



## Celebrating Technion Excellence in Aerospace Engineering and Its Global Impact

Please join us in **Washington, D.C., May 1–2, 2023**, as we recognize Technion alumnus [Dr. Eliad Peretz](#), recipient of NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal for his exceptional sustained performance and impact on multiple space missions.

Dr. Peretz, based at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), serves as a Mission and Instrument scientist at NASA's Heliophysics Division. He also works closely with Nobel Laureate (Physics) [Dr. John C. Mather](#) as lead researcher for New Space Missions.

As we approach Israel's 75th anniversary and the upcoming Technion Centennial in 2024, this is an especially appropriate time to celebrate Dr. Peretz and his remarkable accomplishments. As a graduate of the Technion's Faculty of Aerospace Engineering – *the only one of its kind in Israel* – Dr. Peretz and his fellow aerospace engineering alumni are contributing to significant advances in space programs, satellite industries, defense and sustainability efforts not only in Israel, but in the US and across the globe.

The history of Israel is closely tied to the history of the Technion's Faculty of Aerospace Engineering, which has played an essential role in the country's security and economic growth. Today's modern Israeli Air Force and aerospace industry is indelibly connected to the faculty, but the historic circa-1951 building has not kept up with the exceptional research that takes place within its walls. The American Technion Society is committed to raising funds for a new, urgently necessary state-of-the-art aerospace facility. This endeavor is not only the most important capital project ever undertaken by the Technion, but is a crucial national priority for Israel.

Please [click here](#) to see the preliminary agenda for our two days together. Some highlights of the program include:

- Tour, reception, and program at the newly renovated **National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution**
- Specially arranged visit to **NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)**, which is usually not open to the public\*
- Speakers include [Professor Emeritus Peretz Lavie](#), chairman, Israeli Friends of Technion, and past Technion President; [Professor Daniella Raveh](#), Technion Faculty of Aerospace Engineering; [Nobel Laureate Dr. John C. Mather](#), senior astrophysicist (GSFC); [Stephen B. Klein](#), founder and CEO of The Klein Company and passionate supporter of the Technion, including its Faculty of Aerospace Engineering; [Oren Poleg](#), past president and CEO, Israel Aerospace Industry (IAI) North America; [Lt. Col. Aviv Levi](#), liaison officer, Israel Missile Defense Organization; and [Dr. Eliad Peretz](#)

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** GSFC security protocols require documentation of all participants prior to our visit on May 2. **You must be cleared and processed to be allowed to enter GSFC and there are no exceptions.** Please make note of the following deadlines:

- **March 17:** All non-US citizens (including those with dual citizenship) must submit their information and register by this date, including a pdf of your passport and Visa/ESTA
- **April 1:** All US citizens must submit their information and register no later than this date. You do not need to include a copy of your passport.

Our home base will be The Madison Hotel at 1177 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C. We are holding a block of sleeping rooms and are pleased to offer a hotel reservation system that will link your reservation directly to the hotel. Please have a credit card handy during the registration process as your hotel reservation will require a credit card authorization. You will be charged by The Madison Hotel directly prior to your arrival.

We ask that all attendees are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (including a booster shot per CDC guidelines). For your safety and the safety of other program participants, we strongly encourage everyone to test prior to your arrival and to confirm doing so during the registration process.

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN MARCH 17 or APRIL 1 as noted above.](#)**

If you have any questions about the Washington, D.C. program, or the online registration process, please be in touch with the ATS Programs Department at [programs@ats.org](mailto:programs@ats.org) or at 212.407.6332.