



Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:00 p.m. | Temple Beth El 1305 Springhouse Rd, Allentown, PA 18104

October 7th tested our ability to laugh more than any event since the Holocaust. Join us as Benji explores how Israelis turned to comedy to cope with the worst event of their lifetimes.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Turning the Fountain Pink

By Senator Rosemary Brown

I joined my colleagues from the Pennsylvania Senate and House yesterday to turn the State Capitol East Wing Fountain pink to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month – honoring survivors, remembering those lost, and encouraging early detection through annual mammograms.

A special thank you to Senator Kim Ward, Senator Frank Farry, and the PA Breast Cancer Coalition for leading this beautiful display!

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. But when detected at its earliest stages, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer is over 90%.

Learn more about breast cancer and the tools available for early detection here https://www.pas-enategop.com/breast-cancer-awareness-month/.

Senate Acts to Waive Interest on Short-Term Budget Impasse Loans

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Pennsylvania counties, early education programs, rape prevention and domestic violence prevention centers could pay no interest on loans from the Pennsylvania Treasury under legislation approved by the Senate. The bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Under current law, the Pennsylvania Treasurer may provide investment loans during a budget impasse but must charge interest on those loans. Treasury's Budget



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Bridge Loan program would provide up to \$500 million in low-interest loans from the Liquid Asset Pool Investment Fund for county governments, domestic violence and rape crisis centers, Head Start agencies and approved providers under the Pre-K Counts program.

Those investment loans would cover up to 25% of a recipient's state budget appropriation from the previous fiscal year. Senate Bill 1040 would authorize the state treasurer to waive interest charges on loans issued during a budget impasse and help prevent additional costs for taxpayers and communities.