

The TV Scrolls

The Metairie Jieuxbillies

*Come listen to my story 'bout a Jieux named Irv,
A poor shopkeeper but he had a lot of nerve,
Then one day he was playing Powerball,
Picked a bunch of numbers, and ya know he hit 'em all!*

*Gelt that is.
Green gold.
Oy! The taxes!*

*Well the next thing ya know ol' Irv's a millionaire.
Rabbi said, "Irv move away from there!
New Orleans is the place ya ought to be."
So they loaded up their cart and they schlepped to Metairie.*

*Burbs that is.
Green Lawns
Shopping Malls.*

Debut Episode

The Metairie Jieuxbillies -- Irv Clampowitz, his fetching daughter Ida Mae, their cousin Jeremiah, Ida's loving Jieuxish grandmother Bubbe and all their kinfolk will be passing through the French Quarter to celebrate their first Mardi Gras with y'all. Although the Clampowitz krewe loves New Orleans, and in their own way they're "Proud to Call it Home", they don't really understand y'all's traditions.

Now folks have been calling Irv "The King of the Jieuxs" and calling Ida Mae "The Jieuxish-American Princess", and well they took to their new names like a shnorrer takes to cheesecake. They'll be throwing around their new-found fortune, and iffin they should toss one of them there funny-lookin' donuts atcha, they call 'em "Krewe du Jieux Bagels", you should consider yourself lucky! (Folks tend to stay clear of Bubbe 'cause she's a meshuggeneh and is always trying to get ya to eat her chicken soup ... luckily for Jeremiah he can really pack it away.) Alright already! Enough with this! On with the song!

*And now it's time to say Shalom to Irv and all his Krewe.
They'd like to stop and thank y'all, they'll see ya at the Doo.
You're all invited back next year to come Metairie,
And have a heaping helping of their hospitality.*

*Jieuxbilly that is.
Sit a spell.
Kvetch a while.*

OY'ALL COME BACK NOW, Y'HEAR?!

T'What's In The Gumbo?

IN THE SOUP -- Gumbo is among the city's oldest culinary traditions. But this legendary dish comes with many recipes -- some of them highly suspect.

For instance, what really happened to Ruthie's ducks? Do the grave robbers really stop with the architecture? Did the Boston Club change its gumbo recipe to include Viagra? What do they do with leftover Lucky Dogs?

Bringing this long-simmering myth into the open, the Seeds of Decline will present some of the most famous chefs in New Orleans and their secret gumbo recipes. You'll fall under the spell of Emeril Le Gas, Susan Spicy and Big Dick Brennan. Anne Rice supposedly has a drop-dead recipe.

A Seeds spokeschef warned of potential trouble from gumbo-hating pizza sluts, who compete fiercely for many of the same ingredients. Other gumbo haters hate to see the seafood wasted, preferring dishes such as Crawfish Monica Lewinsky.

The Seeds' gigantic gumbo pot will reveal a cornucopia of surprise ingredients and other interesting accoutrements -- guaranteed to stir up serious excitement. You'll roux the day you let something like this go by untasted.

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