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But holidays are the busy season, when business picks up by as much as 40 percent. A lot of that is special orders from the catering menu. Robbins says, "We do chopped liver, small cocktail knishes, meat and potatoes. We do chopped herring, stuffed chicken breast." The list goes on to include matzo balls, kugels, salmon salad, stuffed cabbage, fresh baked rye bread, and "Maxie's nova platter" (side of smoked salmon). To break the Yom Kippur fast, Robbins suggests a dairy platter with white fish salad, sable, and bagels.

"We have a lot of regular customers; we are a destination for certain things that we make," says Robbins, which include "brisket, stuffed cabbage, our blintzes." Though Maxie's doesn't have a bakery operation, almost everything else is made in-house. "These are all recipes from my grandmother, old recipes that we bring in and maybe improve upon a little. These date back for at least a century."

We thought perhaps Maxie was the name of his grandmother, but we thought wrong. "The name? We wanted to sound like a deli, and Maxie's sounds like a nice delicatessen." *Maxie's Delicatessen*
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