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AUTHOR MICHAEL ROSEN COMES TO CARTER LIBRARY ON MONDAY

What Else But Home: Seven Boys and an American Journey Between the Projects and the Penthouse

Atlanta, GA.- Meet community organizer turned author Michael Rosen at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Monday, November 23rd at 7pm. Rosen will discuss his fascinating personal story, “*What Else But Home: Seven Boys and an American Journey Between the Projects and the Penthouse*” at this special free reading and book signing.

Rosen’s seven-year-old son Ripton one day decided to join a pick-up game of baseball with some older kids in the park. At the end of the game Ripton asked his new friends if they wanted to come back to his house for snacks and Nintendo.

Over time, five of the boys—all black and Hispanic, from the impoverished neighborhood across the park—became a fixture in the Rosens’ home and eventually started referring to Michael and his wife Leslie as their parents. The boys began to see the Rosens as more than just an arcade of middle-class creature comforts; the Rosens began to learn the full stories of the boys’ fractured lives.

Soon Michael and Leslie decided that their responsibility, like that of parents everywhere, was to help all their boys get a start in life. So began a turbulent learning experience all around, beautifully and movingly depicted in *What Else But Home*.

Rosen is a former real estate developer and investor, former CEO of a Wall Street firm, former CEO of a publicly traded company destroyed in the events of September 11, 2001, and a former assistant professor at New York University.

ACappella Books, a co-sponsor of the reading, will have copies of *What Else But Home* available for purchase at the event. Following his talk, Rosen will be signing copies of his book.

Doors to the Carter Presidential Museum Theater open at 6:30 pm; the program begins at 7 pm. For more information, visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov or call 404-865-7109.