FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES DABAH EZRA Director 10% Owner **INC** [PLCE] Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Chairman and CEO 915 SECAUCUS ROAD 05/24/2005 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Street) 07094 **SECAUCUS** NJ X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction **Execution Date** Securities Form: Direct of Indirect Code (Instr. 8) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) if any 5) Beneficially Beneficial Owned Following (Month/Day/Year) Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) 5,353,070(1)(2) Common Stock, Par Value \$.10 05/24/2005 120,000 D \$48 D Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature Derivative Security Conversion Execution Date Transaction Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Amount of Ownership Derivative derivative (Month/Day/Year) Derivative or Exercise if any Code (Instr. Securities Security Securities Form: Beneficial (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) Securities Underlying (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Derivative Acquired Derivative Owned or Indirect (Instr. 4) (A) or Disposed (I) (Instr. 4) Security Security (Instr. 3 Following and 4) Reported of (D) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount Number

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes (i) 3,216,960 shares held by trusts or custodial accounts for the benefit of Mr. Dabah's children and certain other family members, of which Mr. Dabah or his wife is a trustee or custodian and as to which Mr. Dabah or his wife, as the case may be, has voting control, and as to which shares Mr. Dabah disclaims beneficial ownership; (ii) 1,998,850 shares held in Mr. Dabah's own name; (iii) 37,600 shares held by Mr. Dabah's wife; and (iv) 99,660 shares subject to options which are currently exercisable. Does not include (i) 457,300 shares directly owned by Stanley Silverstein, Mr. Dabah's father-in-law and (ii) 7,000 shares held by Mr. Silverstein's profit sharing account.

Date

Exercisable

Expiration

Date

 $2. \ The reporting person no longer has reportable beneficial interest in 170,000 \ shares which were previously included in the reporting person's prior ownership.$

(A) (D)

Code

Remarks:

Ezra Dabah

Title

05/26/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Shares

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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