Ms. Ratner succeeds Keith Libman, who served as Board Chair for three years and who was elected Life Director.

She previously served as vice-chair of the Board of Directors, co-chair of the Grants Committee and chair of the Maurice Saltzman Award Selection Committee. She serves as Board Chair of Monarch Teaching Technologies and is on the Board of InMotion, a non-profit organization benefiting Parkinson’s disease patients.

A social worker by training, Ms. Ratner most recently served as Assistant Director for Special Projects at Bellefaire Jewish Children’s Bureau.

Other officers elected include: Larry Pollock and Dan A. Polster, vice-chairs; Randall J. Korach, treasurer; and Julie Adler Raskind, secretary.

New Directors appointed to an initial three-year term are Ira C. Kaplan, Fred C. Rothstein, MD, and Jeanne R. Tobin. Directors elected to an additional three-year term are Tom Abelson, MD, Michael Goldberg, Belleruth Naparstek, and Kim Meisel Pesses. Directors recognized for completion of Board service are Thomas W. Adler, Beth Wain Brandon, Avrum I. Froimson, MD, J. David Heller, and Marcia W. Levine. (See related article on page 2)

PROGRAM OFFICER SHELLY GALVIN RETIRES

Foundation President Mitchell Balk paid tribute to Galvin at the Foundation’s annual meeting on June 22, 2016.

After serving as medical writer and editor for Victor Vertes, MD, Galvin spent the early 1990s preparing public and private sector grant submissions on behalf of Mt. Sinai Medical Center and its faculty physicians. In 1996, the hospital was sold, and she transitioned from being a grantseeker for the hospital to a health and medicine grantmaker in the community.

According to Balk, it was Galvin’s high standards, moral compass, and ability to think critically that successfully launched Mt. Sinai’s grantmaking in 1997. In those early days, the rule was simple, according to Balk: “A grant proposal had to have two votes, both Shelly’s and mine, in order for it to advance to the Grants Committee for consideration. Sometimes getting that second vote out of Shelly was awfully tough.” The challenge of getting that second vote spoke to her standards, added Balk, and her sense of ownership of the Foundation’s limited dollars and her insistence that only those proposals that could truly achieve lasting impact.

In addition to community-responsive grantmaking, Galvin played a leadership role in the Foundation’s strategic efforts as well. She helped shape a number of Mt. Sinai’s signature investments, including the Mt. Sinai Scholars Program at the Case School of Medicine that has brought nearly two dozen young, highly promising medical researchers to Cleveland; Nurse-Family Partnership® program that the Foundation is bringing to Cleveland with the help of MetroHealth, the Myers Foundation and other partners to benefit Cleveland’s youngest, most vulnerable families; AIDS Funding Collaborative where Galvin served as Board Chair; and Mt. Sinai’s “lead” grant to establish InMotion, because exercise helps Parkinson’s disease patients, this is to name but a few.

Perhaps most significantly, Galvin, in partnership with the local nursing community, led the Foundation’s successful pursuit of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant for Partners Investing in Nursing’s Future to address the local nursing shortage. The multi-year initiative resulted in the training of more nursing school faculty so that area nursing schools could accept additional qualified students.

Galvin’s contribution to Mt. Sinai and the community has extended far beyond grantmaking, according to Balk: “If we are fortunate in life, we encounter individuals whose values we share and whose caring we receive. As we travel down life’s sometimes bumpy road, Shelly Galvin is the person you want in your corner.”

The Foundation has made a $10,000 grant for the care of cancer patients at University Hospitals/Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital in honor of Shelly Galvin’s extraordinary service to Mt. Sinai.
Ira C. Kaplan is a partner at Benesch and the firm’s executive chairman. He served as the firm’s managing partner from 2009 to 2014. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions as well as public and private debt and equity financing.

Mr. Kaplan is a member of the Board and Executive Committee of the United Way of Greater Cleveland, where he served as campaign co-chair. He served as Board chair of Menorah Park Center for Senior Living, Council Gardens, and Engage Cleveland. Other Board positions include Bellefaire Jewish Children’s Bureau, Cleveland Leadership Center, Business Volunteers Unlimited, The Temple–Tifereth Israel Foundation, Leadership Cleveland, and the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. He is married to Amy Kaplan, assistant vice president of external affairs and director of Government Relations at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. The couple has three children.

Fred C. Rothstein, MD, recently retired as president of University Hospitals Case Medical Center.

