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A couple of promoter-rappers have tapped the popularity of rap music blended with good-natured ethnic humor to come up with *As Kosher As They Wanna Be* - a tongue-in-cheek parody of the bawdy rap group 2 Live Crew.

The duo, called **2 Live Jews**, is made up of Easy Irving, known in real life as Joe Stone, and MC Moisha, played by comedian Eric Lambert.

Stone and Lambert are Jewish, which gave them the latitude to make fun with such hit songs as *Oy, It's So Humid* - a takeoff on Crew's raunchy hit *Me So Horny*.

The *Kosher* record is being produced by Hot Productions, a production company in South Miami owned by Stone's father, Henry.

"We thought it could be a good piece of material," Henry Stone said Thursday. "We need a little humor in this world. They were cashing in on the 2 Live Crew controversy."

The Miami group 2 Live Crew made national headlines when a federal judge in Fort Lauderdale ruled the album *As Nasty As They Wanna Be* obscene. Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro arrested members of the group in June after a performance in Hollywood, Fla., of their raunchier songs. The band members face an October court date on obscenity charges.

The parody group has even made a video and has offered it to MTV, the elder Stone said.

The songs, with names such as *J.A.P. Rap* and *Jokin' Jews*, have the potential to offend, but Henry Stone said the feedback has been positive so far.

"We've heard very little negative," said the elder Stone, who dismisses the fears of the Anti-Defamation League's Arthur T eitelbaum, who said he hadn't heard the album but opposes all stereotyping.

The black-and-white video features the two as 80-year-old performers kibitzing in rhyme.