

**"A Room and a Half, the Little Corner":
The Public Housing for Women as a Case Study
for the Contractual Regime and
the Loyalty Obligation of the State**

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The paper examines the dynamics between weak consumers and the state in a contractual regime within the Israeli public housing market. Various studies have examined the state's attitude towards different homeless groups such as new immigrants, Bedouins, street tenants, migrant workers and those who live in non-recognized villages. Unlike those studies, the current paper focuses on public housing for different groups of needy women. The main argument is that the contractual regimes enable the state to reduce its loyalty obligation towards weak and weakened groups and thus creates a policy failure. An overview from a social-gender perspective on the contractual regime and the public housing market indicates the scope of damages and its implications: damage to weakened women's capability to achieve space, freedom, independence and legitimacy and producing a negative incentive for creation of single-parent families. The discussion is based on various sources of information, including Knesset reports and protocols, data from state authorities, reports of NGOs and journalistic articles.

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