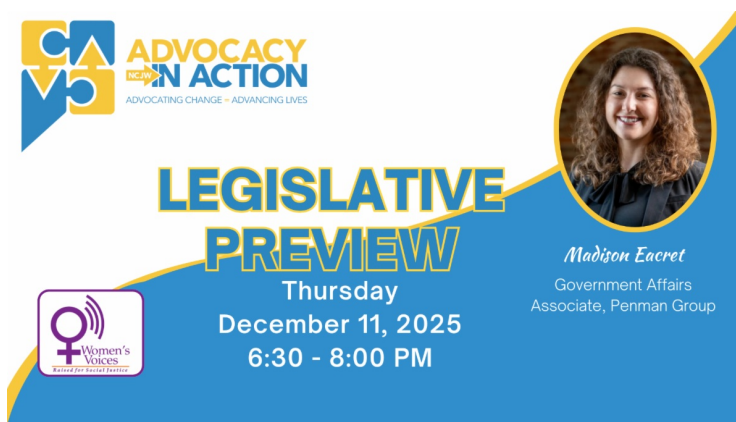




Save the Date! 2026 Jewish Community Advocacy Day



Join us! 2026 Missouri Legislative Session Preview



When: Thursday, December 11 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: NCJWSTL | 311 N. Lindbergh Blvd.

[Register Here](#)

The 2026 Missouri Legislative Session is right around the corner, and there's a lot to talk about. Join NCJWSTL and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice for a preview of what's ahead in Jefferson City.

Madison Eacret, the Government Affairs Associate at the Penman Group will discuss the bills likely to make headlines, the issues that could affect our communities, and how advocates can make their voices heard when it matters most.

This is your chance to get a jump on the session before it begins and leave with a better sense of what's at stake and how you can get involved. Whether you're a longtime policy watcher or new to legislative advocacy, you'll come away informed, energized, and ready to take action.

Light refreshments will be served, and plenty of time will be set aside for questions and conversation with Madison.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP. This event is free of charge, but you must register in advance.

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

Jewish communities are under threat — and regularly experiencing antisemitic hate. No community should have to live in fear. As Jews, we are taught to uphold the value of Kavod habriot, respect and dignity for all human beings. We know that protecting our own and other communities from hate is integral to our mission of creating a world where every person is free to live with dignity and in safety.

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of Jewish Women

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 Congress to pass the Improving Reporting to Prevent Hate Act to protect all communities from hate!

Help Stop Gerrymandering in Missouri — Sign the Petition, Collect Signatures and Get Your Petitions Notarized!

NCJWSTL has joined forces with People Not Politicians to stand up against efforts to further gerrymander Missouri's congressional maps. We have until December 5th to gather 116,000 signatures in order to qualify for the ballot

Here's how you can help:

1. **Sign the petition at the NCJWSTL office**
Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and
Fridays from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.
2. **Want to help collect signatures?** Training is required. If interested, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.
3. **Get your petitions notarized** on Wednesdays between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm until December 3rd. If Wednesdays do not work for



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you, please make an appointment with Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

If you have any questions or would like to be trained to collect signatures, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Every signature counts. Every volunteer matters. Stand up for fair maps and democracy today!

***Please note our NEW OFFICE address at 311 North Lindbergh (the Joseph A. Bank building - office is on the lower level in the back).**

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 on 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 the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

Support Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.

- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community.
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.



Get the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting Missouri's Libraries](#).

Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with Beacon Reproductive Health Network 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, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, 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.

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



As Congress remains deadlocked on a plan to fund the federal government, and families who rely on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program wait, food pantries across Missouri are confronting how to make up for the potential loss of a key pillar of food security in their communities.

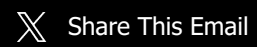
[Click here](#) to read Steph Quinn's article from the *Missouri Independent*, "'How Can You Not Worry?':

Missouri Food Pantries Brace for Families to Lose Federal Aid."

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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