



Is the Israeli education system undergoing rapid privatization and are private actors and institutions in the education sphere held accountable by the state? In this report, it is argued that despite the advent of the 'new accountability' movement in the public school sector, accountability of private schools, especially ultra-orthodox ones, considerably lags behind the common practice in other developed nations. Why this is the case, and what could and should be done about this 'accountability deficit' is at the center of this report.

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