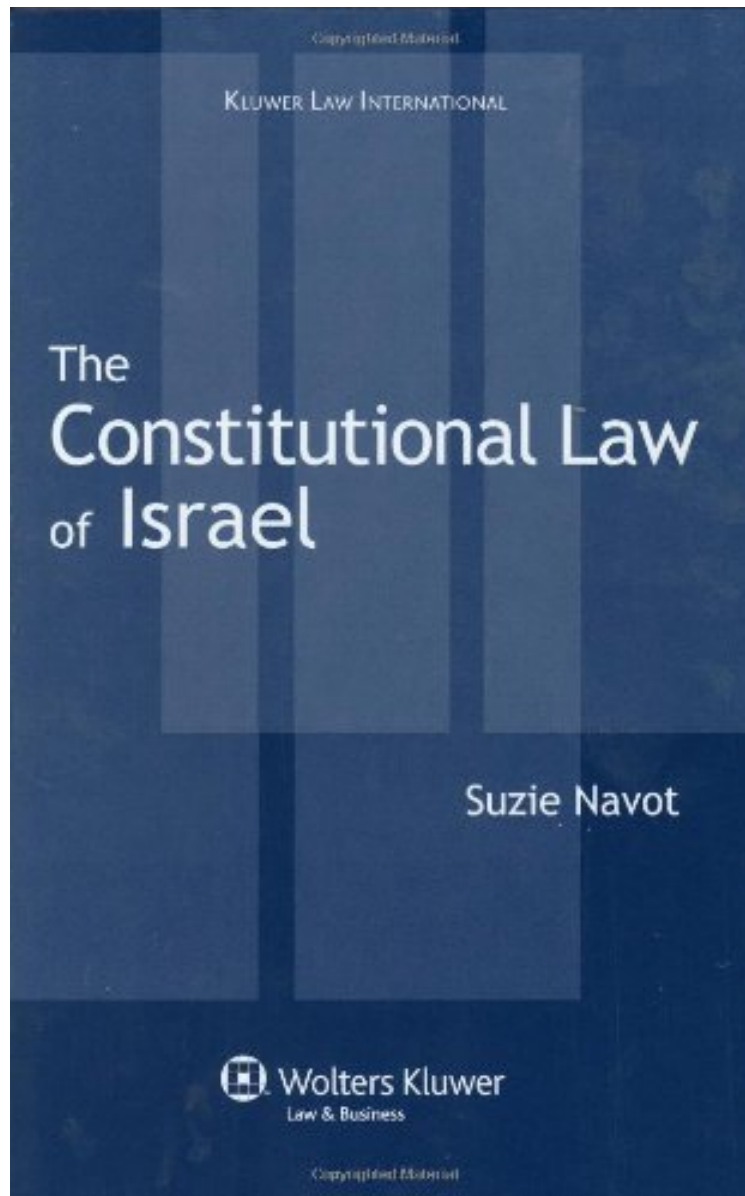


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great bookBy J. CowenFor any lawyer or business person either immigrating to Israel or doing business with Israel, this book is a must. Israel is a type of parliamentary system,

significantly different than the United States and different in unusual ways from European parliaments. Professor Navot navigates the relatively new government of Israel in a highly readable and informative fashion. The most fascinating aspect is the development of a type of constitutional law without a formal constitution. I'm unaware of any other legal system in the world like this. In addition, her discussion of the development of judicial review (similar to early U.S. constitutional history) is compelling, especially how she shows that the Israeli judiciary is probably the most influential branch of the Israeli government. Clearly, the most unusual part of the Israeli system, highlighted by the author, is the ability of any citizen who feels his or her rights have been infringed upon by the government to petition the Supreme Court of Israel for relief. Apparently, the Court reformulates itself from a typically appeal of last resort entity to a fact finding and deliberative body where new "constitutional rights" are essentially formed. For someone like me who is immigrating to Israel as a lawyer, this book will be my primer.

This book describes Israel's constitutional developments and focuses on the "constitutional revolution" of the 1990's, the evolution of judicial review and the special role of the Supreme Court of Israel in constitutional conflicts. A general introduction of the constitutional history is followed up by the sources of constitutional law in Israel. The discussion on the form of Government deals with the changes in the system of government; the Head of State (the president); the legislature (the Knesset: its constituent power and its legislative power); the executive and the judiciary. Other chapters present the special rules of citizenship; fundamental rights and liberties; constitutional problems of minorities; judicial control of administrative actions; the relation between religion and State and the specific problems of emergency laws and war.