

# ILANA MEIROVITCH

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Seasoned leader with over 30 years of experience working across various organizations, large and small, from multi-million dollar corporate structures to nonprofit start-ups. Known for the ability to combine high level strategy with a practical business approach to tackle complex problems and deliver sustainable results. Proven track record executing complex projects, gaining alignment across multiple stakeholders, working with diverse cultures and leading teams.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **JEWISH COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK ([JCAN](#))**

**2024 – Present**

#### ***CEO and Executive Director***

Launched and led a nonprofit organization supporting the Orange County Jewish community in its fight against antisemitism. Focused on building bridges with local communal leaders and elected officials, we work to educate, empower and help ensure that everyone in our community is safe in our schools, our work and our religious practices. JCAN operates in a combination of a 501(C)3 and 501(C)4, allowing us to both educate and advocate on behalf of our community.

### **THE FOCUS PROJECT ([FOCUS-PROJECT.ORG](#))**

**2018 – Present**

#### ***Executive Director***

Leading a nonprofit organization that develops and disseminates weekly backgrounders, talking points and relevant resources related to issues in the headlines pertaining to Israel and the Jewish community. Reaching more than a million readers both directly and through a unique syndication model, the Focus Project's content reflects the consensus of its partners, representing leading American Jewish organizations from across the political spectrum.

### **NEWCHEM21, INC.**

**2019 – Present**

#### ***Chief Operating Officer (COO)***

Leading the operations of a Houston-based company performing chemical research and development with the goal of converting excess ethane generated in the oil and gas processing cycle into high value chemicals. Having proven the commercial viability of Newchem21's patented technology, the company is currently in discussions with potential partners for the construction of a chemical production plant.

### **FUEL FREEDOM FOUNDATION**

**2013 – 2021**

#### ***Chief Operating Officer (COO)***

Led the operations of a nonprofit organization advocating for the adoption of alternative fuels in our American driving environment, with a focus of ridding our dependence on foreign oil. Work included regulatory policy advocacy both in Washington and California, technical research and community education through social media, conferences and speaking engagements.

**DELOITTE****1988 – 2013*****Director of Operations, US Talent (HR)*****2007 – 2013**

Reporting to the firm's Chief Talent Officer, responsible for all aspects of the 'business of HR', including Talent's annual budget and forecasting, all reporting and analytics, all HR technology systems and migration of administrative responsibilities to Deloitte's center in India.

***Director of Operations, US and Global Tax Clients & Markets*****2005 – 2007**

Built and led a national team supporting client & business development programs for the Deloitte Tax practice. Responsible for coordination and oversight of client planning team meetings, establishment and monitoring of client revenue forecasting models as well as the development of web-based tools and information sources to aid in pursuits.

***National Director, Field Finance*****2003 – 2005**

Led a team of approx. 150 controllers and financial analysts in support of regional and local business units across the US. Participated in the creation of the shared services center in India, migrating nearly 40% of all finance work from the US to India through extensive process standardization.

***Chief of Staff / Regional Operations Leader, Pacific Southwest Tax*****1996 – 2003**

Reporting to the Regional Tax Managing Partner, responsible for management of the region's budget and operating results, leadership reporting and analytics, staff deployment and utilization, and oversight of all HR processes (e.g. performance management, recruiting, compensation planning, etc.).

***Tax Consultant/Senior Manager*****1988 – 1996**

Served a host of tax clients in the Orange County marketplace. Specialized in areas of corporate, international and multi-state taxation.

**Education and Other:**

- MBA with an emphasis in Finance, UCLA Anderson School, 1988
- BA, Business & Economics (Cum Laude), Bar Ilan University, Israel, 1986
- California CPA (suspended)
- Fluent in Hebrew (+ some basic French)