

Gene's Restaurant  
73 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenue)  
New York, NY 10011

### **Good Food Is in the Genes**

Gene's has been open since 1919 and maintains the kind of old school New York charm that seems harder and harder to find these days. Best of all, they offer a prix fixe lunch for \$22.95 and prix fixe dinner for \$32.95 that includes appetizer, entrée, dessert, and coffee or tea. Of course, the great prices would mean little if the food wasn't good, and thankfully the food is excellent.

For your appetizer, try the chopped liver, which is rich and satisfying, served with raw onion and Melba toast. It's not like traditional chopped liver, however, having more of a smooth liverwurst quality. But I love liverwurst, so I was happy with the dish, which is really chicken pate. It's a terrific way to start a meal. Minestrone is a good choice, with lots of nice pasta in a tasty tomato broth. Baked clams are standard, pretty much what you would get most anywhere, but tasty nonetheless.

For main courses, the filet of sole Meuniere is buttery, lemony, and served with nice potatoes and vegetables. Best, though, is the scallops, something I would usually not order as an entrée because it is hard to get full on scallops, but these were without question the best scallops I have ever had in a restaurant. Unlike shrimp, I find scallops tricky – they are not so easy to cook right. But here, they came broiled to perfection. And with a rich starter like chopped liver, a light entrée of scallops is perfect so you have room for the sinfully rich chocolate mousse cake for dessert.

This is not the kind of place you go to for a quick bite. The atmosphere is sophisticated yet relaxed. You can literally spend the whole afternoon here having a leisurely lunch, but you will feel like you need a nap afterwards. Gene's is a grown-up restaurant – quiet, classy, and reliable.

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