

# Dim Sum, or, One in a Minyan

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I was in a Chinese restaurant on a wintry  
afternoon  
The dim sum gals were making their rounds,  
calling out their dim sum tune  
I was just about to choose a dish and pour  
myself some tea  
When a *Chassid* came in, looked around,  
then he walked right up to me.

He said, "I know you're Jewish, I see the  
*kugel* in your face  
"And I know you're wondering what a Jew  
like me is doing in this place  
"I'm not here to give you grief about what  
you do or how  
"I've just come to give you a chance to  
perform a little *mitzvah* now."

And I don't care what kind of Jew you  
are  
The kind of Jew you are is fine with me  
If your Mom was Jewish then you're up  
to par  
You're as *ekht* as I need you need to be  
You may eat *treyf* and *khazeray*  
But that doesn't mean you don't qualify  
A Jew's a Jew, no one can deny—  
You've got a Torah-clad warranty.

"There's a small *beys midrash* down the  
street where we're reading the *Gemara*  
through  
"And when time for *Minkha* rolls around,  
we're often short a man or two  
"To complete our *minyan* I always go where  
there'll be Jews to spare  
"That's any good Chinese restaurant—I  
know I'll find a *lantsman* there."

And I don't care what kind of Jew you  
are  
The kind of Jew you are is fine with me  
And now's your chance to be a Jewish  
star  
'Cause if a *minyan's* a lock, then you are  
a key  
And I don't care on what you feed  
Or the kind of Jewish life you lead  
I'm a Jew in need of a Jew in deed  
And you will suit me to a tee

Now, a *mitzvah* is a mission that a Jew  
cannot refuse  
And you're not a *mentsh* if you stand by and  
don't help your fellow Jews  
So I got up, put on my coat without delay or  
fuss  
When some guys at a nearby table said, "If  
you're going to *daven*, wait for us!"

And I don't care what kind of Jew you  
are  
The kind of Jew you are is fine with me  
Even if you haven't had a *bar*  
You're a leaf on the family tree  
You may only-go-to-*shul* on *Yom Kippur*  
Or lead the life of a *goy gamur*  
But with Jews there's no such thing as  
"pure"  
So buddy, you're the Jew for—  
You may not think it's very cool  
But the genes in your particular pool  
Say, "Would it be so bad if you went to  
*shul*?"  
And buddy, that's a Jew to—  
*Shmulik*, that's a Jew to—  
*Yingl*, that's a Jew to me.