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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.

## Two Upcoming Repro Shabbat Events at Congregation Shaare Emeth



**Reproductive freedom is a Jewish value, and we're going to celebrate it! There are two upcoming events at Shaare Emeth that we wanted to make you aware of:**

- 1. Friday, February 13 at 6:00 PM:** Dana Sandweiss, Co-Chair of NCJWSTL's Protecting Abortion, Truth & Healthcare (PATH) Coalition, will break down the facts about the new version of Amendment 3 and share what you need to know to protect abortion rights in Missouri.
- 2. Saturday, February 14 at 9:00 AM:** Join members of the Access MO Clergy Advisory Board for an interfaith panel discussion about reproductive rights and beliefs from different faiths.

The panel will include Rev. Kevin Cameron, Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, and Rev. Deborah Krause, and will be moderated by Access MO President and Co-Founder Dana Sandweiss.

Please park in the north parking lot and enter through the North Lobby. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast snacks will be served at 9:00 AM. Conversation begins at 9:30 AM.

Please [click here](#) to register.

  
**JOIN US ON 2/14!**  
**FAITH PERSPECTIVES**  
 AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE  
 WITH REVEREND KEVIN CAMERON, DR. SAFIYAH KAI EL-AMIN, RABBI ANDREA GOLDSTEIN, REVEREND DEBORAH KRAUSE + RABBI SUSAN TALVE  
 Moderated by Access MO President + Co-Founder Dana Sandweiss  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 9 AM**  
**CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH**  
 Please park in the north parking lot and enter through the north lobby. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast snacks will be served at 9 am. Conversation begins at 9:30 am.  
**Sign up at [bit.ly/interfaith-feb14](http://bit.ly/interfaith-feb14)**  
 Hosted by Access MO, NCJWSTL + Congregation Shaare Emeth

## Missouri Ballot Initiative 101: How it Works and How You Can Help

# RESPECT MOVOTERS

**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!

## Tell the Senate: No More Funding ICE Violence

Masked federal agents are sweeping through Minneapolis and cities across the country with impunity - terrorizing communities, tearing families apart, and escalating a campaign of state violence that is openly claiming lives on American streets.

In 2026 alone, immigration enforcement agents killed legal observers Renee Good and Alex Pretti. And in



recent months, ICE agents have also murdered Silverio Villegas-Gonzalez, Marimar Martinez, and Keith Porter.

These are not isolated tragedies. They are part of a disturbing and deadly pattern - the predictable result of an agency operating without restraint, accountability, or regard for human life, while Congress looks on.

The Torah commands us, “*Lo ta’amod al dam re’echa*: you shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.” We must raise our voices - Jewishly, loudly, and immediately - as there is no time to waste. Lives are on the line.

Funding ICE now is not business as usual. It is a choice to allow this violence to continue.

[Click here](#) to tell the Senate: Vote NO on any spending bill that includes funding for ICE.

## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.

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

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



## Interesting Reading



After decades of evidence showing mifepristone's safety and versatility, the question is no longer what the drug can do, but whether women will be allowed to decide how it is used. As a treatment for disease, mifepristone has already challenged antiabortion politics. As a form of contraception, it poses an even greater threat.

[Click here](#) to read Carrie N. Baker's article from *Ms. Magazine*, "Who Controls Mifepristone? The Politics Blocking a New Era of Contraception."

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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