



FELS is a non-profit organization whose mission focuses on education.

FELS FALL/WINTER 2021-2022 PROGRAM BROCHURE

FELS, in conjunction with the Margate City Library,
offers a unique selection of entertaining, interactive, and educational courses.

Over the past year and a half we experienced unique times.
Unusual times. Unprecedented times.
FELS adapted to the altered environment, and presented virtual ZOOM classes.

The times they are changing again (hopefully) and NOW...
Some folks wish to continue meeting virtually.
Some want to gather in person.
FELS will offer both ZOOM and in-person classes this fall.

We have two new venues!

The Margate Library
and the United Methodist Church, Ventnor,
hosted FELS programs the past few years.
However the Church has been sold.

FELS will continue to meet at the
Margate Library.

We will offer one class this fall at the
Stockton University Atlantic City campus.

Fall and winter programs will also be held at:
Shirat Hayam

700 N. Swarthmore Ave., Ventnor
(next door to Shalom House)
Plenty of free parking, no steps,
and lots of room to spread out pandemic-style

Complete the attached registration form
and mail with payment, check payable to FELS:

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Comments? Ideas?

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**Old favorites, New classes,
ZOOM sessions,
In-person courses,
Special one-time programs,
Fall programs, Fall/winter classes,
FELS offers it all!**

Please read carefully:
course descriptions, class dates, times, and location -
ZOOM, Margate Library, Shirat Hayam, Stockton AC Campus –
before completing registration form.
ZOOM classes begin October.
Most in-person programs start November.
Morning classes begin 10:30 AM.
Afternoon classes 1:30 PM.

SPECIAL ONE-TIME PROGRAM

Ever hear of
LAUGHTER YOGA?

Find out what it's all about!

Join a FREE One-Hour

**Introduction to Laughter Yoga Presentation
On Zoom**

Monday evening, September 20, 7:00 PM

Register on FELS registration form or email:

beachboomer102@gmail.com

Zoom link will be sent two days before program.

ZOOM CLASSES

Venue:

**The comfort of your home.
Casual attire, a cozy chair,
Favorite drink and snacks
encouraged.**



Inner Joy Through Laughter Yoga

Monday mornings 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM - October 4, November 1, December 6

Instructor: Donna Bernstein

Participate in simple guided techniques that enable anyone to tap into their inner laughter without relying on humor, jokes, or comedy. Physical movements that incorporate deep breathing, eye contact and childlike playfulness quickly transform into real and contagious laughter. It is a whole-body exercise that literally makes you laugh out loud. Wear loose fitting clothing, don't bring a yoga mat, and prepare to smile the rest of the day!

Want to know more about Laughter Yoga before signing up for the class?

Attend the free **Introduction to Laughter Yoga Presentation**

on Zoom, Monday evening, September 20, to find out more about this unique program.

Donna Bernstein is a certified yoga instructor, Laughter yoga instructor, and founder of Laughter Yoga with Donna (donna-laughter-yoga.org). She is a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, meditation teacher, nature lover, mountain climber, creative vegetarian chef, and part-time Margate resident.

Current Event Issues: A Legal Perspective

Tuesday afternoons 1:30 – 3:00 PM - October 12, November 9, December 7

Instructor: Bill Subin

Interactive discussions of issues that affect all Americans, led by a retired Attorney with over 50 years of private practice and Government service. Problems facing our Democracy could include Court cases, Executive actions, Legislation, and possible solutions.

D. William Subin is an attorney with over 50 years experience as a Federal Prosecutor, defense attorney, and adjunct professor at Stockton University.

Psychology of Everyday Relationships

Wednesday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9

Instructor: Phyliss Merion Shanken

Practice being a helper to others in the class, share and receive support for your challenges, hone listening skills, become more assertive without pushing others away; learn tools to overcome stress and healing behaviors to help a grieving or stressed-out friend or family member, discuss when you should be totally honest or when it's better to tell 'white' lies, and more.

Phyliss Merion Shanken, psychologist, author and professional group facilitator, has 40 years experience in private practice and as Co-Director of a psychological/psychiatric center.

Creative Writing: It's How You Tell the Story

Thursday mornings 10:30 AM -12:30 PM

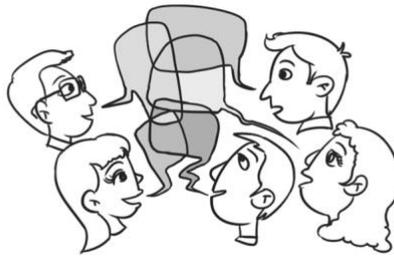
October 14, November 11, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10

Instructor: Phyliss Merion Shanken

Participants will work on how to paint a picture with words write authentic dialogue, condense wordy prose to 'tight' descriptions, what it means to 'show not tell'; overcome writer's block. Tap into your creativity. Learn how to make use of feedback and how to love the editorial process.

