

Label's of New York

1096 Madison Ave. 212-737-1372; labels.com

Label's has been an artisan butcher store for five generations, as Stanley Lobel and son Mark (right) will attest. Their spectacularly packaged Lobel's Black-Tie Gift Box (from \$100) includes their most popular steak cuts, vacuum-sealed. They also offer spiral hams, smoked turkey and more.



Graham Morrison

Economy Candy

108 Rivington St., 212-254-1531; economycandy.com

This old-fashioned candy store sells hundreds of varieties of candies, nuts, chocolate and all the old-time candy you had when you were a kid. Ilene Cohen and her husband Jerry (pictured right) love preserving the family tradition — Jerry's father and uncle-in-law started the company in 1937. Iconic and nostalgic candy is a specialty here. "If it's available, Jerry can find it," says Ilene. Economy Candy also has a fantastic selection of retro trading cards from the '90s (but "Don't eat the gum," says Cohen.) Custom gift baskets are available — try the Holiday Extreme (\$75) for a candy explosion.



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LOCAL TREATS
By PAOLINA RELLA



Li-Lac Chocolates

Various locations: 718-567-9500; li-lacchocolates.com

For 84 years, Li-Lac Chocolates has been hand-making fine chocolates. Li-Lac's legendary fudge recipe goes back to 1923 and comes in decadent varieties like maple walnut, coconut and peanut butter (\$22 for a one-pound box). The French chocolate (\$21 for a half-pound box) is a mix of dark and milk chocolates filled with selections including praline, rum, truffle, marzipan and raspberry.

Liz Sullivan



Veniero's Pasticceria

342 E. 11th St. 212-674-7070; venieropastry.com

Since 1894 Veniero's Pasticceria has been delighting customers with luscious Italian pastries. The rainbow cookie and struffoli (fried balls of dough drizzled with honey and sprinkles) are just a couple of old-time favorites. If you visit the shop, the copper ceilings, Italian marble floors and stained glass ceilings will take you back in time.