

# CHRISTOPH MEILI'S LETTER TO THE "1939" CLUB

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Dear Members of the 1939 Club,

Thank you.

It has been now a little more than a year since my wife and I were invited to Los Angeles for the first time by the 1939 club. That was also when we met Bill Elperin for the first time. Since then, a lot has happened. But since the beginning, Bill Elperin made it clear that he and the 1939 Club wanted to help us.

The 1939 Club did the same as I did. You acted and not only talked. That means you gave me and my family a new future in California. You allowed me to get an education on one of the best Universities in the US. But also you indicated your support for what I did on behalf of Holocaust survivors. Thank you for your courage to stand out in the crowd.

My two children, Mirjam and Davide, also want to say thank you for the nice place where they live now. They enjoy riding their bicycles the whole day, and they are recovering from the difficulties of the last two years. But most of all, they want to say thank for the fact that they now each have their own very nice bedroom.

Thank you for all the hours you invested for us. We know many of you worked behind the scenes with your hearts to give us back more than we even had in Switzerland. I will never forget when I took my first step into my new house and saw all the furniture. Everything was there—even stamps.

We wish all the members of the 1939 club luck, good health, and a long life. Of course, everybody is welcome at our house at any time.

The Lord bless you.

Christoph and Giuseppina Meili

Mirjam and Davide