

THE “1939” CLUB ATTRACTS MANY YOUNGER MEMBERS

(Richard Chesnoff, 2000)

Richard Chesnoff, senior correspondent for U.S. News and World Report and author of the new book, *Pack of Thieves: How Hitler and Europe Plundered the Jews and Committed the Greatest Theft in History*, addressed a crowd of more than 100 prospective new “1939” Club members at the home of Hershey Felder on Saturday evening, March 18, 2000.

Attendees were spellbound by Chesnoff’s thorough description of the complicity of other countries with the Germans in appropriating Jewish assets before and during World War II. Many questions followed.

In addition, President William Elperin ably informed prospective members of the Club’s many activities and causes.

And, we were all treated to a preview of Hershey Felder’s One-Man-Show, *George Gershwin Alone*. Hershey is the only individual ever given permission by the Gershwin family to portray George on the stage. He played “Rhapsody in Blue” for the prospective members.

(Mr. Felder donated the proceeds of his show at the Tiffany Theater on April 1st and 2nd for the benefit of the Los Angeles teenagers participating in this year’s March of the Living in Poland and Israel. Due to popular demand, he will be performing *George Gershwin Alone* again from June 2- June 25. For ticket information, contact the Tiffany Theater Box Office at (310) 289-2999.)

As a result of this stirring event and other outreach efforts on the part of Sharona Justman, Membership Chairperson and other committed Board members, The “1939” Club has added 75 new members to our roster. Altogether, about 200 of our members are second generation.