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**LADY MENDEL'S TEA SALON CELEBRATES THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH 'WALKERS SHORTBREAD'S HOLIDAY TEA WEEK' STARTING SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH**

**HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK** – (December 10, 2009) – The Victorian elegance of **Lady Mendl's Tea Salon** in New York City will be the charming setting for '**Walkers Shortbread's Holiday Tea Week**' starting Sunday, December 14th. The weeklong celebration will highlight [Walkers Shortbread](#), a favorite with cookie connoisseurs the world over.

Lady Mendl's will be decked out with holiday decorations, including Walkers decorative accents and gifts underneath the Victorian Christmas tree. Guests will enjoy a personal visit at their table by internationally acclaimed afternoon tea authority [Ellen Easton](#) on Tuesday, December 15th and Friday, December 18. Learn the proper tea etiquette, fun facts and the properties of the tea being served! Lady Mendl's General Manager **Shawn Rettstatt** will offer tours throughout the week and an insider look at the salon.

Holiday teas at Lady Mendl's are getting more popular every year as guests enjoy a respite from their hectic schedules and indulge their senses with luscious offerings in the salon's unique setting.

Lady Mendl's five course tea service includes delicate and delicious sandwiches, fresh baked scones, clotted cream and jams along with a collection of fine teas. In honor of the festive season, [Walkers Festive Shapes](#), whimsically-shaped Christmas trees, bells, stars and Santa shortbread, will be served for the final course. Each guest will receive a complimentary package of Walkers' award-winning shortbread to take away with them.

Tea salon guests will also have a chance to win a gift basket filled with Walkers products as well as a Teddy Bear dressed in the company's internationally famous red tartan plaid.

Tea will be served Monday through Friday at 12pm, 3pm and 5pm. On Saturday and Sunday tea service will be held at 12pm, 2:30pm and 5pm. For reservations tele: 212-533-4466.

Lady Mendl's Tea Salon is located in **The Inn at Irving Place**, which is situated at 56 Irving Place between 17th and 18th Streets just south of Gramercy Park in one of New York City's most historic neighborhoods. The quiet tree-lined streets are famous for their landmark architecture as well as the many authors who lived in, and were inspired by, the neighborhood.



Lady Mendl's Tea Salon

Walkers was founded in 1898 and is the leading brand of food exported from Scotland. The family continues to operate its original retail shop in Aberlour in the Highlands to stay in touch with its roots. In addition to receiving the Queen's Award for Export on three occasions, Walkers has earned numerous British, Commonwealth and International awards, including a Grand Gold Medal award from Brussels-based "Monde Selection." Walkers offer the widest range of shortbread, traditional cookies, cakes, oatcakes, meringues and puddings to over 65 countries internationally. The company's products contain no artificial flavorings, colorings or additives and are certified kosher OUD. Consumers unable to purchase Walkers products at nearby fine food stores can now order them by visiting [www.walkersus.com](http://www.walkersus.com).

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