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**MT. SINAI HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER
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Ira C. Kaplan Elected Board Chair



CLEVELAND, OH—Civic leader Ira C. Kaplan was elected Chair of the 27-member Board of Directors of the Mt. Sinai Health Foundation at the organization's June 8, 2022, Annual Meeting held at Severance Music Center. He succeeds Judge Dan A. Polster, who served as board chair for three years and who was elected Life Director of the Foundation.

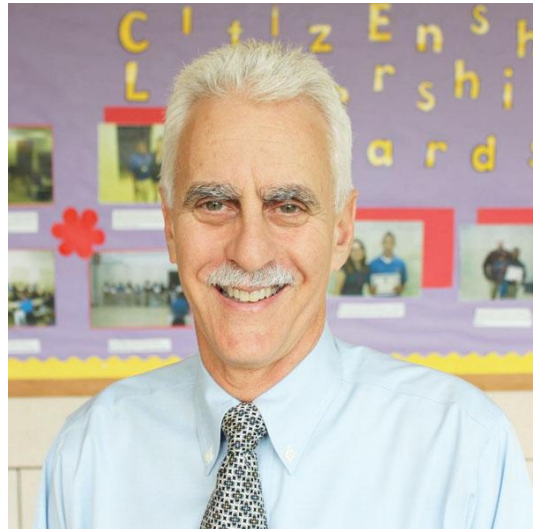
Mr. Kaplan previously served as vice chair and treasurer of the Board of Directors and has been an active member of the Grants Committee and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force. He currently serves as Executive Chairman and Executive Committee Member of the law firm Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP, where he focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions as well as public and private debt and equity financings. He has served as Board Chair of the Menorah Park Center for Senior Living and is former Board Chair of Bellefaire JCB and the Wingspan Care

Group. For the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Mr. Kaplan currently serves as Vice Chair and previously served as Campaign Co-Chair. He also formerly served as Board Chair of the Cleveland Leadership Center and Engage! Cleveland. After serving as Chair of the Community Planning Committee and longstanding

Cleveland's Jewish and general communities. He and his wife Amy reside in Lyndhurst and are the proud parents of three children and a granddaughter.

“Philanthropy is the heart and soul of Cleveland, and Mt. Sinai has been the driving force behind so many high-impact efforts over its 25 year history. Stewarding the Mt. Sinai legacy to care for those who have been historically marginalized is a privilege and responsibility I take very seriously,” Kaplan said. “I am humbled to serve as Board Chair and honored to use this platform to continue to strengthen the Jewish and general communities.”

Other officers elected at the Annual Meeting were James A. Ratner, and Beth D. Rosenberg, vice-chairs; Michael Goldberg, treasurer; and Jeremy A. Paris, secretary. Newly elected Directors include Peter Golden, Jr., MD, J. David Heller, Mariely Luengo, and Alan Rosskamm.



From left to right, top to bottom: Peter Golden, Jr., MD; J. David Heller; Mariely Luengo; Alan Rosskamm

Mitchell Balk, President of the Mt. Sinai Health Foundation, expressed a sense of promise for the organization's future. “From the darkest moments of the

Judge Dan Foister. He continued, “I know I speak for the entire Mt. Sinai family when I share how excited we are for the leadership of Ira Kaplan and for the new and returning members of our Board.”

Mt. Sinai Board Directors can serve up to three, three-year terms. Officers of the Board of Directors, including the chair, may serve up to three, one-year terms.



Mt. Sinai Director and Maurice Saltzman Selection Committee Chair Jeanne Tobin at the podium

Mt. Sinai Health Foundation honors Simon, Boutros with Saltzman Awards

(Excerpted from the Cleveland Jewish News)

At Mt. Sinai Health Foundation’s annual meeting on June 8 at Severance Hall in Cleveland’s University Circle neighborhood, the general topic of discussion centered on the COVID-19 pandemic – including the foundation’s response to the pandemic and how the community came together.

