

CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GOLDMAN JAMES A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC [PLCE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**915 SECAUCUS ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/18/2007**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**SECAUCUS, NJ 07094**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 27.08	12/18/2007	D	2,696					<sup>(2)</sup>	12/18/2017	Common Stock	2,696

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN JAMES A 915 SECAUCUS ROAD SECAUCUS, NJ 07094		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Lenwood Ross, James Goldman (by Lenwood Ross as Attorney-in-Fact) 12/20/2007

         \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).

This is the annual option grant that all directors are entitled to receive under the registrant's amended and restated 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. This grant was supposed to have been made last February but the registrant was unable to make equity grants at that time due to its

(1) not being current in its SEC periodic reporting obligations. The number of options granted to the reporting person have been prorated based on his appointment to the registrant's Board of Directors on August 17, 2006. The exercise price is the average of the high and low of registrant's stock price on the grant date.

(2) One-third of the shares vest on each of the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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