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SOUTH FLORIDA TECHNION SUPPORTERS CONTRIBUTE MAJOR IMPACT TO \$1 BILLION CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL'S PREMIER SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

Historic "Shaping Israel's Future" Campaign Reaches Successful Completion; Largest Ever for an American Organization Raising Funds for Israeli Higher Education

SOUTH FLORIDA AND NEW YORK, NY, June 14, 2010 – The American Technion Society (ATS) has successfully completed its \$1 billion "Shaping Israel's Future" campaign. (ATS supports the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa; Israel's premier science and technology university.) This was the largest campaign ever for an American organization raising funds for Israeli higher education, and one of the largest among American universities; only some 29 major American universities have billion dollar campaigns.

During this campaign, supporters in the ATS Southern Region (comprised of chapters in South Florida (Greater Miami), South Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Sarasota/Gulf Coast, and Houston) changed the face of the Technion campus with their collective generosity of more than \$120 million. These funds have established major research and teaching facilities, as well as modern on-campus housing.

"We have accomplished an amazing goal, and are immensely proud of our region's contribution to this worthy effort," said Sen. Paul A. Steinberg, president of the ATS South Florida chapter. "This achievement belongs to the dedicated supporters of the Technion, who through the course of this campaign have given generously, during good and difficult economic times," said Stanley H. Sussman, president of the ATS South Palm Beach chapter. "We are delighted to reach the culmination of this campaign, and to share it with our fellow supporters, volunteers, and professional leaders across the nation," said Louise B. Goldberg, president of the ATS Palm Beach chapter.

In addition to the aforementioned chapter presidents, the key local leaders and supporters of "Shaping Israel's Future" are:

- South Florida Chapter (Greater Miami)
 - Jack Bellock, former president and former chairman of the board, member of national board and International Board of Governors
 - Jonathan I. Kislak, former president and current chairman
 - the late Dr. Sam B. Topf

- South Palm Beach Chapter (Boca Raton, Delray Beach, and Boynton Beach)
 - Nancy Aronson
 - the late Edith Mullin, past president
 - Les and Eileen Seskin
- Palm Beach Chapter (Town of Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, and surrounding areas)
 - Irving Silver, chairman
 - Leona Chanin, chair *emerita*
 - Jack and Jean Skodnek
 - Paul Wieseneck, past president and member of board of directors
 - Joyce Yeckes, member of board of directors

The funds raised have helped the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology “advance in multiple immeasurable ways,” said Technion President Professor Peretz Lavie.

Thousands of students have benefited from generous scholarships and fellowships, and faculty members – from newly hired rising stars to world-renowned researchers in every scientific field - have received funding for world-changing research.

“The Technion and Israel would not be what they are today without the major impact of the American Technion Society,” summed up Professor Lavie.

Of the funds raised nationally, 61% came from gifts of a million or more. The largest gifts ranged from \$1 million to \$30 million. An additional 174 supporters became Technion Guardians, who made gifts of \$1 million or more during the campaign, bringing the total number of Guardians to 302.

The ATS has now begun a period of assessment and planning in preparation for the next campaign, to be launched in 2012. During this period, fund raising and expansion of the organization’s network will continue at the same ambitious level, said Executive Vice President Melvyn H. Bloom.

“Throughout our history we have met or exceeded each of our goals because we know that the Technion and Israel’s future are inextricably linked to our success,” said Mr. Bloom. “In the coming years we hope to enhance this record with ambitious new goals and achievements.”

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The Technion-Israel Institute of Technology is Israel's leading science and technology university. Home to the country's winners of the Nobel Prize in science, it commands a worldwide reputation for its pioneering work in nanotechnology, computer science, biotechnology, water-resource management, materials engineering, aerospace and medicine. The majority of the founders and managers of Israel's high-tech companies are alumni. Based in New York City, the American Technion Society (ATS) is the leading American organization supporting higher education in Israel, with offices around the country.