

## Schedule

Enjoy Jazz Symposium on the occasion of "1700 Years of Jewish Life in Germany"

Date: Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Venue: "Hochschule fuer Juedische Studien Heidelberg"

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## SEISMOGRAPHIC CRITICAL THINKING

### Discussions about being Jewish in Germany today

The symposium deals with socio-political as well as artistic key questions about contemporary Jewish life in Germany. How is Jewish life in Germany today? Which influencing factors determine the Jewish communities and Jewish life? How can we make the specific experiences of being Jewish available to society as a whole? How can we benefit from this, especially in times of crisis? How has Jewish music in Germany changed in recent decades? We want to discuss these and other questions with well-known guests.

10.00-10.10	<b>Welcome</b> Prof. Dr. Werner Arnold, Rector of "Hochschule fuer Juedische Studien Heidelberg" Rainer Kern (Founder and Director Enjoy Jazz)
10.10-10.30	<b>Keynote</b> David Witzthum (Israeli TV journalist and book author)
10.45-11.45	<b>"Migration/Identities. What does being Jewish in Germany means today?"</b> Panel I: Mirna Funk (host), Garry Fischmann (actor), Alexander Iskin (artist), Rabb. Prof. Dr. Birgit E. Klein (Hochschule fuer Juedische Studien Heidelberg)
12.00-13.00	<b>"Seismographic Critical Thinking. A Jewish tradition and its relevance to the current crises"</b> Panel II: Amy Goldberg (host), Alexander Shapiro (consultant) , Janusz E. Pawelczyk-Kissin (Rabbi and Cantor of the Jewish Community Heidelberg), Prof. Dr. Frederek Musall (Hochschule fuer Juedische Studien Heidelberg)
13:00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-15.00	<b>"The New Jewish Sound In Germany": Reading (German; English summary) &amp; Discussion (English)</b> Panel III: Yuriy Gurzhy (host), Vivian Kanner (singer, actress), Mark "Stempenyuk" Kovnatskiy (violinist, composer), Myriam Halberstam (Ariella Publishers)



<i>15.00-15.30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30-15.45	<b>Conclusion</b> Rainer Kern
16.00-17.00	<b>Concert</b> Julie Sassoon, solo piano



## **Selected Short Biographies**

### David Witzthum (Keynote)

David Witzthum was a correspondent for Israeli radio and television in Germany from 1982 to 1985 and has been moderator and editor-in-chief of the first Israeli television since 1993. Witzthum has been teaching political science at Tel Aviv University and German history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since 1994. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Israel Council on Foreign Relations.

### Mirna Funk (Host Panel I)

Mirna Funk majored in Philosophy and history at Humboldt University, Berlin. She composes articles and essays for various publication, is a columnist for the German "Vogue", has authored two critically acclaimed novels, and recently completed her first screenplay.

### Amy Goldberg (Host Panel II)

Amy Goldberg is the President of Amy Goldberg Consulting/New York and also the widow of Mannheim-born Ernst W. Michel, a Holocaust survivor, accredited journalist at the Nuremberg trials and author who played an important role in the United Jewish Federation, New York.

### Yuriy Gurzhy (Host Panel III)

Yuriy Gurzhy was born in Ukraine and lives in Berlin. He is a musician, DJ, producer and radio host. He is the singer and guitarist of the cult band RotFront and co-founder of the Shetl Superstars. Since the beginning of the Russian war against Ukraine, he has been writing a widely acclaimed war diary for the "Tagesspiegel".

### Julie Sassoon (Piano)

Julie Sassoon is a British composer and pianist with a German-Jewish family background, classically trained on piano and violin; critically acclaimed solo performances at the Elbphilharmonie and the London Jazz Festival among others.