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MT. SINAI HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION FIGURES PROMINENTLY IN GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE NEW HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPUS

A new chapter in medical and health sciences education began October 1, 2015, when Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University broke ground for the shared Health Education Campus. The campus will be built on an 11-acre parcel of land in the heart of Cleveland Clinic's main campus, between Euclid and Chester Avenues and 93rd and 100th streets. It will house the University and Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine tracks of CWRU's School of Medicine, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, School of Dental Medicine and a new program for physician assistants. Designed by Foster + Partners of London, the campus will provide a team approach to patient care among medical, nursing and dental students. Below are the remarks of Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation President Mitchell Balk who spoke at the event.



Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation President Mitchell Balk speaking at the groundbreaking of the Case Western Reserve University/Cleveland Clinic Health Education Campus, with (Left to Right) Cleveland Clinic CEO Delos M. (Toby) Cosgrove, MD, Cleveland Foundation President Ronn Richard, Case Western Reserve University President Barbara R. Snyder

MT. SINAI PRESIDENT MITCHELL BALK REFLECTS ON THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOUNDATION'S \$10 MILLION GRANT

“Good afternoon everyone. What a monumental day this is in the storied history of Cleveland medicine. I'd like to take a few moments to put Mt. Sinai's participation in this breathtaking joint venture into some historical perspective.

Our predecessor institution, **The Mt. Sinai Medical Center**, was founded in no small part because Jewish doctors-to-be didn't have places to train or places to practice medicine once their training had concluded.

Over its near 100-year history, Mt. Sinai became a nationally-known teaching and research medical center. Our \$10 million grant to the health education campus is in tribute to the superior medical training and concern for the human condition that were the hallmarks of Mt. Sinai. It also represents the continuation of Mt. Sinai's long medical education partnership with Case Western Reserve.

I can think of no more meaningful a grant to perpetuate the interests of Mt. Sinai donors than this project that will provide team training for future generations of physicians and other health care professionals.

The **Case School of Medicine**, **The Lerner College**, and the **Case Schools of Dental Medicine and Nursing** will now have a world-class facility that matches the quality of their educational programs and their stellar reputations.

Imagine the caliber of faculty and students that will be attracted to this spectacular facility, on the campus of our world-renowned Cleveland Clinic. The new campus will also enhance Cleveland's reputation as a medical leader and innovator, a key strength and building block for our region. Surely, the health status of all Clevelanders will benefit from this project.

We are witnessing the power of partnership today. The partnership between Case Western Reserve and Cleveland Clinic. The Partnership between the Mt. Sinai and Cleveland foundations (The Cleveland Foundation announced a \$10 million grant to the project on the same day as Mt. Sinai).

Finally, and on behalf of the Mt. Sinai Board and our Chair **Keith Libman**, may this facility see completion swiftly, and may it play a leadership role in advancing health and medicine for many, many years to come.”

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TWO APPOINTED TO FOUNDATION BOARD

**RICHARD J. BOGOMOLNY RETURNS TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD.
KENNETH G. HOCHMAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO AN INITIAL THREE-YEAR TERM.**



Richard J. Bogomolny

Richard J. Bogomolny is perhaps best known for his service as president and now Chairman of the Musical Arts Association, parent of the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra. He also has led the Negev Foundation, the Cleveland Institute of Music, Chamber Music America, and many other organizations. Professionally, he was CEO of Pick N Pay, and later chairman of First National Supermarkets. Mr. Bogomolny was founding trustee of the Cleveland Food Bank and most recently chaired Violins of Hope, a non-profit collaboration that brought violins from the Holocaust to the concert stage on September 27, 2015, in Cleveland in memory of the owners of those violins who were the victims of genocide.

Kenneth G. Hochman is a retired partner at Jones Day in Cleveland and former chair of its health management practice. He continues to consult in that area. He has served in numerous leadership roles, including as president of The Temple-Tifereth Israel and the Montefiore Foundation. He is a former trustee of United Way of Greater Cleveland. Mr. Hochman's legal expertise includes estates, trusts, and philanthropic matters. He is former general counsel of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and sits on the board of numerous grantmaking foundations.



