

**Oded Ron & Fekade Abebe****Between Street Demonstrations and Law – Concerning the Position of the High Court of Justice as a Tool for Social Change**

The relevance of the presented research is explained by the fact that it seeks, for the first time, to pay special attention to the public demonstrations in which Ethiopian Jewish citizens took part, in order to improve their living conditions, while tracing the lesser-known companion in this context of the struggle – the appeal to the Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice. The intention of this article is, of course, to critically examine the ways in which constitutional law has been exercised as a tool for social change for the Ethiopian Jewish citizens over the years of their struggle, in comparison with the characteristics of public protest. In this regard, the most important upshot of our argument is the idea that an intelligent combination of struggle, of legal activism (the legal arena) and high-profile protests (the public arena), could have achieved and yielded better and faster results in changing the status of the Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel. The point worth emphasizing here is that public discussion on issues of principle, social discrimination and racism cannot be held in just one arena. In each of the arenas, high-profile demonstrations and legal activism, an ongoing dialogue with society is taking place and influencing its course in different ways.