



Temple Israel Brisket Throwdown Guidelines

Thanks for entering our TI Brisket Throwdown! The competition will take place at the Temple Israel Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, December 18. The official party is from 11 am - 1 pm but you will need to be there with your brisket by 10:30 am.

Here are the guidelines you need to follow for the competition:

1. ARRIVAL/ SET UP

- a. PLEASE ARRIVE no later than **10:30 am** to set up your station.
- b. Upon arrival you will receive your location, which will be marked by a number.
- c. Temple Israel will provide each person with a chafing dish to keep the Brisket warm.
Please bring your brisket in an aluminum pan so that it can go into the hot water dish.
- d. Please bring a small cutting board and a knife to cut your brisket into pieces during the afternoon. TI will provide you with sampling cups (pictured to the right). *Do not precut into samples prior to your arrival.*
- e. You will be expected to remain at your station throughout the party to distribute samples. It is okay if you run out of brisket; we are expecting over 300 people so not everyone will be able to get around to every station. There will also be food trucks with other traditional Chanukah foods.



2. JUDGING

- a. We will have three trophies
 - i. Judges Choice
 - ii. Congregational Choice
 - iii. Clergy and Staff Choice
- b. **Judges Choice:** We will have 5-6 celebrity judges. They will come around at 10:30 and taste your recipe. You can talk to them about what you did and share any secrets you put into it.
- c. **Congregational Choice:** Upon entering the area where the throwdown is happening congregants will receive a sheet of paper with every brisket listed by number. They will vote on their favorite by circling the corresponding number and placing it in a ballot box.
- d. **Clergy and Staff Choice:** TI clergy and staff will walk around and try each brisket and vote on it.

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