Beginning writers: Please do not feel intimidated.

Phyliss Merion Shanken has over 40 years experience as a psychologist, professional group facilitator, and Co-Director of a psychological/psychiatric center. She is a published author of two novels, numerous short stories, screenplays, and is currently working on a collection of short stories entitled: WISE OLD OWLS: Gray Matters.



IN-PERSON CLASSES

Art-themed Movies

Thursday afternoons 1:30 – 3:30 PM – Shirat Hayam

November 11, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14

Instructor: Shirley Belitsky

Spend an afternoon exploring the lives of a diverse group of creative, artsy souls, many of whom touch our lives with their products, music, and artwork. Enjoy the movie followed by discussion.

Shirley Belitsky is an award-winning painter and presenter of *Art Goes to School*, a national program that brings famous works of art into the classroom for discussion and interpretation.

Book and Film Discussion Group

Monday mornings 10:30 - 12:00 noon – Margate Library

October 25, November 22, December 20

Instructor: Barbara Coleman Giorgio

October book & movie: ***The Age of Innocence***, by Edith Wharton

Information on the movie will be sent to registrants in plenty of time to watch it before the first class.

In the comfort of your home, read a classic novel and watch a movie based on the book. Then come to class for a discussion of the book: themes, stylistic techniques, impact on the reader, followed by conversation about the film and its ability - or inability – to convey the themes of the book. No right or wrong input, just responses to questions that will ignite rich conversation.

Barbara Giorgio has a Master's Degree in Literature and spent her professional career in education, first as an English teacher, then in positions including Department Head and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction. She was also a founding partner in Strategic Literary Partners. Barbara recently became a full-time Ventnor resident.

British Film and Theatre

Wednesday afternoons 1:30 - 3:30 PM – Shirat Hayam
November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6
Instructor: Tom Chin

From mainstream, to avant-garde, from Shakespeare to Monty Python-ish style sensibility, full length films, shorts and clips will be presented as well as highlights from live theater productions. Come enjoy cinema, that may not be readily available through popular outlets, with Presenter Tom Chin, back for its fourth year.

Tom Chin devotes his time to his passion of writing plays, acting, and lecturing. He is a member of Players and Playwrights of South Jersey and performs in local theatre.

Documentary Films

Monday 1:30 - 3:30 PM - November 8 and December 6
Tuesday 1:30 – 3:30 PM - January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12
All classes at Shirat Hayam
Instructor: Tom Chin

Documentary and Performance this year will feature not only an Oscar nominated film from 1964 but a live interview with the director at the end of the season. There will be musical film clips, animation, song and dance, an art related documentary, and much more. Those of you who attended my classes in the past will know what to expect, and more!

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Flash Fiction

Tuesday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon – Margate Library
November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5
Instructor: Meryl Rodgers

Book: Flash Fiction International: Very Short Stories From Around the World

Flash Fiction is defined as *a very short story*. While there is no set word count that separates flash fiction from more traditional short stories, flash fiction can be as short as a few words, and typically less than 1,000 words. Participants will read and discuss stories written by a selection of internationally renowned writers.

Meryl Rodgers, docent at the National Museum of Jewish History in Philadelphia, has organized and moderated numerous book discussion groups.

Great Decisions

Thursday mornings 10:30 – 12:00 PM – Margate Library
November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7
Instructor: Steve Baer

Great Decisions is a program of the Foreign Policy Association, the aim to increase awareness of international issues with the American public. The class will evaluate significant issues facing American foreign policymakers. Each topic considers the historical, current relevance, and strategic value to the United States. *Registrants will be contacted to pick up the reading material at the Margate Library.* Steve Baer has over 50 years international business experience in manufacturing, management, and environmental consulting. Previously adjunct professor at University of Pennsylvania.

Hooray for Hollywood

Wednesday afternoons 1:30 – 3:00 PM – Stockton AC Campus
October 13, November 10, December 8

Instructor: Sharon Harris-Zlotnick



It is 1945 and America and the Allied Forces have triumphed over the Nazis, Japan and their allies. World War II has ended, following years of sacrifice and warfare. As the surviving troops returned home, they confronted a changed American culture and society. How did Hollywood react to the nation's triumph and the public's different vision for the future? Our three-session fall season will explore the immediate post war years and a new direction in movie entertainment. *As we return to in-person instruction, we plan to use this course as a test of a new, exciting location.* Registrants will receive information on class location (building and room), covid protocols, and parking before the first class.

Sharon Harris-Zlotnick, an Atlantic County freelance journalist, relocated from Pennsylvania in 2000. For 26 years, she has written for American and international business magazines, concentrating on the casino and arcade industries. Sharon has written thousands of consumer feature stories/columns for weekly and monthly publications.

