

This diploma thesis named „The Importance of Religious Parties in Israeli Party System” deals with these parties' position during last century. In the first part it defines main characteristics of the political system that enables religious parties to be active on the Israeli political scene and points out historical milestones of their genesis. The core of the work is an analysis of the position of main religious parties in the party system viewed from three conflicting lines having the biggest impact on its present form. The penultimate chapter defines the most important religious parties which are active in the Knesset and searches for their attributes. At the end I mention the unique electorate from which many religious parties gain their ever increasing political and electoral strength.