A pediatric gastroenterologist and clinical professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, Dr. Rothstein held previous leadership positions in academic medical centers, including senior vice president of clinical integration at University Hospitals Health System and senior vice president of medical affairs and director of the Department of Pediatrics at The Mt. Sinai Medical Center. In addition to serving on the Board of University Hospitals Health System, Dr. Rothstein serves or has served on the boards of Playhouse Square, Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, BioEnterprise, Bellefaire Jewish Children’s Bureau, and the Association of American Medical Colleges–Council of Teaching Hospitals & Health Systems. Dr. Rothstein is married to Jackie Rothstein. The couple has two children and one grandson.

Jeanne K. Tobin is a retired executive vice-president of KeyCorp, where she managed risk to the balance sheet and strategies for the investment portfolios.

She received her MBA from the University of Maryland and is a CPA. She moved to Cleveland in 1994 when KeyCorp merged with Society Bank. Jeanne is the immediate past president of The Temple–Tifereth Israel and currently chairs its TempleTomorrow project to expand and renovate The Temple in Beachwood. She is a past president of the Mandel Jewish Community Center, where she led the organization through its renovations and expansion, and is a past trustee of the Board of the JCC Association of North America. She is a founding member of ChamberFest Cleveland, and has served on the Executive Board of the Cleveland area Alzheimer’s Association. She also served as a member of the President’s Council for the State University of New York system. She and her husband, Jordan Tobin, a retired physician, have five children and ten grandchildren.
The 2016 Maurice Saltzman Award was presented to Jackson T. Wright, Jr., MD, PhD, at the Foundation June 22, 2016, Annual Meeting. For the past 34 years, the Saltzman Award has been presented “to a greater Cleveland person or persons who, in the judgment of the selection committee, have in the recent past projected and achieved some piece of work of significant value or merit to the health care interests of our community.”

Dr. Wright is one of the nation’s most highly regarded researchers, clinicians and educators on hypertension and related conditions affecting African American and other minority patients.

Dr. Wright joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1990, after 10 years on the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia/Commonwealth University, bringing with him his passion and skills that he has so completely engaged in his research, teaching, and mentoring in Cleveland. He recently stepped down as program director of the William T. Dahms, MD, Clinical Research Unit at University Hospitals Case Medical Center. He also served as director of the Clinical Hypertension Program in the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension.

Dr. Wright’s primary research interest is in clinical pharmacology of antihypertensive and cholesterol-lowering agents, especially in minority populations. He has worked to address the continuing challenge of including minority participants in clinical research and recruiting, training, and developing minority investigators.

Dr. Wright has had major leadership roles in nearly all of the significant clinical outcome trials conducted in Black populations over the past two and a half decades. His leadership and participation in clinical trials funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and involving large minority representation has resulted in significant advancement of the knowledge-base for treatment of hypertension and chronic kidney disease, conditions of importance to the general population, but which impose a greater burden of poor health in minority populations.

He has published extensively [300 articles/book chapters/abstracts] and served on many national and international advisory panels.

Past Saltzman Award Recipients

MT. SINAI CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The Mt. Sinai Annual Meeting was held on June 22, 2016, at the Western Reserve Historical Society. The evening included a “white glove event” where guests were able to view and examine Mt. Sinai’s historical artifacts, including the 1915 time capsule that was placed in the cornerstone of the new Mt. Sinai Hospital being constructed along East 105th Street. The Jewish Archives Committee of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Western Reserve Historical Society sponsored the event to celebrate what would have been the 100th anniversary of Mt. Sinai’s presence in University Circle.
2016 ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016, AT THE WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Left) Program Officer Daniel Cohn presents a bouquet of flowers to 99-year-old Lois Freedlander, one of the first babies born at the new Mt. Sinai Hospital in University Circle
(Right) Foundation Center Midwest Director Teleangé Thomas, Cuyahoga County Health Commissioner Terry Allan

(Left) President Mitchell Balk with Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Dean Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, and her husband James Herget
(Right) Mt. Sinai Director Donald S. Scherzer, Toni Scherzer, Paula Schwartz, Mt. Sinai Director Walter Schwartz

(Left) Founding Board Chair S. Lee Kohrman, outgoing Director Avrum I. Froimson, MD
(Middle) Newly elected Board Treasurer Randall Korach with his parents, Jeffrey and Sue Ellen Korach
(Right) Nancy and Board Chair Keith Libman with daughters Amy Brodsky (left) and Debbie Klein (right)
Building upon its successful launch, PRx Moms was expanded in 2015 to serve 200 pregnant women and mothers with at least one child under the age of 18 months. Over the same time period, OSU-E and its partners launched the Produce Prescriptions Hypertension (PRx HTN) program, which served 75 patients from three different health centers. Similar to participants in PRx Moms, those with hypertension are provided $40 in monthly vouchers to use at nearby farmers markets.

