The Israel Defense Forces, the IDF, is embroiled in a struggle over the identity of its character and is caught between two contradictory trends: liberalization vs. theocratization. It appears that theocratization may prevail, at least in the mid-term period, which would affect the freedom of action of the Israeli government in deploying the military for politically disputed missions.

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