Social Media

Tuesday afternoons 1:30 – 3:00 PM – Margate Library
November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19

Instructor: Dick Sheeran

The digital age changed the way information is dispersed, and how the news is covered and disseminated. The decline of print media continues, while the changing broadcast news scene, along with the increasing influence of digital and social media, expands. Each session will include the latest happenings in the world of media news, and a look at contemporary journalistic issues.

Dick Sheeran is a veteran of Philadelphia's news media. He served as a reporter/anchor with CBS3 (KYW-TV) for 30 years. Sheeran began his news career at the Philadelphia Daily News as a reporter, writer, and editor.

Yiddish Films

Thursday afternoons 1:30 – 3:00 PM – Shirat Hayam
November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17

Instructor: Rabbi Gordon Geller

The history of Yiddish films begins in Europe circa 1911. The industry moved to the United States along with the great migration of Jews in the early 20th century. Initially short features, full-length films were made in the post-WWI years. The outbreak of WWII brought an end to Yiddish theater. The 21st century has seen a revival of the Yiddish language and theater. View Yiddish films from early productions to the heyday of Yiddish theater before WWII. Most films have English subtitles.

Rabbi Geller served as spiritual leader of Temple Emeth Shalom, Margate, then the merged Shirat Hayam synagogue in Ventnor, for over 30 years, and is now rabbi emeritus. He is an adjunct professor at Stockton University, and fluent in Yiddish.



Yiddish for Everyone

Friday mornings 10:30 – 11:30 AM – Margate Library

Five weekly sessions: November 12, 19 (no class Nov. 26), December 3, 10, 17

Instructor: Molly Golubcow

Want to learn a few Yiddish words and phrases? Connect with your heritage? Help revive a language once thought destined for death? Join this introductory, fun with Yiddish class and learn to *tsu radyn a bisseleh* (speak a little Yiddish).

Molly Golubcow wrote professionally her entire career. A technical writer, she covered topics ranging from NASA telemetry systems to health care policy & procedures. In her spare time, she writes non-technical short stories, articles, and interviews, favorite subjects her home and her roots - Atlantic City and New Jersey. Her first book, *The Hotel on St. James Place: Growing up in Atlantic City between the Boardwalk and the Holocaust* tells her story. Molly grew up speaking Yiddish with her parents, Holocaust survivors.



Without Them, It Wouldn't Have Happened

Tuesday mornings 10:30 – 12:00 – Margate Library

November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12

Instructor: Elaine Geller

November book:

The Light of Days:

The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos,

by Judy Batalion

Elaine Geller's book discussion group examines intriguing, sometimes humorous, sometimes dark, always provocative prose. Books available on Amazon, abebooks.com (new and used) and the Margate Library. Check the Margate Library for electronic availability of each month's book.

Elaine Geller, former English teacher, humorist, and chef par excellence for one or 100, is currently active in several charitable organizations. She is a rebbetzin, fan of cats and mystery novels, and each month moderates an always interesting and engaging conversation.

Women in Comedy: FUNNY GIRLS

Tuesday mornings 10:30 AM -12:00 PM – Margate Library

November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19

Instructor: John Alvarez

"I'm a bagel on a plate full of onion rolls!" – Fanny Brice

In the world of Comedy, the Fanny Brice quote is a good description of how most people view women in comedy; something different from the others because it's rare and out of place. This class will show how wrong that belief is. Normally thought of as the sidekick, many funny women have shined just as bright as their male counterparts, and occasionally even brighter. The lessons these women learned and shared with others are sometimes funny, sometimes sad, but always important. And they did it all for the laugh. John Alvarez is a former Professor of Theater History and Acting at Atlantic Cape Community College, and was a journalist and editorial columnist under the pen name 'Johnny Wawa', and Associate Producer/Manager of Cape May Stage.



FALL/WINTER 2021/22 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

*****You are enrolled in a class unless contacted by FELS*****

Art-themed Movies	\$35	Great Decisions	\$35
Book & Film	\$25	Hooray for Hollywood	\$25
British Films & Theatre	\$35	Laughter Yoga	\$25
Creative Writing	\$35	Psychology	\$35
Current Events	\$25	Social Media	\$35
Documentary Films	\$35	Yiddish Films	\$35
Flash Fiction	\$35	Yiddish Language	\$35
		Without Them It Wouldn't...Happened	\$35
Laughter Yoga One Hour Preview Program	FREE	Women in Comedy	\$35
TOTAL COLUMN A		TOTAL COLUMN B	

**Volume discount – Registering for 4 or more classes?
\$25 per person, per class**

TOTAL DUE _____

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