Also part of the recent Mt. Sinai grant, OSU-E has published the second edition of its much-celebrated Community Food Guide. The guide is written in accessible, culturally-appropriate language aimed at:

1. Providing tips for families to save time and money while preparing healthy meals;
2. Sharing ideas on how to encourage kids and family members to try new, healthy foods; and
3. Connecting individuals and families to farmers markets, community-supported agriculture (CSAs), and gardening projects in their communities.

In 2015, Produce Perks and PRx programs helped nearly 1,100 SNAP recipients purchase fresh produce at farmers’ markets citywide. Nearly one-third of those customers returned to the markets between two and five times, and 11 percent returned six or more times.

Mt. Sinai’s support of Produce Perks traces back to an invited proposal stemming from conversations within the Foundation’s Urban Health Strategic Grantmaking Committee. The Committee sought to support local food initiatives and promote healthy eating by increasing low-income residents’ access to fresh, local produce.

The Produce Perks and PRx programs have a track record of success and potential for wider impact with investment from Mt. Sinai. These projects bring multiple stakeholders across sectors together to improve low-income residents’ access to healthy food, and in doing so promote the health of the urban community.
JUNE 2016 GRANT AWARDS

HEALTH OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Agudath Israel Midwest
$18,000 for Getsher to support Affordable Care Act outreach and enrollment efforts

Atideinu
$5,000 for “No More Teens at Risk” After School Program

Cleveland Hillel Foundation
$12,000 for 2015 Summer Internship Program for non-profit organizations in the health sector

Jewish Federation of Cleveland
$20,000 for Wrap-Around Services Initiative of Cleveland Metropolitan School District supported by United Way of Greater Cleveland, Year III

Western Reserve Historical Society
$15,000 for the Mt. Sinai history book

HEALTH POLICY

Center for Excellence in Health Care Journalism
$2,500 for the Health Journalism 2016, Cleveland National Conference (April 7-10, 2016)

ACADEMIC MEDICINE/BIOSCIENCE

Case Western Reserve University
$100,000 for International Center for Autism Research and Education (ICARE) “seed” research grants

Cuyahoga County Convention Facilities Development Corporation
$20,000 for the Global Center for Health Innovation

Mt. Sinai Rising Star Awards Program

University Hospitals Health System
$8,815 for the 7th Annual Neurosciences Research Day and Robert S. Garson Lecture (March 29-30, 2016)

HEALTH OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY

City of Cleveland
$2,200 for Department of Aging: Senior Day (May 27, 2016)

The Cleveland Foundation (fiscal agent)
$500,000 over four years for Cuyahoga County/Invest in Children universal pre-kindergarten special needs services

Cleveland Public Theatre
$2,200 for Y-Haven’s Theatre Project Therapeutic Arts Program

Hospice of the Western Reserve
$42,000 for the African American Access Initiative

MetroHealth System
$5,000 for the 2016 MetroHealth Cleveland Heritage Medal

Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition
$55,720 for the Diabetes Management Empowerment Program (DMEP)

Northeast Ohio Neighborhood (NEON) Health Services, Inc.
$5,000 for the State of Disparities Conference (August 19, 2016)

Providence House, Inc.
$7,500 for the Partnership for Evaluation, Research, and Independence (PERI) Project agency partnership match

The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation seeks to assist Greater Cleveland’s organizations and leaders to improve the health and well-being of the Jewish and general communities now and for generations to come.

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Michael Goldberg, at the invitation of the US Embassy in Indonesia, traveled to Indonesia in May 2016 to conduct seminars around his Case Western Reserve University massive open online course (MOOC) called Beyond Silicon Valley: Growing Entrepreneurship in Transitioning Economies.

• Larry Pollock was elected chair of the Board of Trustees of Kent State University.

Mt. Sinai Directors Nan Cohen, Thomas W. Adler and President Michell Balk visited the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation Simulation and Advanced Skills Center. The trio toured the virtual reality medical training facility as part of Cleveland Clinic’s Project Medical Education Day. Students at the Case Western Reserve University/Cleveland Clinic Health Education Campus will use the facility to develop their clinical skills.