

## **Benjamin Soffer - CEO**

Benjamin Soffer joined the Technion as head of T<sup>3</sup> - Technion Technology Transfer office in 2005. As part of his duties at T<sup>3</sup>, Mr. Soffer is responsible for the establishment of startup companies and the commercialization of technologies arising from the Technion research. His Experience spans over 25 years in the areas of investment, industry and government in Israel, Europe, and the United States. In addition, Mr. Soffer serves as CEO of AMIT, a Technion Incubator for biomedical innovation; CEO of the Technion DRIVE Accelerator, and Chairman of the ITTN – The Israeli Technology Transfer Organization. In addition Mr. Soffer serves on the boards of directors of numerous high growth companies. Prior to his position at the Technion, Mr. Soffer served as managing director of TopNotch Capital - and was as an investment advisor at Highbridge Capital. Between 1999 and 2003 he served as Israel's Economic attaché in Boston. There, Mr. Soffer was responsible for enhancing economic and business relations between Israel and the US Northeast region through private equity investments, joint ventures and trade. Prior to his tenure in Boston, Mr. Soffer served as special advisor to Dr. Orna Berry, Israel's chief scientist at the Ministry of Industry and Trade (currently known as Israel Innovation Authority) , where played a pivotal role in the initiation and implementation of innovative R&D programs. A certified lawyer in Israel and in the state of New York, Mr. Soffer has interned at Israel's Supreme Court and studied law at Tel Aviv University and at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. Additionally, he studied economics and business administration at Bar - Ilan University.