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 nearly $2.6 billion for the Technion, more than any other U.S.-based fundraising organization for higher education in Israel.

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 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, and faculty chairs.

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 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 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 Michael Waxman-Lenz. Steve Berger is National President and Zahava Bar-Nir is Chairman of the Board.

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