



FELS Future Focus

Warm greetings from your FELS leadership team. We want to keep our members informed on steps taken since last year to ensure FELS continues to provide lifelong learning experiences in our community.

In Spring 2020, FELS suspended in-person classes. Many adult-education providers, including the FELS team, used ZOOM to conduct a limited number of classes. ZOOM became the standard technology for the Summer 2020 and Fall/Winter 2020-2021 class schedule.

Although less than ideal, ZOOM has fostered a “connection” with our members. We have also expanded our reach beyond Atlantic County since anyone could now sign up and sign on from anywhere.

Zoom is a wonderful free tool for learning. To register, go to [www. Zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) for information and downloading instructions.

Despite the challenging transition from in-person to online, virtual class enrollments from eight to more than 30 have duplicated our in-person classes. Class lecture times continue to be 60-90 minutes, leaving open opportunities for questions. That instructor-student interaction preserves one of our most valued components.

FELS leadership hopes to reintroduce in-person learning, perhaps in a modified form, in October 2021. A new FELS component may include the introduction of single event topics and discussion groups.

A second hybrid option could complement in-person classes with a Zoom video-conferencing model. This extra convenience may increase our registration numbers.

Look for the Summer 2021 FELS brochure in the coming weeks. Classes will again be offered via ZOOM and the three-session course fee is a modest \$25. All proceeds go to Stockton scholarships.

The Fall 2021 schedule and course brochure will be finalized by August. Beyond that, additional FELS offerings may open through the end of the year. We will communicate all updates via email.

Best regards. We look forward to “seeing” you at an upcoming FELS class.

Atlantic City has an amazing, storied history. Molly Golobchow grew up in the midst of it all. Mark your calendars for her free Zoom lecture, "The Atlantic City I Grew Up In," on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Based on her book, *The Hotel on St. James Place in Atlantic City, between the Boardwalk and the Holocaust*, Molly describes her unique and interesting childhood living at her family's hotel in the heart of Atlantic City.

Zoom link information to follow.