



## **Three Streams in Alternative Education – Philosophical, Pedagogical and Practical Comparison**

### **What are the Common Lines and the Different Lines in the Streams of Alternative Education: Democratic Education, Waldorf Education, and Montessori Education?**

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This article examines the three most prominent movements of alternative education in Israel: Democratic education, Waldorf education, and the Montessori method of education. By comparing the educational approaches according to specific criteria, the goal is to provide the reader with as broad a picture as possible of their similarities and differences. The discussion focuses on the philosophical approach and general principles of each movement and does not aim to provide information or characteristics of specific educational institutions. Within an individual movement, significant differences can be found between its many kindergartens and schools. Moreover, many of the educational institutions in Israel combine elements and principles from two or even three of these approaches. One of the goals of the article is to bring before parents, educators, and policy makers knowledge of the different approaches so that they can understand and judge them with greater clarity