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On the calendar



'CLUB CULEBRA — Yanette Manolo y Herminia,' 2006, is one of the photographs on display at the Hebrew Home.

New art exhibit examines America's fashion obsession

The Hebrew Home at Riverdale is hosting a new exhibition, "GisMo Girls: Photographs from Miami," from Friday, July 27 to Monday, Sept. 10, at 5901 Palisade Ave.

The exhibit features 10 photographs from the series "Majestuousas Princesas" by artists Jessica Gispert and Crystal Molinary, two first-generation Cuban-American artists from Florida.

The artists use America's obsession with consumerism, leisure, fashion and body image to challenge conventional notions of beauty and taste with provocative humor.

"Using themselves as primary models, these 'larger-than-life'

characters juxtapose images of what is considered socially acceptable with what is considered garish or tacky. It is a world of over-the-top lavishness, crowded with trinkets and glitz, and where the deeply jeweled colors of the Latin culture permeate the photographs," reads the press release.

Both artists have studied photography at Florida International University and currently live and work in Miami. Their work has been featured in galleries along the east coast.

For more information and show hours, call the home's curator department at 718-581-1596.

Stepping out



Florida dreamin'

The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, at 5901 Palisade Ave., will display photographs by two young, first-generation Cuban-American artists, Jessica Gispert and Chrystal Molinary, in the exhibit, 'GisMo Girls.' The photos feature fictional characters caught up in the garish, tacky, glitzy world of over-the-top consumerism. 'Floridis, 2006' is among the photos. The opening reception will take place on Friday, July 27, at 3 p.m., in the Elma and Milton A. Gilbert Pavilion. Call 718-581-1596.