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**The 2026 Missouri Legislature is in its final week of 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.

## Special NCJW Briefing: Mifepristone Back at the US Supreme Court

**When:** Tuesday, May 12 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

[Register Here](#)

The fight over access to medication abortion is once again headed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Join NCJW for a special movement-wide briefing to learn more about the rapidly evolving threats to access to mifepristone. We'll break down the current status of [Louisiana v. FDA](#), the case now before the Supreme Court that could jeopardize access to this critical medication, and discuss what's at stake for abortion and miscarriage care across the country.

We'll also share how NCJW is responding in real time and what this moment calls for from our Jewish movement for abortion access. Participants will leave with clear, actionable ways to get involved and support efforts to protect access to essential reproductive healthcare.

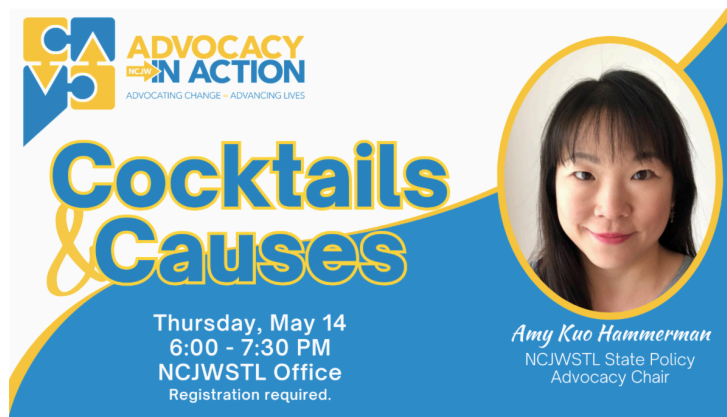
Please [click here](#) to register for the briefing.

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SPECIAL NCJW BRIEFING:  
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## THIS WEEK! May Cocktails and Causes: What's Happening in Jeff City?



**When:** Thursday, May 14 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
**Where:** NCJWSTL Office | 311 North Lindbergh Blvd.  
[Register Here](#)

Join us for our next Cocktails and Causes for a timely look at the 2026 Missouri legislative session, just as it comes to a close. We'll break down what's happening in Jefferson City and what it means for our community.

**Hear from NCJWSTL State Policy Advocate Amy Kuo Hammerman**, who will share insider insight on key legislation, major developments, and where things stand as lawmakers head toward the May 15 adjournment. In a relaxed, conversational setting, she'll help cut through the noise and make sense of the policies shaping our state.

Whether you've been following along or are just looking to stay informed, this is a great opportunity to get up to speed, ask questions, and connect with fellow advocates.

Come for the cocktails and appetizers, stay for the conversation, and leave empowered, energized and ready to take action.

*Cocktails and Causes is free to attend, but registration is required by [clicking here](#).*

## Tell Congress: No More Funding ICE Violence

Masked federal agents are sweeping through 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.

Congress must act to rein in the lawlessness endangering our communities, not bankroll it.

[Click here](#) to tell Congress: No additional funding for ICE. We demand justice and accountability.



**Become a Court Watch Volunteer!**



We are excited to announce that NCJWSTL is now coordinating the Domestic Violence (DV) Court Watch Program. Court Watch is a volunteer-powered initiative designed to bring transparency, accountability, and humanity to domestic violence and Order of Protection cases in St. Louis. This is an opportunity for individuals seeking to make a measurable difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and strengthen accountability in our justice system. No legal background is required. NCJWSTL will provide comprehensive training and ongoing support to all participants.

***Are you interested in learning more?*** Watch for information regarding future trainings and volunteer registrations. For more information about Court Watch, please contact Rachel Bray, NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager, at [rbray@ncjwstl.org](mailto:rbray@ncjwstl.org) or call [314-514-4955](tel:314-514-4955).

## 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 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](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.

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



## Interesting Reading

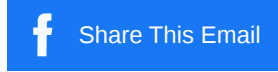


Press Robinson was part of a proud generation of young Black Americans who witnessed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) being signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. After only 60 years since the historic legislation outlawed racial discrimination in voting, Robinson might be part of a generation that sees it crumble.

[Click here](#) to read Phenix S Halley's article from *The Root*, "60 Years After the Voting Rights Act, This 88-Year-Old Black Man

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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