

Dafna Meitar-Nechmad

Dafna Meitar-Nechmad's longtime presence on the philanthropic scene, ranging from academic excellence to arts and culture, and developing local Israeli philanthropy, attest to her deep understanding of not-for-profit organizations and the required active fundraising involved.

Dafna decided to fully devote her time and energy to the nonprofit sector following a flourishing law career as a corporate lawyer and partner at the **Meitar Law Offices**, with expertise in commercial, corporate and telecommunication law.

Co-founding the **Zvi and Ofra Meitar Family Fund** in 2003, where she serves as president ever since, was the first of Dafna's clear and practical statements as to the importance of philanthropy in her life. The fund supports education and culture, with Tel Aviv University (TAU) being its largest grantee in Israel.

In 2014 Dafna initiated and founded the **Institute for Law and Philanthropy** at TAU, putting philanthropic policy and research on Israel's socio-economic agenda. Her involvement in its steering and management committees, and in the management committee of the **Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Studies** at the TAU Law Faculty since its inception in 2005, proves her hands-on involvement in her philanthropic endeavors.

Becoming the **Co-chair of TAU's global Campaign** in 2017 was a natural yet important step on her journey as a social entrepreneur and philanthropic leader, and further deepened her familiarity with TAU and its needs. Under her leadership the campaign has successfully raised over 770 Million dollars worldwide so far.

Among her many philanthropic roles over the years Daphna has served as: chairperson of the **Israeli Opera Friends' Association** (2005 to 2012); board member of the **Jewish Funders Network** since 2014 including co-chairing the annual conference in Atlanta in 2017, as well as opening the doors to more Israeli and American philanthropic collaborations and most recently her contribution to the establishing of **Keshet**, the first-ever Israeli donor advised fund, and as a member of **Committed to Give**, an initiative of key Israeli philanthropists to encourage and support giving by high-net individuals on their journey to becoming active social investors.

Dafna's philanthropic accomplishments reach beyond the borders of Israel. She is the first and only Israeli to be on the **Metropolitan Opera's** Managing Director's Committee (2013-2017) and on its Advisory Committee since 2017 and a member of the International Director's Council of the **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum** in New York. Other international connections include the **Royal Albert Hall**, the **Ashmolean Museum**, and the **National Maritime Museum Greenwich** in London, supported by the Zvi and Ofra Meitar Family Fund.

She is also a member the **UBS Global Philanthropy Forum** since 2014 and a recurrent participant in the annual conference in St. Moritz, alongside her involvement as a member of **Synergos, Global Philanthropic Circle (GPC)** since 2018. Dafna continuously learns, explores, and educates herself in the current philanthropic affairs and trends and is a valued member of the global philanthropic community.

As a philanthropist and a woman, Dafna is deeply concerned with gender inequality and so, following the Covid-19 crises, she initiated a Women's Philanthropy Leadership Group with the goal of adding a gender lens to their own practice as well as encouraging other philanthropists and foundations to do the same.

Dafna's presence on the public arena extends beyond philanthropy and includes a term as a representative of the public and Board Member of Israel's **Channel 10 News Company** (currently channel 13) from 2011-2014.

Dafna's continuous relationship with TAU started long before she became a donor. She is a threefold alumnus of TAU: she earned her LLB, BA in political science and MA with honors in political communications from TAU, and just as important, met her husband Amir on campus.

Dafna expressed her enthusiasm to become TAU's next chairperson of BOG and if nominated, intends to harness her extensive experience, wide-ranging network, and her energy to the benefit of the university, its students, and its faculty.

Dafna lives in Tel-Aviv, is married to Amir, and has three daughters and one grandson.