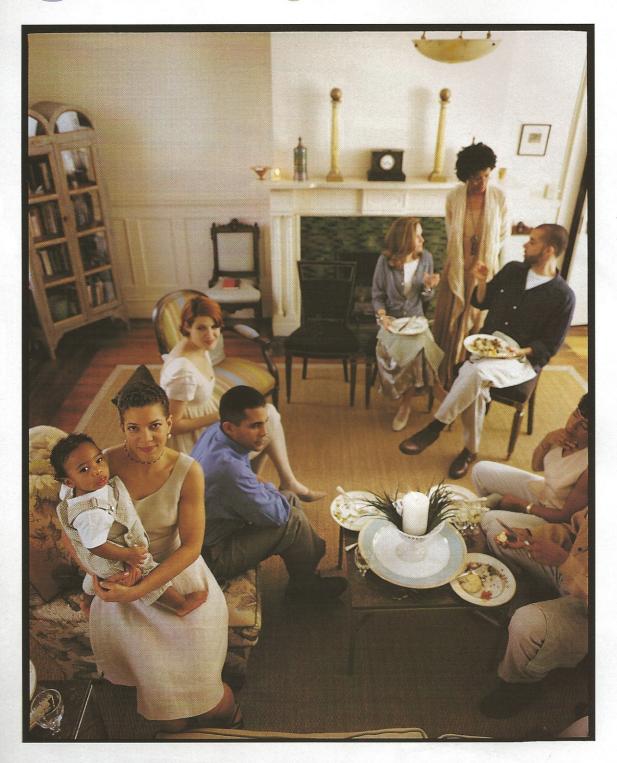
TWELVE FRIENDS SHARE SOUL FOOD, LAUGHTER, A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND AN AWARENESS OF HISTORY AT A SUNDAY LUNCH



A quiet moment at Sheila Bridges' party; she holds Teddy Alexander, the son of friends from Baltimore. Behind them, Sidney Bridges, Laura Bennett, and Kathy Frazier (right) talk. At the back, Anne Driscoll (seated), Harriette Cole, and Charles Stone. OPPOSITE: Bridges covered the table with pale linen runners to complement the colors of the room.

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