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## The Queen of Hearts Requests the Pleasure of Your Company for "Tea" Piper Glen Country Club on March 26 at 3:00 PM

The 4th annual "Kids in Vogue" Children's Fashion Show and Tea sponsored by the Jewish Federation Of Greater Charlotte is scheduled for Sunday, March 26 at Piper Glen Country Club. The annual fashion show is one of many social and educational events enabling the Federation to reach its \$2.25 million goal for the 2000 Annual Campaign.



Matthew Baron models at the 1999 Kids in Vogue.

Marni Abramowitz and Dana Ditesheim who are chairing this year's event are very excited about the new format. This year we are serving "Tea" instead of lunch. This will give everyone more time to mingle. It will be a fun afternoon, guests can socialize with their friends, learn about the work of the Federation and watch our adorable children walk down the runway in wonderful spring fashions.

Lisa Goldberg along with Nina Lewis and Cheryl Rabinowitz will chair the recruitment effort this year. If you know of any newcom-

ers to Charlotte let them know so they can get in touch with them personally to invite them.

The cost to attend this year's event is \$18, which pays for the cost of the "Tea." In addition, guests will be asked to make a \$75 minimum donation to the Federation's 2000 Annual Campaign. If you have already made a pledge of \$75 or more to the campaign you are not required to make any additional donation. Monies raised from the event will have a lasting impact on the lives of Jewish children worldwide.

This year we are also asking for gently used or new children's clothing donations. We will be sending any clothing donations to "SAVEZ." Savez is an organization that will distribute our collections to needy Jews in Yugoslavia. The average salary in Yugoslavia these days is about \$40 per month and even that is paid late or not at all. These are formerly middle



class families reduced to severe poverty. The Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) sends some clothes but none of this assistance adds up to what a normal child consumes in clothing during an ordinary year. Whatever donations you can bring will be greatly appreciated.

The theme for the show is "Alice in Wonderland." Decoration Chairs, Lisa Meyerson and Lora Solomon are busy working on the room decor that will reflect this theme.

Fashion's for this year's event will be provided by Lions & Tigers & Bears Children's Boutique and London Britches.

Sixty models ages 4 - 10 will be recruited to walk down the runway. Robin Gershen, Susan Hader and Roberta Rodgers are in charge of the fashions and will work with the stores to select the clothing that will be used on the 26th.

Jennifer Newman, Rebecca Shaffer, Robin Stier and Linda Wasser will be working behind the scenes to make sure that the models are having as much fun backstage as the adults are having during the Tea. There will be entertainment to keep them busy before their time in the spotlight.

Roni Fishkin will serve as "Master of Ceremonies" for the third year. This year she will play



Pam Segal guides Zoe Kronovet and Anna Epstein at Kids In Vogue 1999.

the part of the Queen of Hearts. Andrea Birnbaum is responsible for our invitations and programs this year.

Once again the show will feature "Gracious Grandmas," which Jill Newman is chairing. Any grandmother of a child who is modeling may make a contribution to defray the costs of the show. "Gracious Grandmas" will be listed in the event program. ☆

## "Face to Face: Dealing with Prejudice and Discrimination"

Nationally Recognized Exhibit at Discovery Place

*Face to Face: Dealing with Prejudice and Discrimination*, a traveling exhibit designed to show children ages 7-10 how to deal with stereotyping and prejudice, is now at Discovery Place. Developed by the Chicago Children's Museum, this powerful multi-media traveling exhibition is sponsored nationally by The Metropolitan Life Foundation and is being presented locally by The National Conference for Community and Justice-Charlotte Region (NCCJ), the Cultural Education Collaborative (CEC), The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, and Discovery Place.

"Face to Face introduces children to the many differences among us all, whether it be our physical abilities, our religious, cultural, racial, or social background, and how to recognize discrimination and stereotyping that may result from these differences," said Linda Burr, NCCJ Executive Director. "We really have a fine program here that we hope will reach as many students as possible."

"The exhibit and its supporting public outreach campaign will be

profoundly important as the Charlotte community addresses issues of diversity awareness and tolerance in its public schools, as well as the community at large," says Marvin Goldberg, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, one of the local sponsoring organizations. "Federation leaders believe this project has the potential to enhance quality of life for the local Jewish community and a broad cross section of the citizens of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area, which is consistent with the mission and ongoing efforts of our organization."



The situations presented in the *Face to Face* exhibit will probably not be new to students. Children often react to differences among peers for reasons that range from wearing glasses to life-long physical

disabilities. "Most of us remember a time when we were teased about being different in some way," said Burr. "Do you remember how you felt? Do you recall how you handled the situation? One primary goal of this exhibit is to give children positive strategies in overcoming these negative experiences."

"As Charlotte continues to thrive, grow, and change it is important that our students grow in an environment where all are appreciated and valued, not in spite of their differences, but because of them," said Freda Nicholson, President and CEO of Discovery Place. "*Face to Face* is meant to build each student's self-esteem and foster trust between different student groups."

**The Components of the Exhibit**  
**Caregiver Labels** - Placed throughout the exhibit, caregiver labels provide tools for adults to help children deal with the difficult and sometimes confusing subject matter related to prejudice and discrimination.  
**Name That Stereotype** - A lively

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SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, April 12

7:30 PM

Anita Diamant, author of  
"The Red Tent," will be in Charlotte for  
The Jewish Federation Spring Lecture.



Ms. Diamant is a renowned author of many books chronicling Jewish life. Other books include: "Living a Jewish Life," "Choosing a Jewish Life," and "New Jewish Wedding." Come join us for an entertaining evening. Details to follow.

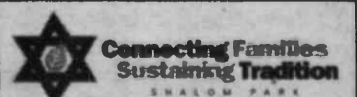
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