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## The Week in Germany: Culture

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### Jewish Comedians Bring Laughter to Berlin



*Like most comedians, the "tadbrothers" were class clowns and just cannot stop making people laugh.*

David and Avi Toubiana have found success as newcomers on the German slapstick comedy circuit, the *European Jewish Press* reported on Monday.

The brothers, aged 26 and 29, grew up in a Jewish family in the western German city of Düsseldorf. They studied at the famous Lee Strasberg acting school in New York, returning to Germany following a stopover in Toronto. After finding success at Berlin's BKA comedy club, the second run of their "Murder on the Panini Express" is now showing through November 11 at the ufaFabrik, a popular comedy venue in the German capital.

"The show is a typical whodunit with all the stereotypes. It revolves around a murder and a piece of bread that has taken on the concerns of a wide range of characters, each one played by either Avi or David. No mercy has been spared the clichés that are prevalent in Italian society - including the hysterical women, unruly children and a pedophile priest," the EJP writes.

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The Tad Brothers, as they are known, grew up in a wider German Jewish community of some 20,000 which is rapidly growing today at over 100,000. Thanks to their mobile lifestyle and side-splitting entertainment, the brothers are well-known among their young Jewish counterparts in Germany, who have helped advertise the show.

"Although Murder on the Panini Express is not a Jewish show, the typically fine art of Jewish slapstick comedy cannot be missed. The Tad Brothers' have successfully emulated their role models - the American slapstick comedians the Marx Brothers, of 1930s and 40s fame," the EPJ writes, thereby crossing cultural and ethnic lines to attract theatergoers from all walks of life.



*Born to be funny: the tadbrothers are on the road to  
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