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Bachhaus director Jörg Hansen with a display of Bach festivals around the world.  
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## Bach House Eisenach at the 10th Jerusalem Bach Festival

Anniversary Exhibition: "125 Years of Bach Festivals – 10 Years of Jerusalem Bach Festivals", June 25–28, 2026

**Originally planned for March, the Jerusalem Bach Festival is now scheduled for June 25 to July 3. This is the tenth Jerusalem Bach Festival, which the Jerusalem Baroque Orchestra and its conductor, Prof. Dr. David Shemer, founded in 2016. The Bach House in Eisenach, Germany, will present a small exhibition to mark the anniversary, honoring the Jerusalem Bach Festivals while also commemorating the "big" Bach Festival anniversary, as this year marks exactly 125 years since the idea of regular Bach Festivals was first put into practice.**

In 2015, the Jerusalem organizers approached the New Bach Society in Leipzig and requested support for their first Bach Festival. The Bach House, which belongs to the Society, contributed a major exhibition on Bach's St. Matthew Passion, displaying manuscripts from which Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy had performed the work for the first time after Bach's death in 1829. Since then, with the exception of 2020, the Bach House has participated in every Jerusalem Bach Festival with exhibitions of varying sizes. "Of course, we don't want to miss out on the anniversary," says Jörg Hansen, director of the Bach House. The exhibition will be smaller than originally planned for March, since some of its items are now currently on display in a separate exhibition at Eisenach called "The Bach Festival Phenomenon". In 1900, the New Bach Society was founded to organize regular Bach festivals throughout Germany, and from 21-23 March 1901 the society's first Bach festival took place in Berlin. The idea of Bach festivals has spread since then: there are now over 83 Bach festivals celebrated regularly throughout the world.



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Frauenplan 21  
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10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day

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The Jerusalem Bach Festival is one of very few festivals in the world that are consistently committed to historically informed performance practice. This year, a faithful performance of Bach's "Magnificat" is on the program. The exhibition at the Jerusalem YMCA will also feature a first print of the composition from 1811. Hansen continues: "Israel has a long Bach tradition, reaching back to even before the founding of the state, and the Jerusalem anniversary is a wonderful success. Conversely, the founding of the New Bach Society and its festivals in the beginning of the 20th century was also thanks to many Jewish and Jewish-descended figures. We intend to remain present at the Jerusalem Bach Festivals as long as we are welcome and the security situation and our own financial situation allow."

## **25.06-03.07.2026: 10th Jerusalem Bach Festival**

YMCA (Jerusalem), Church of the Redeemer (Jerusalem), Megiddo Cultural Center (Ein HaShofet), Tel Aviv Museum of Art (Tel Aviv)

<https://jbo.co.il/en/festivals/bach-festival-10-June-2026/>

## **25.-28.06.2026: Bach House Jerusalem Anniversary Exhibition:**

„125 years of Bach Festivals – 10 years of Jerusalem Bach Festivals“

YMCA/Three Arches Hotel, King David Street 26, Jerusalem



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