

stock at a discounted \$23 total. Chain arts & craft stores, to my best recollection, would come in quite a bit higher as they don't sell these cards in that high a quantity. Note: Although these cards are not advertised for use in a home printer, I've used them successfully hundreds of times (Again, Stedner's staff would gladly advise you.)

COHEN'S BAKERY & EZRATH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

For a dear friend, Challah – \$2; Challah cover – Prices vary dependent on current stock. The gift shop was one of my “best finds.” Everything from a 50-cent fillable dreidel to a beautiful \$150 Kiddush cup. Plenty of goodies for the kids to buy: stickers, brainteasers, card games. Family gifts: \$11 game called Quick Shtick, a beautiful hand-painted mezuzah-cover from Israel at \$12, sterling silver ankle bracelets, earrings, and necklaces for all faiths from about \$12 up. Call for hours; the Sabbath begins early in the winter. The ladies from the *Sisterhood* laughingly called the shop the best place in the Catskills to shop for Judaica, and I'd have to agree. Their prices for trinkets easily beat out area and national stores, which usually stock a token number of plastic dreidels and small menorahs over the holiday. Prices for more lavish gifts were competitive with large discount online stores. Another best bet! A nice challah for the hostess, a handful of gelt and those plastic dreidels, the \$11 trivia game for the family, and we're set for a fun-filled evening. Total cost – about \$20 for a family of four.

IMPERIAL SCHRADER CUTLERY

(Available locally at *Thornton's*, *Tom's Taxidermy*, and *Ace Hardware*.)

For my pacifist son, *Schrader* is a manufacturer-wholesaler of world-renowned cutlery, but a good selection of their pocket and hunting knives are available locally at the stores noted, with at least a 30-percent discount. These are expensive, well-made knives, not little kid's toys. Their Uncle Henry pocketknife came with a one-year warranty against LOSS! Buy one for your “big boy” son, sweetie, or hunter friend, instead of a comparable Swiss Army knife. And their kitchen knives (not found locally) have served me well for a good 12 years.

(NOTE WELL: *Thornton's* is a dangerous place for the consumer. I walked in with all good intentions of buying a \$20 pocket knife, and out with well over \$150 of sorely-needed household repair supplies: ladders, drop lights, all sorts of small goods I can never find for a 100-year-old house, winterizing stuff, and a cool \$15 coal scuttle I'll use as a magazine holder. Be forewarned!)

ACE HARDWARE ~ NAPA ~ THORNTON'S

For those hypothetical kids, all stock those sturdy old-fashioned, tin-and-plastic vehicles seen at *Ace Hardware*, *NAPA*, and *Thornton's*. I estimate at least a dozen or 

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