

Military Service Exemption Bill Threatens To Further Divide Israel

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New bill aims to increase ultra-Orthodox Jewish participation in the workforce by letting them skip military service even when not studying in religious institutions but is unlikely to satisfy either religious or secular Jews

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“The current law has resulted in the opposite situation than what was intended,” Dr. **Idit Shafran Gittleman**, a senior researcher at the Tel Aviv-based **Institute for National Security Studies**, told The Media Line. “Instead of everyone going into the army, it’s the opposite. The ultra-Orthodox society is exempt from the harshest obligation a country can impose on its citizens.”

“It is clear there is injustice. One side is expected to risk its life and the other is exempt from risking its life,” she said.

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