



## Letter from the Board Chair



Our semi-annual Town Hall was held last Tuesday. Room 6 at the Temple Baptist Church was filled to capacity. Many OLLI members asked thoughtful questions about our impending move to 4801 Massachusetts Avenue.

We've received requests to recap, for those not in attendance, and are happy to oblige.

Our move is scheduled for September 2016, in time for the fall semester. The terms of our agreement with American University allow us to rent six classrooms, an auditorium, social space, and office space. In order to accommodate our usual number of courses, we will schedule three classes a day in each room, a necessary change from our current two classes. Since we will have use of the agreed-on space twelve months a year, we will have the opportunity to offer something we've never had before: a summer program. A committee, headed by Denise Liebowitz, has been formed to study ways to maximize this opportunity, and to make recommendations to the Board.

Our lease which offers sustainable rates, has a ten-year term. Every two years, we will be able to negotiate with A.U. for additional space, if needed.

The premises at 4801 Mass. Ave. are completely handicapped-accessible, and have a 300-car underground garage, which we will share with the building's other tenants, mostly A.U. administrative personnel. The cost to park in the garage is \$2.00 an hour. Paid outdoor parking is available in three lots within a

block. In addition, the surrounding residential neighborhood has street parking for two hours. The N2, N3, N4 and N6 buses stop at our door. The free A.U. shuttle from the Tenley metro station may be available. (Stay tuned.)

Our building is adjacent to the Spring Valley shopping center, and offers easy access to several restaurants and a great delicatessen.

We feel that our consolidation under one roof will enhance our sense of community, and enrich the OLLI experience. Those who attended the Town Hall seemed to agree.

I hope all of our membership will embrace the changes ahead.

Gloria Kreisman  
*Chair, OLLI Board of Directors*

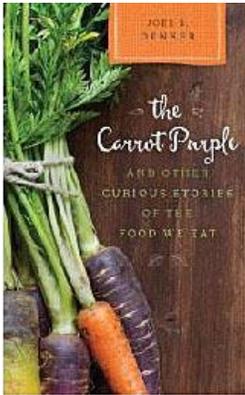
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## **Mosaic Theater Outing on November 14**

For those who can't wait until December 13 to experience the exciting offerings of DC's new Mosaic Theater, OLLI will take reservations for a group discount for the 3:00 pm matinee on November 14 of its opening production, ["Unexplored Interior: \(This is Rwanda: The beginning and end of the earth\)"](#). This fictional recollection of Rwanda before, during, and 10 years after the 1994 massacres is portrayed (through re-enactments) through the 2004 lens of a Tutsi filmmaker.

The large cast, black with 2 exceptions, includes well-known actor John Lescault as Mark Twain. As Founding Artistic Director Ari Roth says, this play illustrates "making art from the ashes of catastrophe." Following the performance will be a Peace Café (free to the public) with a discussion of Post-Conflict Reconciliation with Pulitzer Prize-winning author David K. Shipler.

For more information, contact Dorothy Marschak at 202-232-8764 or [dmarschak@chime-dc.org](mailto:dmarschak@chime-dc.org). The amount of the discount will depend on the size of the group. Members will provide their own transportation. Call the OLLI office at 202-895-4860 to sign up.



## OLLI Author Joel Denker

Just out: OLLI member Joel Denker's book, [\*The Carrot Purple and Other Curious Stories of the Food We Eat\*](#), is now available. As noted on Amazon.com, "This entertaining history will enhance the reader's appreciation of a wide array of foods we take for granted. From the carrot to the cabbage, from cinnamon to coffee, from the peanut to the pistachio, the plants, beans, nuts, and spices we eat have little-known stories that are unearthed and served here with relish." The book should be a treat for followers of Denker's blog, [Food Passages](#).

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## Online Discussion Groups

Reading alone, it's been said, is like drinking alone: you can do it, but the alternative is better.

OLLI's online discussions are your alternative to reading alone. You can enjoy sharing your reading experience with friends interested in the same book without the hassle of trying to find somewhere to meet and—especially—a time that suits everyone. Discussions can take place throughout the year, whether OLLI is in session or not. No experience is required—just a reading interest you share with others and a desire to discuss it with them.

Contact [Tony Long](#) for specifics.

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## Music to Your Ears

The Music Curriculum Committee is seeking to enlarge and enrich the OLLI music course offerings. The input and assistance of OLLI members would be most helpful. We would appreciate your suggestions of:

1. What courses might be offered, ranging from classical music to jazz; and
2. Your suggestions of possible SGLs, inside and outside the membership. Suggestions could include you and others you know who might be interested.

Please respond by email to [Alan Frey](#) and [Mike Daniels](#), Co-Chairs.

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