

MIRACLE AT MIDNIGHT

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Three distinct honors were awarded at The "1939" Club's 46th anniversary celebration held on October 25, 1998, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Professor Israel Gutman, Chief Historian at Yad Vashem and the first incumbent of The "1939" Club chair on Holocaust Studies, was awarded the Club's "Lifetime Achievement Award." The award was presented by Dr. Samuel Goetz and Barry Bruk. Because Dr. Gutman was ill and could not attend, the award was accepted by Dr. Arnold Band, a UCLA colleague, on his behalf. Felicia Haberfeld read a letter received from Dr. Gutman.

The "1939" Club "Righteous Persons Award" was presented to the people of Denmark who saved almost their entire population by first hiding their Jewish friends and neighbors from the Nazis and then transporting them to Switzerland. The Award was accepted by Jorgen Hubner on behalf of the Danish people. Mr. Hubner was a 15-year-old boy when his mother hid Jews in their home. Mr. Hubner spoke modestly yet eloquently about the efforts of the Danish people.

The Club also presented its "Media Award" to John Davis, producer of *Miracle at Midnight*, a film shown on ABC Television which depicted the rescue of the Danish Jews. Mr. Davis movingly described his work on the film as a labor of love.

Henryk Leman and Leon Weinstein presented the Club's annual check to the President of the Jewish Federation, Mr. Lionel Bell. Michael Bazyler was the program chair. Rabbi David Baron, a new member of the Club, delivered the invocation.