

OFFICERS AND BOARD INSTALLED AT 47TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION CELEBRATION

(1999)

The 47th Annual Installation was held on Sunday, February 21, 1999, in the Crystal Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel. The event was the most beautiful in memory. Anna and Max Webb sponsored the installation in tribute to Giussepina and Christoph Meili and in celebration of their anniversary. Their impeccable taste and "touches" made the afternoon a most elegant and heart warming affair. From the gorgeous flowers to the wine and champagne, to the entree and dessert, all added up to an "affair to remember." Reuben Berci and his orchestra entertained the more than 350 guests who attended. Fran Walfish and her father, Cantor Hershele Walfish, sang a beautiful tribute to their friends the Webbs.

William Elperin was installed as President for an unprecedented third consecutive term. Esther Lerner Brenner was installed as First V. P. while Paul Mandel and Professor Michael Bazylar were installed as vice-presidents. Rounding out the officers were Sophie Lazar, Treasurer, Ben Kamm, Financial Secretary, Selene Bruk, Corresponding Secretary and Michael Zelon, Recording Secretary.

The 1998 Board was discharged while the 1999 Board was installed. (See pictures on page 12.) The Board was thanked and were given a "1939" Club logo Hebrew alphabet clock as a token of appreciation from the Club. President Elperin was given a beautifully sculptured glass hand holding a globe symbolizing the success of the "1939" Club.

In his address Mr. Elperin reviewed the events of the past year, the increase in membership and almost 50% increase in event attendance. He reviewed the upcoming yearly events culminating with the New Century Ball on January 1, 2000 with the Lodzer Organization. He looked forward to a banner year. Members who passed away in 1998 were remembered and honored.

Anna and Max Webb were given an award for their dedicated leadership and generosity to Jewish causes and to The "1939" Club in particular.

Mr. Webb brought tears to the eyes of many guests as he described his background and the reasons for his support of the Meili family. Besides the generous monetary contribution of Anna and Max Webb, Mr. Webb on behalf of Shapell and Webb, offered the Meili's a rent free apartment in Orange County while Christoph Meili attends Chapman University.

James L. Doti, President of Chapman University was the featured speaker. He spoke of the Holocaust studies program at Chapman University, started by Professor Marilyn Harran and the reasons that Chapman University chose to participate with The "1939" Club in providing Christoph

Meili and a university education. Christoph was offered a 4 years tuition free scholarship to attend Chapman University. He will begin this fall. Giussepina and Christoph Meili then thanked Chapman University and the "1939" Club for the wonderful opportunity presented to them and look forward to moving to Southern California.

The afternoon ended with the guests dancing the Hora around President Doti and Professor Harran as they were lifted high in the air.