Kenneth G. Hochman



(Left) Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation President **Mitchell Balk** and Case Western Reserve University President **Barbara R. Snyder**
(Middle) Board Chair **Keith Libman** and outgoing Director **Shelley Roth** | *(Right)* Mt. Sinai Director **Julie Adler Raskind**

Mitchell Balk Accompanies CWRU President Barbara R. Snyder to Brazil

At the request of Case Western Reserve University, Foundation President **Mitchell Balk** recently accompanied University President **Barbara R. Snyder** and other CWRU leaders to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the signing of the CWRU/Hospital Israelita **Albert Einstein** affiliation agreement. Albert Einstein is among the largest and most highly regarded hospitals in South America. It is about to open its own medical school and sought out CWRU as a “mentor” in recognition of its historic leadership role in medical education. Presidents Snyder and Balk also met with the leadership of the Brazilian and Sao Paulo Jewish communities.

Shelley Roth Thanked for Board Service

Pierre's Ice Cream President **Shelley Roth** recently completed a maximum of three, three-year terms on the Foundation's Board of Directors. Even with the responsibilities of running a large business and wearing other community hats, Shelley found time to attend grantee site visits, the Grants Committee, and most especially Investment Committee meetings. At the urging of Board Chair **Keith Libman**, Ms. Roth has agreed to continue her service on the Investment Committee. The Foundation expresses its ongoing gratitude to Shelley Roth.

Julie Adler Raskind Chairs Early Childhood Wellness Plan

Mt. Sinai Director **Julie Adler Raskind** chaired the countywide committee that produced the County's new **Early Childhood Wellness Plan**. Mrs. Raskind helped introduce the Plan at the **Early Childhood Wellness Summit** on July 9, 2015. The Foundation has long been active in early childhood obesity prevention and other early intervention initiatives.

Mitchell Balk Receives National Appointment

Foundation President **Mitchell Balk** has been appointed to the Early Care and Education Collaborative of the Institute of Medicine's **Roundtable on Obesity Solutions**.

THE MT. SINAI HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

Annual Meeting

MT. SINAI CELEBRATES 18 YEARS OF CHAI IMPACT AT 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, marking the Foundation's 18th year of grantmaking, was held June 18, 2015, at Severance Hall. Highlights of the evening were the presentation of the **Maurice Saltzman Award** (see related article) and the election of **Elaine H. Rocker**, of blessed memory, to Director Emerita. A video presentation described how the Foundation developed the philosophical underpinnings of its grantmaking program and its early vision to improve the health status of Greater Cleveland.



(Left) Visit www.MtSinaiFoundation.org to view the special video entitled, "Chai Impact," "chai-lighting" the Foundation's first 18 years of grantmaking.
(Middle) Board Chair Keith Libman | (Right) Saltzman Award winners Albert Waldo, MD and Avrum I. Froimson, MD with Foundation President Mitchell Balk



(Left) Anita and William Heller, former Director and current member of the Investment Committee
(Left to Right) Director Belleruth Naparstek, Past Board Chairs/Life Directors Victor Gelb and S. Lee Kohrman, Joan Gelb



(Left) Mt. Sinai Scholars Roberto Fernández Galán, PhD, and Matthias Buck, PhD, of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
(Right) Board Chair Keith Libman with Vice-Chair Tom Adler



(Left) Former Mt. Sinai physicians Robert Haynie, MD, PhD, and Edwina Haynie, MD
 (Right) United Way of Greater Cleveland President Bill Kitson with United Way Vice President Traci L. Jadlos



“As a local grantmaker in health and medicine, Mt. Sinai has worked to ensure that the people of Greater Cleveland benefit from the progress being made in this vast and changing field. As we reach this 18-year milestone, we have no intention of spending any significant time looking back at our accomplishments instead of looking forward to what remains to be done. But NOT to pause here and reflect upon both our impact to date and lessons learned would constitute nothing less than irresponsible stewardship.”

– Foundation President Mitchell Balk



(Left) Sylvia and Past Board Chair/Life Director Robert S. Reitman
 (Right) Foundation President Mitchell Balk (center) with former Directors Judy and Morry Weiss



(Left) Director Emerita Elaine Rocker (of blessed memory) and Dr. Dan Rocker and family
 (Right) Program Officer Shelly Galvin with Francis Afram-Gyening, CEO of Care Alliance

TWO PHYSICIANS RECEIVE 2015 SALTZMAN AWARD

For the past 33 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.” This tradition was begun by The Mt. Sinai Medical Center in tribute to Maurice Saltzman and his commitment and achievements on behalf of the health care service needs of persons in Cleveland and beyond.

