

# Movie buffs love Silverspot Cinema

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Going to the movies used to be a big event – and at Silverspot Cinema in Naples, it still is.

That's because moviegoers can enjoy a fine-dining experience before the curtains open, everything from appetizers to hand-crafted burgers to house-made flatbreads to sliders and desserts, along with a glass of wine or ice cold beer—all right at the cinema.

Dinner can be enjoyed by either dining in or by taking dinner into the theater, as all are welcome to dine, moviegoers or not.

What's also unique about the cinema is that in addition to their new releases, Silverspot offers a range of other films, including independent films shown throughout the year, with "The Global Experience."

## Jewish Film Series

First up this year will be a Jewish Film Series, from Jan. 22-28. The series

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will showcase Judeo-centric films from Israel, Germany, France, Poland, Spain, Hungary, the U.S. and the U.K.

"The Jewish Film Series will enrich, entertain and educate filmgoers about diverse Jewish and Israeli topics with films from all over the world," said Randi Emerman, senior director of marketing for Silverspot Cinema.

Feature films such as "Let's Go!" a story about Holocaust survivors starting a new life in post-War Germany, as well as documentaries, such as "Famous Nathan," a Coney Island-inspired film about the life and times of the original Nathan's Famous, will be shown during the series.

"These kinds of films are appreciated in this community," said Maggie McCarty from the Paradise Coast Film Commission, who explained that independent films are often character-driven, cover unexpected topics and are unexpected treasures.

"Some also have a local connection," added McCarty, who also said that it's great to have a chance to see both the independents and the classics, which also are shown at the cinema.

## Classic films

In addition to the "The Global Experience," Silverspot's on-going cultural programming will offer favorites such as the TCM Classic Films, including the 70th anniversary of "The Maltese Falcon," as well as operas from around the globe, including the Met; live theater, including shows from the National Theater in the UK; the Shakespeare Festival, including those films shown at the famed Stratford Festival, and ballet from the Bolshoi Ballet and the New York City Ballet.

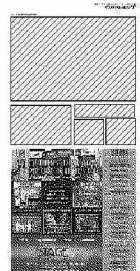
"Seeing some of these highly acclaimed productions on the big screen is the next best thing to attending a live show," added Emerman.

What else is unique is the theater itself, as it offers the latest sound and projection technology, has reserved stadium seating, and provides extra-large hand stitched leather seats specially made for Silverspot.

Those who get hungry for a snack will also enjoy the concession stand that offers everything from sliders to pizza to popcorn to specialty sweets.



COURTESY OF BR/BARBARA BAURIEDL  
"Let's Go" will be showing during the Jewish Film Series. Laura's father (Maxim Mehmet) gives Laura (Julia Niegel) with a necklace.





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"Let's Go!" will be showing at the Silverspot during the Jewish Film Series. On vacation in Italy, the Stöger family in the movie falls victim to anti-German sentiment. From left are Alice Dwyer, Deborah Kios, Maxim Mehmet and Naomi Krauss.



COURTESY OF SILVERSPOT CINEMA

Silverspot is a favorite for movie fans since it offers more than just a movie.