10 N. Tucker Blvd., 13th Floor

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NCJWSTL is proud to cosponsor the St. Louis Law Library Association's exhibit, Honoring Trailblazers in Our Courts. The exhibit highlights the Law Library Association's Judicial Legacy Project, which involves interviewing retired judges and jurists of our 22 Judicial Circuit and other Missouri courts. Many of the judges profiled were among the first women and members of the African American community to serve in this role.

[Learn more about the exhibit and find the full list of sponsors.](#) There is a Meet and Greet for the opening of the exhibit.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register for the event. If you are interested in carpooling from the NCJWSTL office, please let Jen Bernstein know at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure likely won't appear on the ballot until August or November 2026, [now is the time to act](#).

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved, please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@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.

[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.

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



Interesting Reading

In the wake of catastrophic flooding that killed at least 135 Texans and displaced many more, Gov. Greg Abbott (R) has called state lawmakers back to the Capitol for a special legislative session. But instead of prioritizing recovery and emergency relief, policymakers are using this tragedy to push through a slate of dangerous bills to



escalate their attacks on reproductive freedom, especially for teens.

[Click here](#) to read Lucie Arvallo's article from the Ms. Magazine, "Texas Lawmakers Are Using Tragedy to Attack Abortion Access."

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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