Albert Waldo, MD, received the 2015 Saltzman Award in recognition of his critical work in the field of cardiac electrophysiology – heart rhythms and arrhythmias. Dr. Waldo is considered a true pioneer and has been described by his colleagues as both “the father and grandfather” of atrial fibrillation.” This is a great testament to his nearly five decades of work devoted to understanding and treating cardiac arrhythmias.

For the past 20 plus years, his work has focused on atrial fibrillation, the most common arrhythmia worldwide, affecting nearly 20 million individuals. His ground-breaking work helped develop the use of recording and pacing techniques to diagnose and treat rapid heart rhythms and to learn more about the nature of serious cardiac rhythm disorders.

Dr. Waldo’s academic career as both a clinician and scientist began in 1966 at the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. For the past 29 years, he has been at Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals Case Medical Center as The Walter H. Pritchard Professor of Cardiology, Professor of Medicine and Professor of Biomedical Engineering.

In recognition of his scientific work and contributions to the health of the world community, Dr. Waldo has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards, has served on several professional research committees, and has been a member on the editorial boards of virtually all of the important medical journals in his field of cardiology and cardiac electrophysiology. For 43 years, his research had been supported continuously by grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

A colleague stated: “His contributions have been both transformational and practical, affecting the lives of millions of patients worldwide.”

This year, for the first time in the history of the Saltzman Award, the Selection Committee chose to award a **Saltzman Distinguished Physician Award**.

Avrum Froimson, MD, is regarded in the region and the nation as one of the true statesman in orthopaedic surgery. He has served most recently as clinical professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Case Western Reserve University, member of Cleveland Clinic consulting staff as an outstanding teacher of medical students, residents and fellows.

In response to recognized need to make advanced hand care available to the underserved, Dr. Froimson worked to establish the Hand Surgery Clinic at MetroGeneral Hospital (now MetroHealth) and then served as chief of the clinic from 1962 to 1980. He served as chairman of Orthopaedics at The Mt. Sinai Medical Center from 1980 to 1997.

Dr. Froimson is widely known for non-operative treatment of the hand and wrist, needle aponeurotomy for Dupuytren’s Contracture. He is the author of numerous publications in orthopaedic journals and textbooks for which he has received national and international recognition. Dr. Froimson has made substantial contributions in treatment of hand and elbow arthritis, nerve compression, sports injuries, limb lengthening, and hip fracture and replacement. He holds a U.S. patent of a therapeutic forearm support to treat tennis elbow. His procedure to remedy the osteoarthritic joint at the base of the thumb (developed over 30 years ago) remains one of the most commonly performed and successful procedures to restore function to the hand.

Dr. Froimson served as president of the Cleveland Orthopaedic Society and co-founded and served from 1993 to 1996 as president of the American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand, an organization devoted to funding research in the field.



(Left) 2015 Saltzman Award recipients Albert Waldo, MD, and (Right) Avrum I. Froimson, MD, with Selection Committee Chair and Director Jeffrey L. Ponsky, MD

2015 Saltzman Award Selection Committee

Jeffrey L. Ponsky, MD, chair, Foundation Directors David F. Adler, Dan A. Polster, Susan Ratner, Board Chair Keith Libman, Foundation President Mitchell Balk, Pamela Davis, MD, PhD, dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and 1998 Saltzman Award recipient, Nathan Berger, MD, former dean of the School of Medicine and 2013 Saltzman Award recipient, and René Chelm, board chair of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Past Saltzman Award Recipients

LeRoy Matthews, MD (1983) • Herman Hellerstein, MD (1984) • Saul Genuth, MD (1985) • David N. Myers (1986) • Matthew Levy, MD (1987)
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 Joyce A. Lee, RN, MA (2002) • Edward M. Hundert, MD, Floyd D. Loop, MD, Fred C. Rothstein, MD, Terry R. White (2003)
 Cleveland Functional Electrical Stimulation Center (2004) • Case Comprehensive Cancer Center under the leadership of Stanton L. Gerson, MD (2005)
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 Delos “Toby” Cosgrove, MD (2011) • Michael A. Weiss, MD, PhD (2012) • Robin K. Avery, MD (2012) • Nathan A. Berger, MD (2013) • Krzysztof Palczewski, PhD (2014)

