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TEL AVIV TEENS TO VISIT SKID ROW

*Para Los Niños and The Jewish Federation collaborate through “Tel Aviv Diller Teen Project”:
Israeli youth and local preschoolers will share cultural songs and stories*

LOS ANGELES --- Teenagers from Tel Aviv, Israel will meet area preschoolers in downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday, March 19 in a unique collaborative program between Para Los Niños and The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. The teenagers will teach preschoolers about the Jewish holiday of Purim through storytelling while visiting the Para Los Niños Family Learning Complex.

The Tel Aviv Diller Teen Project brings teenagers from Tel Aviv to Los Angeles for an exchange program with The Jewish Federation. The visit to the Para Los Niños Family Learning Complex, which houses infant and toddler daycare, a preschool, charter elementary school and after-school programs, will include a cultural exchange between the preschoolers and the teens. Each group will share part of their cultural backgrounds with each other – the Diller teens will tell stories about the Jewish holiday Purim and the preschoolers will sing some of their favorite songs in English and Spanish.

WHO: Preschoolers from Para Los Niños and teenagers from Tel Aviv, Israel

WHAT: A cultural exchange including singing and storytelling

WHERE: Para Los Niños Family Learning Complex
1617 E. 7th St. (Downtown Los Angeles)

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2008

ABOUT PARA LOS NIÑOS

Para Los Niños opened its doors in 1980 in response to the plight of children living in Skid Row hotels. Initially, 45 children received care at the agency; today, in its 28th year of operation, Para Los Niños assists 3,500 low-income children each week and 5,000 families every year from 24 sites in some of Southern California’s most economically challenged neighborhoods. The agency’s core services include early child development and education, a Charter School (K-5), after-school enrichment, youth diversion and delinquency prevention, youth workforce services, and a life skills training and academic assistance program for transitioning foster youth. In addition, Para Los Niños offers support to at-risk families, including child abuse prevention and intervention, mental health services and comprehensive family support. For more information, visit www.paralosninos.org

ABOUT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles – L.A.’s largest Jewish nonprofit – identifies and funds social service, educational and humanitarian needs locally, in Israel and around the world. Through a network of agencies and programs, the Federation helps alleviate Jewish poverty, provide emergency relief, ensure a Jewish future and support the greater Los Angeles community. The Federation’s Diller Teen Fellows program is an action-oriented, teen-led leadership program that includes skill building, social justice activities and a joint project with a parallel teen program in Israel. The program develops future generations of leaders who will be committed to the Jewish people, Israel and community service.

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