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## Genre diversity at the Jewish Film Festival from 14 to 19 June 2022

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**Under the motto JEWICY MOVIES, 43 films and 2 series will be screened this year at the Jewish Film Festival Berlin | Brandenburg in Potsdam and Berlin.**

"Here, countless protagonists explore their identities, pull taboos out from under nationalist carpets and embark on cosmopolitan life journeys, forced to change by private constraints or history, or simply of their own free will."

(Bernd Buder, Programme Director)

**The genre diversity** ranges from the French generational comedy ROSE (Aurélié Saada, FR 2021) to the Argentinian mockumentary THE RED STAR (Gabriel Matías Lichtmann, AR 2021) and the unusual Israeli Middle East reflection CINEMA SABAYA (Orit Fouks Rotem, IL/BE 2021), which reflects on the conflict in the context of a workshop with Jewish and Arab Israeli women, to BERENSHTEIN (Roman Shumunov, IL 2021), the portrait of a Ukrainian-born partisan and Red Army spy.

The programme also includes documentary essays such as Sergei Loznitsa *BABY YAR. CONTEXT* (NL 2021), personal historical reflections such as *1341 FRAMES OF LOVE AND WAR* (Ran Tal, IL 2022), and two high-end series spotlighting Israeli female creators this year. Rounded off by a short film programme.

At the heart of the festival are the **two competitions** for the best feature and documentary film.

This year, a **tribute** will be dedicated to the director and president of the Academy of Arts Jeanine Meerapfel. The JFBB 2022 will open on 14 June at the Hans Otto Theater Potsdam with her film *EINE Frau* (Jeanine Meerapfel, DE/AR 2022, 100 min).

"The Jewish Film Festival Berlin/Brandenburg opens on my birthday with my new film *EINE FRAU*- what could be better than finally celebrating together again and watching films in the cinema? I'm looking forward to the tribute and the conversations with other filmmakers and the audience."(Jeanine Meerapfel)

In **Kino Fermished**, the JFBB 2022 shows a very special selection of films from life and work on the kibbutz in Israel (*Apples and Oranges*, Yoav Brill, IL 2021), about Belina (Marc Boettcher, DE 2021), the Jewish-Polish chanson and pop singer, who in the 1960s musically took the path of reconciliation, to a black book about the murder of Jews on the territory of the USSR that was never published during Stalin's lifetime (*The Mystery of the Black Book*, Boris Maftsir, IL 2019).

A very special film experience will be the performance of the **silent film classic *Broken Barriers*** (Charles E. Davenport, US 1919, 78 min) with live music by Daniel Kahn. This first US adaptation of the story about Tewje, the milkman (novel by Scholem Alejchem, later known as *Anatevka* (*Fiddler on the Roof*)) will be accompanied live by the well-known Berlin musician Daniel Kahn.

This year, the JFBB also offers a **film education programme** aimed at secondary school students. Three selected films will be shown: *Masel tov Cocktail* (DE 2021, Arkadij Khaet, Mickey Paatzsch, 32 min), *der Passfälscher* (DE 2022, Maggie Peren, 116 min) and *Displaced* (DE 2020, Sharon Ryba-Kahn, 87 min). Discussions with the filmmakers will take place afterwards. The events are organised together with DAGESH- Jewish Art in Context.

This year's "**sommer school Jewish Film**" is aimed at students: With the support and in cooperation with the Central Council of Jews in Germany, the sommer school invites Master's students and doctoral students from various disciplines to engage with Jewish films. The summer school is led by Prof. Dr. Doron Kiesel and film scholar and member of our programme collective Dr. Lea Wohl von Haselberg.

More information on the programme will follow, and you can keep up to date by clicking on our [website](#).

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Look forward with us to an exciting Jewish Film Festival 2022!

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