



NCJWSTL has NO on Amendment 3 yard signs ready for pickup! Swing by the office during business hours and get yours to boost visibility right away.

Voter. Voting. Voted! Preparing for the 2026 Elections in the US and Israel



When: Wednesday, September 16 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Zoom

[Register Here](#)

With consequential elections on the horizon in both the United States and Israel, the stakes for gender equity, women's rights, and democracy are higher than ever. In the United States, discriminatory voter ID laws and other attacks on voting rights continue to disproportionately impact women and other marginalized groups. In Israel, women remain vastly underrepresented in the Knesset while proposed legislation threatens to deepen gender segregation and roll back decades of progress for women's rights.

Join Yael Yechieli, Founder and CEO of the 5050 Initiative; Celina Stewart, League of Women Voters CEO; Jody Rabhan, NCJW CEO; and Kalela Lancaster, NCJW Israel Director; for a critical conversation on the elections in both countries. Together, they will examine what's at stake in these elections for democracy, gender equity, and women's political participation in both countries.

Please [click here](#) to register for this important event.

Get #VoteReady on National Voter Registration Day!

[National Voter Registration Day](#) is on Tuesday, September 15th, and with all of the attention and enthusiasm around the flurry of state and local elections in 2026, there's never been a better time to plan ahead and make sure you're ready to hit the polls once you've taken that first crucial step of registering to vote.



From finding your polling place to learning about all the issues and candidates up and down your ballot, Nonprofit Vote assembled a [hand-selected set of resources](#) to take your status as a voter to the next level. And don't forget to [subscribe to National Voter Registration Day updates](#) for the latest info on all the #VoteReady essentials.

Please [click here](#) for more information about participating in the upcoming midterm elections that will shape communities across the country.

Pledge to Vote for Reproductive Freedom in 2026

As Jews, we know that reproductive freedom is religious freedom. Our tradition teaches us to protect life, dignity, and personal agency, and that means ensuring every person has the right to make decisions about their own body. This election, the stakes could not be higher. Our rights, our bodies, and our futures are on the line, and voting is one of the most powerful ways we show up for one another, safeguard our freedoms, and affirm our deepest values.



This work is sacred. It is rooted in generations of Jewish moral courage and communal responsibility. This moment is urgent. The choices we make now will shape the world our families inherit. And this commitment is personal. It touches our lives, our loved ones, and the future of our community.

[Click here](#) to sign the pledge.

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're organizing 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 will appear on the ballot on November 3, 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 over 1,200 individuals and 103 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.

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

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



Interesting Reading



Gloria Steinem, the journalist and organizer who became the most recognizable face of America's modern women's movement, died last Wednesday at her New York City home. She was 92.

For more than half a century, Steinem pushed American women to imagine lives beyond the limits society had set for them. She co-founded Ms. magazine, helped establish the National Women's Political Caucus and turned phrases like "sexual harassment" from unnamed experiences into subjects of national debate.

[Click here](#) to read Benjamin Cohen's article from *The Forward*, "When Gloria Steinem Identified as a Jew Most."

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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