



**ADVOCACY
IN ACTION**
ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

The 2026 Missouri Legislature is in session. 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.

THIS WEEK! Missouri Ballot Initiative 101: How it Works and How You Can Help

RESPECTMOVOTERS

When: Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: NCJWSTL

[RSVP Here](#)

Join NCJWSTL, Kol Rinah, JCRC and Shaare Emeth for a vital educational program on Missouri's citizen ballot initiative process, and what's at stake if we don't protect it. Learn how the [Respect Missouri Voters Amendment](#) would safeguard democracy by preventing politicians from overturning voter-approved initiatives, attacking citizens' ability to use the ballot process, and misleading voters with confusing ballot language.

This presentation will be held at the NCJWSTL building, with volunteer training immediately following. **Come learn about the initiative and take action to defend Missouri voters' rights.** We need to gather 300,000 signatures throughout the state to qualify for the ballot. Won't you join us?

Please [Click here](#) to register and help us empower Missouri voters!

Kick Off International Women's History Month with NCJW and the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum



When: Sunday, March 1 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (meet and greet/brunch) & 1:00 - 3:00 (movie screening)

Where: Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum

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Join the Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum and NCJWSTL for an exclusive VIP Brunch and Meet & Greet with acclaimed filmmaker and historian Heather Dune Macadam, director of *999: The Forgotten Girls*, moderated by Dr. Fran Levine.

Guests will enjoy a curated brunch and an intimate conversation with Macadam about the film, her groundbreaking research, and the untold story of the first Jewish women deported to Auschwitz. This limited-attendance experience offers meaningful dialogue and a deeper connection to this powerful and important work.

Following the brunch, the Mendel Rosenberg Film Series will present a screening of *999: The Forgotten Girls* at 1:00 p.m.

The cost to attend the brunch is \$18. Tickets are limited, so please [click here](#) to register ASAP. If you would like to attend the screening only, there is no cost, but you must register by [clicking here](#).

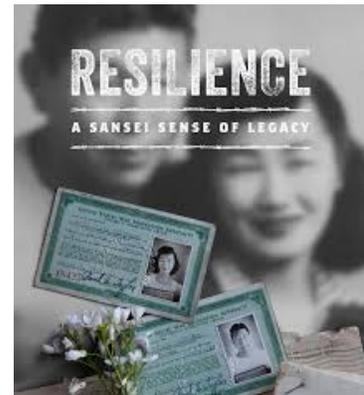
Fighting Bigotry & Hatred: A Sansei Sense of Legacy

When: Wednesday, March 5 | 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Where: Mirowitz Center

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The St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum's new exhibition, *Resilience – A Sansei Sense of Legacy*, explores the perspectives of third-generation Japanese Americans through themes of memory, silence, wartime incarceration, survival, and identity. Through personal stories and historical context, the exhibit examines how the legacy of injustice continues to shape families and communities today.



A panel discussion will further illuminate these themes. Speakers include Robb Nelson, Exhibitions Coordinator at the Museum, and Wendy Roll, President of the St. Louis Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). Robin Hattori, member of the JACL Board of Directors, will moderate, and Amy Moorman, the Museum's Director of Archives & Collections, will provide introductory remarks.

*There is no cost to register, but RSVP required. To register, [click here](#), call **(314) 733-9813**, or email program@mirowitzcenter.org. Part of Mirowitz Center's "Fighting Bigotry & Hatred" series. Co-sponsored by Japanese American Citizens League, ADL Heartland, American Jewish Committee, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis, and St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum.*

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO

A green rectangular graphic with the text "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED" in large, bold, blue and white letters. Below the text is a blue silhouette of a person with their right arm raised, holding a white heart. Below the silhouette, the text reads: "As we persevere in our commitment to protect abortion rights in Missouri, we are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots."/>

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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 2026! 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 2026.

- **\$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



A Houston mom knew she needed to stay alive for her teenage son. Instead of receiving the urgent, lifesaving care she needed, she was turned away again and again, caught in a system where doctors feared legal consequences more than they trusted their medical judgment. Her story is a devastating reminder that when politicians interfere in health care decisions, real people pay the price.

[Click here](#) to read Bonnie Fuller's article from the *Courier Texas*, "*She Likely Died From a Stroke*": Inside the Chilling Reality of Texas's Abortion Laws."

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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