Both the 2021 and 2022 Maurice Saltzman Award winners were recognized, with Dr. Daniel Simon, president of academic & external affairs and chief scientific officer for the University Hospitals Health System, receiving the 2021 award, and Dr. Akram Boutros, president and CEO of MetroHealth, receiving the 2022 award. Boutros is preparing to retire from MetroHealth at the end of the year. In accepting his award, Simon recalled something cardiologist Dr. Eugene Braunwald said to him once – “Dan, be more like the moon than the sun. Shine



“Tonight, I get to shine because of the 30,000 caregivers at UH that work tirelessly and compassionately for our patients, their families and the community,” Simon said. “Tonight, I shine because of outstanding chairs and institute leaders who have built transformative clinical and research programs. And tonight I shine because of our senior leadership team, which is dedicated to living up to our 156-year legacy that the needy are the most worthy.”

Simon said it was also extremely meaningful to him to receive an award from an organization “so deeply rooted” in the traditions of Judaism.

“We are bound together in the principle of loving-kindness and the belief that if we save one life, it is as if we saved an entire world,” he said.

Boutros, who couldn’t attend in person due to a prior engagement, prepared a video speech where he spoke of the individual impacts MetroHealth has on the community – and how Mt. Sinai Health Foundation continues to make those community-level efforts possible through their financial support.



He detailed a 2017 story about a pregnant, young mother, who he called Johanna, who was living with her addict mother and was scared to bring her child up in that environment. A nurse provided to her by the Metrohealth Nurse-Family Partnership helped lead Johanna through her pregnancy, as well as advise her on

“Here is the thing I love most about that story, it is about how helping one person ended up helping three,” Boutros said. “Three of the thousands of lives that Mt. Sinai Health Foundation has made better. It is your work that leads to the beautiful programs and success stories that inspire me to do more and inspire me to be better. That is the spirit of the Mt. Sinai Health Foundation.”

Boutros also announced his intention to donate the \$1,000 award that comes with the honor to the MetroHealth Nurse-Family Partnership.

To read the full story from the Cleveland Jewish News, [click here](#).



The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation 2022 Annual Meeting (in Pictures)



Outgoing Board Chair Judge Dan A. Polster



Incoming Board Chair Ira C. Kaplan (r) presents a silver Kiddush Cup to outgoing Board Chair Judge Dan A. Polster in appreciation of his three years of leadership



President Mitchell Balk discusses Mt. Sinai's response to COVID-19



Mt. Sinai Director and Maurice Saltzman Award Selection Committee Chair Jeanne Tobin with award recipient Daniel I. Simon, MD



Jewish Federation of Cleveland President Erika Rudin-Luria with Federation Immediate Past Board Chair and incoming Mt. Sinai Director J. David Heller



Outgoing Director Tom Abelson, MD, Board Chair Judge Dan A. Polster



Outgoing Director Kim Meisel Pesses, Board Chair Judge Dan A. Polster



Outgoing Director Julie Adler Raskind, Board Chair Judge Dan A. Polster



New Directors Peter Golden, Jr., MD, Mariely Luengo, with President Mitchell Balk



Past Board Chair/Life Director Susan Ratner presents the report of the Leadership Development Committee.



Incoming Board Vice-chair James A. Ratner with Jewish Federation of Cleveland President Erika Rudin-Luria



Director Enid Rosenberg with David Rosenberg, MD



Outgoing Board Vice-chair Julie Adler Raskind, Director Beth Wain Brandon, Jewish Federation of Cleveland Vice President Amy R. Kaplan



Outgoing Board Chair Judge Dan A. Polster with his family



Maurice Saltzman Award Recipient Daniel I. Simon, MD, with spouse and Mt. Sinai Director Marcy L. Schwartz, MD, and Dr. Schwartz's mother, Phyllis Schwartz



(clockwise) Mt. Sinai President Mitchell Balk, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Dean Emerita and past Saltzman Award Recipient Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, James Herget, Edweana Robinson, MD, and her spouse, former Mt. Sinai physician and past Maurice Saltzman Award Recipient Robert L. Haynie, MD, PhD



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