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Officers Elected to the Board of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, MO: At the March 27, 2008, Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City, the following individuals were unanimously elected to serve a two-year term as Foundation Officers: Sheryl T. Davidow, President; Steven A. Gershon, Executive Vice President; Stanley P. Weiner, Vice President - Investments; Susan L. Goldsmith, Vice President - Grants; Marilyn Berenbom, Secretary; Michael Milens, Treasurer; Daniel L. Scharf, M.D., Immediate Past President; and Howard T Jacobson, Chair, Audit Committee.

Eight current board members were re-elected to an additional two-year term. They are Stanley J. Bushman, Bernard Erdman, Sharon Greenwood, Tom Isenberg, Gina Kaiser, Jane Sosland, Ph.D., Ann B. Stern, and Stanford A. Zeldin.

Four new members, unanimously elected to two-year terms, are Mary Davidson Cohen, Ed.D, Robert L. Mandel, Mark Myron, M.D., and Frank Sterneck. Board members continuing their second year of a two-year term are Robin Carr, Sue McCord-Belzer, and Carol Sader. Rodney T. Minkin continues his board service as a Senior Status Member.



Sheryl Davidow, newly elected President of the Board for the Jewish Heritage Foundation presents a framed resolution for outstanding leadership and service to outgoing Board President, Daniel L. Scharf, M.D.

Following the business meeting, a reception was held in honor of outgoing board members Barbara M. Atlas, Joseph L. Hiersteiner and James M. Klein.

Sheryl Davidow has served on the Foundation's board since 2001 and held Officer positions of Executive Vice President and Vice President - Grants. Sheryl has served on the board of directors for the Jewish Community Center and American Stroke Foundation. She is a former member of the Heart of America United Way Community Care Panel, and is a Disaster Action Team member with the American Red Cross.

Davidow earned a Masters in Social Work from the University of Kansas and held positions with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and Overland Park Regional Medical Center. A long-time professional staff member of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City, Sheryl initially served as Senior Adult Assistant Director, advancing to Program Director and Assistant Executive Director, and finished her career as Associate Executive Director in 2000. Sheryl and her husband, Ron, have two adult children and three grandchildren

“The elements of Jewish heritage that shaped Menorah Medical Center and helped it thrive – passion for excellence, reverence for learning, commitment to justice and nondiscrimination, and dedication to charity and acts of loving-kindness – live on in the Jewish Heritage Foundation,” states Davidow. “I look forward to working with members of our Foundation board and staff, and those in the Jewish and general community that have a passion for helping those in need.”

The Jewish Heritage Foundation was formed as a result of the sale of Menorah Medical Center to Health Midwest in 1993. Its mission is to promote health and general well-being in the Kansas City metropolitan area, with a priority to serve the Jewish community. Over the past thirteen years, the Jewish Heritage Foundation has distributed over \$27 million, with the majority of the funds going to Jewish agencies and programs.

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