

## **Policy Networks between the Government and the Jewish Agency during Operation Solomon**

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### **Abstract**

This study attempts to determine the status and function of the Jewish Agency within the policy network and the impact of this status on policy-making. The hypothesis of the study is that while the Jewish Agency plays an important part in the policy network, this fact is problematic when it comes to policy implementation. The government of Israeli has established an operative framework for the Jewish Agency, thus seemingly overseeing its work. Yet the level of *de facto* governmental control has been poor, and in reality there has been identifiable governmental neglect in the area of immigration absorption.

This thesis is examined through an analysis of the absorption of Ethiopian immigrants in 1991, taking into account the Jewish Agency's responsibility in providing housing for them. The theoretical basis is the policy network approach, which deals with the interactions and balance of power among the various players involved in making and implementing policy.

The research is qualitative and based on an analysis of the content of primary sources, secondary sources and interviews.