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**AIEDC Names Mr. Michael Benezra to their Advisory Board.**



*“Michael has Secured over \$50 Million Dollars in Private Equity and Venture Capital for Startup Companies.*

*Last year --- Michael was named to the 40 Under 40 list of Top Executives by the Boston Business Journal in the United States”.*

## **Mr. Benezra's Brief Biography**

In 2021, Michael was named to the 40 Under 40 list of Executives by the Boston Business Journal. Michael co-founded the GK Fund – the first nonprofit fund to provide capital, corporate legal assistance and mentoring to BIPOC and women owned companies in Massachusetts. GK Fund has since raised one million, supported fifteen BIPOC founded startups and helped to raise the valuation of their first grantee from \$1 million to \$5 million in six months. While running the fund, Benezra serves as the COO of CPC Global, overseeing and managing the official tourism campaign for the City of Boston (All Inclusive Boston), which includes \$4.5 million funding and eighteen subcontracting companies.

In his previous role, he served as the Economic Attaché' to Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, working to advance trade, raise capital for Israeli companies and lead procurement for the nation in the New England region. Among his achievements include,

### **Macro Economic Achievements**

- **Secured over \$50 million in private equity and venture capital for Israeli founded startup companies between FY2017 – 2020.**
- **Led \$25 million procurement deal between Israel's Ministry of Health and Moderna for the delivery and supply of over three million mRNA vaccine doses.**
- **Brokered the first international agreement between the State of Israel and Cabo Verde, securing \$250 million in financing through the USAID Power Africa Initiative to build and operate Cape Verde's solar grid through 2030.**
- **Secured \$6 million in binational funding to support projects between Israeli companies and Cigna Healthcare.**

Beforehand, Benezra worked on legislative affairs for the U.S. Department of Commerce under the Obama Administration during the spill in the Gulf of Macondo and assisted in the reorganization of the Mineral Management Service, Office of Governor of Massachusetts, Office of the Governor of Washington State, U.S. House of Representatives and as the Research Director for the Harvard Law School Project on Disability. Michael earned his Bachelors in Social Policy from the University of Washington, and his Masters in Government from Harvard University.

Currently, Michael serves as a mentor for the Mass Challenge U.S. Accelerator Program, and on the Board of Directors for Housing Forward, Mental Health Association of Massachusetts, Meeting House Hill Neighborhood Association and New England Israeli Business Council of Massachusetts.

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