RECENT GRANT AWARDS

The Board of Directors takes pleasure in announcing its June 2015 and September 2015 grants:

HEALTH OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Cleveland Clinic

\$25,000 for name dedication of a Jewish chapel on Cleveland Clinic's main campus

Hebrew Academy of Cleveland

Up to \$119,620 over two years for Early Childhood Behavior Interventionists start-up funding

Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA) of Cleveland

\$60,000 for Alyson's Place - JFSA Medical Center; extension of clinic hours

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland

\$1,637,636 for 2016 Campaign for Jewish Needs

Montefiore

Up to \$100,000 over two years for Home Smart: In-Home Memory Technology Integration project for dementia patients

HEALTH POLICY

The Center for Community Solutions

\$132,000 over two years to establish the Medicaid Policy Center

Greater Cleveland Congregations

\$36,000 for community organizing for public health

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

\$70,000 over two years for Affordable Care Act Access (ACA) project Years II and III

HEALTH OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY

Cleveland Minority Organ & Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP)

\$14,200 for Healthy Teens, Healthy Tomorrow: Teen Summit Program on organ donation and transplantation

Greater Cleveland Fisher House Foundation

\$100,000 for the Greater Cleveland Fisher House at the Cleveland Louis B. Stokes VA Medical Center

Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland

\$167,712 over two years for The Stay Well project

Joseph's Home

\$25,150 over two years for a matching grant for continuity of care coordinator

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry

\$36,403 for the My Life, My Future, Obesity Prevention project in Faith Health Hubs

Saint Martin de Porres High School

\$16,100 for student health and wellness evaluation and initiatives

United Way of Greater Cleveland

\$64,000 to increase 2-1-1's health line capacity for Affordable Care Act (ACA) outreach and enrollment

ACADEMIC MEDICINE/BIOSCIENCE

University Hospitals Health System

\$1,000,000 over three years for Harrington Discovery Institute: Establishment of additional disease-specific philanthropic partnerships

MT. SINAI HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION STAFF



(Left to Right) Daniel J. Cohn, program officer; Shelly Galvin, program officer; Melanie Gavin, fiscal officer; Genese Hewston, grants assistant; Lisa Zwolinski, administrative assistant; Mitchell Balk, president

COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation expresses its sincere appreciation to its friends and supporters for their many generous contributions. In addition to honoring or remembering loved ones, gifts to the various funds help to improve the health status of the Greater Cleveland community through the Foundation's grantmaking program.

Contributions received between April 15, 2015, and September 30, 2015:

SPECIAL GIFTS

Dr. William Herman Pediatric Leadership Fund

In Memory of *Dr. William Herman*

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Dr. Rudolph S. Reich Lecture Fund

In Honor of *Avrum I. Froimson, MD*

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In Memory of *beloved brother of Hedy Demsey*

Ruth Isroff

Dr. Rudolph S. Reich Lecture Fund

In Honor of *Avrum I. Froimson, MD*

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FOUNDATION WELCOMES URBAN HEALTH OFFICER

In July 2015, Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation announced the appointment of Cleveland native Daniel J. Cohn to the position of program officer, Urban Health.

Mr. Cohn previously served as assistant director of Cornell University’s Center for Engaged Learning + Research, where he designed, implemented, and evaluated programs that advance student and faculty engagement with communities. He studied public health and ethics and is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Rochester, and his experience includes healthy food access and childhood obesity prevention, HIV/AIDS testing and syringe exchange.

“I believe Dan possesses the skill, content expertise and passion that will allow the Foundation to expand its leadership role in primary prevention grantmaking in the urban community,” said Foundation President Mitchell Balk.

Prior to his work at Cornell, Mr. Cohn served as an Emerson National Hunger Fellow with the Congressional Hunger Center. During the Fellowship, he worked with a nonprofit in Boston building organizational capacity for state-level advocacy and helping launch a now national Food As Medicine initiative. He then spent time at the USDA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. In 2011, he led a team of researchers from the University of Rochester Medical Center in the evaluation of Rochester City School District’s food service program.

When he’s not teaching yoga or playing volleyball in his spare time, Mr. Cohn enjoys volunteering for organizations that support community development through the arts.

A proud “boomerang,” he is thrilled to return to Cleveland, his hometown.



Daniel J. Cohn

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