About the American Technion Society

The American Technion Society (ATS) supports visionary education and world-changing impact through the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Based in New York City, the ATS represents thousands of U.S. donors, alumni and stakeholders who invest in the Technion’s growth and innovation to advance critical research and technologies that serve the State of Israel and the global good.

Since it was founded in 1940, the ATS has raised more than $2.5 billion for the Technion, making it one of the fastest growing fund-raising organizations in the United States. The ATS has appeared on The Chronicle of Philanthropy’s list of the 400 leading fundraising organizations in the U.S. every year since the list’s inception in 1991.

The ATS network has helped deliver world-changing contributions and extend the Technion presence to three countries—Israel, China (Guangdong Technion Israel Institute of Technology) and the U.S. (The Joan and Irwin Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute, at Cornell Tech). On the university's home campus on Mount Carmel in Haifa, the ATS’s supportive presence is clearly visible in a vast network of buildings, laboratories, classrooms, libraries, dormitories and recreational facilities. ATS also helps fund numerous research and academic projects, faculty recruitment, faculty chairs and student scholarships.

In 1924, Albert Einstein became chairman of the world’s first Technion Society in Germany. Today there are 18 Technion Societies around the world. The American Technion Society — the largest of these — was launched by a group of visionary entrepreneurs and scientists that included Einstein. The New York City-based organization is served by a network of chapter offices around the country.

The ATS offers supporters many opportunities to participate in the university's achievements. On missions or field trips to the Technion, they meet students whose scholarships they support and professors whose chairs they endow, see the teaching and research they fund in action and in their business applications in the marketplace.

Governed by a national Board of Directors whose officers are elected by the membership, the American Technion Society is directed by Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Richard. Zahava Bar-Nir is National President and Scott Leemaster is Chairman of the Board.

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