



Frankly Speaking...

Reps. Frankel, Deutch, Wasserman Schultz Host Holocaust Remembrance Day Roundtable



Representatives Lois Frankel, Ted Deutch, and Debbie Wasserman Schultz hosted a virtual roundtable honoring Holocaust Remembrance Day, which marks the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp. The conversation highlighted the importance of continued Holocaust education and informed Holocaust survivors and their families of the resources available to them in the Palm Beach County community. They also discussed the current threat of antisemitism in

communities across the United States and underscored the federal efforts that are underway to combat antisemitism and remember the tragedy of the Holocaust.

The Representatives were joined by:

- Sharon Nazarian, Senior Vice President of International Affairs, Anti-Defamation League
- Michael Hoffman, CEO/President, Palm Beach County Jewish Federation
- Eva Weiss, Program Coordinator, Alpert Jewish Family Services of Palm Beach County
- Howard Horowitz, Director, Holocaust Assistance Program, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services
- Kimberly Coombs, K-12 Holocaust Studies Planner, Palm Beach County School District

The panelists were also joined by special guest, **Halina Baumgarten, a Holocaust survivor**, who illustrated the importance of never forgetting the unspeakable tragedies of the Holocaust.

Reflecting on and recognizing the heroes that brought the Nazis to justice is paramount to remembering the Holocaust. With that in mind, Rep. Frankel introduced a bipartisan bill to award the [Congressional Gold Medal](#) to Benjamin Ferencz—a [101-year-old Palm Beach County resident who served as Chief Prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials](#), where he secured the conviction of 22 former Nazi SS officials for their direct roles in the systematic murder of over a million Jews.

You can watch the event here: <https://www.facebook.com/RepLoisFrankel/posts/471234767716322>

Rep. Frankel Highlights 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Calls for Florida Legislature to Defeat 15-Week Abortion Ban

In recognition of the 49th anniversary of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision on January 22nd, Representative Lois Frankel hosted a virtual press conference to call for the Florida State Legislature to defeat the recently-advanced, dangerous 15-week abortion ban.

Rep. Frankel was joined by:

- Lori Berman, Florida State Senator
- Mini Timmaraju, President of NARAL Pro Choice-America
- Sarah Bonner, Regional Organizer for Planned Parenthood in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast



Florida state lawmakers have advanced a bill that would ban nearly all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, including in cases of rape and incest. This is just the latest in over one thousand restrictive states laws aimed at undermining the Constitutional right to an abortion affirmed 49 years ago in the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Rep. Frankel and her guests discussed these attacks on reproductive freedom, including the new Florida bill and the two abortion cases recently heard at the Supreme Court, to illustrate the importance of the U.S. Senate passing the [Women's Health Protection Act](#).

Rep. Frankel Announces Nearly \$1 Million for Palm Beach County School District for Violence Prevention Programs

Representative Lois Frankel hosted an in-person press conference to announce a nearly \$1 million grant that Palm Beach County School District will be receiving from the Department of Justice's STOP School Violence Program to support evidence-based mental health programs to reduce violence in schools.

Rep. Frankel was joined by:

- Alexandria Ayala, School Board Member, District 2
- Marcia Andrews, School Board Member, District 1
- Keith Oswald, Chief of Equity and Wellness, Palm Beach County School District



The district will use this funding to implement two evidence-based programs that train school staff to educate students to identify, understand, and respond to warning signs and symptoms of violent behavior in themselves and others, and empower them to report these signs and seek help from trusted adults.

Watch the conference here: <https://www.facebook.com/RepLoisFrankel/videos/1084407065468194>

Florida Congress Members Discuss \$1.1 Billion For Everglades Restoration in Infrastructure, Jobs Law



Members of Florida’s Congressional delegation discussed the historic U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announcement that \$1.1 billion will be directed to Everglades restoration efforts by the Biden Administration from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Law.

More information [can be found here](#). Members were also joined by representatives from environmental advocacy groups.

WHO: U.S. Rep. **Debbie Wasserman Schultz** (FL-23)
U.S. Rep. **Lois Frankel** (FL-21)
Eric Eikenberg, **CEO Everglades Foundation**
Drew Martin, Conservation Chair, **Sierra Club**
Linda Smith, Palm Beach County Chair, **Sierra Club**

Rep. Frankel Promotes Funding for Green, Energy-Saving Buses in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Congresswoman Lois Frankel hosted an in-person press event to announce new grant opportunities for public transit systems, like Palm Tran, in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that will help provide healthy, sustainable transportation options for millions of Americans. Specifically, Palm Tran would be able to use this new funding to expand its electric bus fleet and build new charging stations.

Rep. Frankel was joined by:

- Clinton Forbes, Palm Tran Executive Director
- Dwight Mattingly, Executive Board Member, Florida AFL-CIO
- David Ricks, Palm Beach County Engineer



The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment of \$39 billion in public transportation, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions by repairing, upgrading, and modernizing the nation’s transit infrastructure. The funding includes \$3.1 billion for bus and facility grants and \$2.3 billion for low or zero-emission bus grants.

Watch the event here: <https://www.facebook.com/RepLoisFrankel/videos/1003122630285672>

Rep. Frankel Highlights Urgency of Voting Rights Legislation on Anniversary of the Elimination of Poll Taxes

Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21) hosted a virtual press conference on the current state of American democracy and the importance of the voting rights legislation that has stalled in the Senate. The event took place on the anniversary of the ratification of the 24th Amendment in 1964, which finally eliminated poll taxes that were used to disenfranchise poor Americans and people of color by charging a fee to access the voting booth.

Rep. Frankel was joined by:

- Tina Polsky, Florida State Senator
- Abdelilah Skhir, Voting Rights Policy Strategist, American Civil Liberties Union
- Rich Bartholomew, Member of the Voting Rights Coalition, Palm Beach County League of Women Voters



In 2021, 49 states introduced over 440 voter restrictions—34 of which were signed into law. Earlier this month, the House passed the *Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act* to fight back against this assault on democracy and ensure every American has the right to make their voice heard. However, Senate Republicans recently blocked the passage of this critical piece of legislation, trampling on the basic rights and needs of the American people.

Rep. Frankel and her guests discussed why continuing to fight to protect voting rights despite the Senate's actions is so critical for American democracy.

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