

AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION

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JAN 8 1945

Dear Mr. Rosenheim:

I have received your letter of January 2, 1945,  
concerning your desire to send a representative of your  
organization to Europe and have referred your request to  
the Department of State for appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

Mr. Jacob Rosenheim  
President  
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New York 25, New York

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. George Warren

FROM: J. W. Pehle

I have received and am forwarding to you for appropriate consideration a letter dated January 2, 1945, concerning the possibility of sending to Europe a representative of the Agudas Israel World Organization.

When conditions permit, it is hoped that it may be possible to facilitate the travel of such persons.

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

Attachment.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WAR REFUGEE BOARD  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. George Warren  
FROM: J. W. Pehle

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When conditions permit, it is hoped that <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ Department of State <sup>will be able</sup> ~~will be able~~ to facilitate the travel of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ person referred to in the attached letter.

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AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION

The Union of Universally Organized Orthodox Jewry

(World-Agudath of Orthodox Jews Inc.)

Central Executive: London - Branch Offices: Jerusalem and New York

Office of the President  
2521 Broadway  
New York 25, N. Y.

January 2nd, 1945

Mr. John W. Pehle  
Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
U. S. Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

We refer to the preliminary conversation of our representative, Mr. Michael G. Tress with Miss Hodell on December 28th and beg to submit to the War Refugee Board our urgent request to grant a possibility of sending one of our leading collaborators to Switzerland and to the liberated parts of Europe for personal cooperation in the work of rescue, relief, rehabilitation and religious reconstruction.

We propose for this purpose the member of our Advisory Executive, Dr. Isaac LEWIN, who is well acquainted with the entire rescue work, including the necessary methods and means of underground activity.

Apart from this work of rescue that is still very actual, we are highly interested in the early reconstruction of religious life within the Jewish groups liberated from the yoke of the Nazis.

We have reliable informations from our London Office, that in certain countries, former Jewish resistance leaders, who, unfortunately have no personal connection with Jewish tradition and religion, are going to conquer the Jewish communities, and it is therefore urgently necessary that a representative of religious Judaism is collaborating in the work of reconstruction.

We trust that you will do your best to obtain the agreement of the Department of State for the early departure of our delegate to Europe, and we are of course at any time prepared to submit the

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Mr. John W. Pehle

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personal details concerning Dr. Lewin. Dr. Lewin will also always be ready to come to Washington for a personal talk.

Thanking you in anticipation for your decisive support in this matter, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

AGUDAS ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION

(Signed) Jacob Rosenheim

JACOB ROSENHEIM  
President

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הסתדרות העולמית, אגודת ישראל  
*Agudas Israel World Organization*

THE UNION OF UNIVERSALLY ORGANIZED ORTHODOX JEWRY  
WORLD-AGUDATH OF ORTHODOX JEWS INC.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE: LONDON - BRANCH OFFICES: JERUSALEM AND NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

November 22nd, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle, Executive Director  
War Refugee Board  
U. S. Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

The political secretary of the Agudas Israel World Organization in London, Mr. H. A. Goodman, has recently again taken the opportunity of a personal visit in Dublin to discuss important matters of refugee-work with the Irish Government.

I believe that the topics discussed at this opportunity are of some interest for the War Refugee Board, and I therefore beg to hand you enclosed a copy of the confidential report, which Mr. H. A. Goodman has submitted to me about his conversations in Dublin.

May I express the hope that the War Refugee Board will continue to devote some interest to the action suggested from Switzerland of the Pope and the neutral countries for saving the victims in the German concentration camps. I have seen the copy of your letter of November 10th to our collaborator, Rabbi A. Kalmanowitz, but further news have not reached us in the matter.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

JACOB ROSENBERG

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25 October, 1944

Note on discussions in Dublin in regard to refugee problems:-

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Mr. J. M. Walsh of the Department of External Affairs informed me that they have cabled their Berlin representative a full list of all the internees. It appeared that these were still being traced and the Berlin representative of the Eire Government was endeavouring to keep in touch with the position.

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At my suggestion the Irish Foreign Office has cabled to Berlin asking for full information in regard to the reported annihilation-threat.

3) The Irish Government is now agreeable to give hospitality to 500 Jewish refugee children irrespective of nationality and has entrusted the Irish Red Cross to care for them. At the proper moment the Dublin Jewish community will also be asked to cooperate. The Irish Government is prepared to take these children as soon as possible.

4) Enquiries will be made through the Japanese Consul in Dublin as to the position of the large number of Jewish refugees in Shanghai, particularly those who escaped from Poland and Lithuania.

5) It is the intention of the Irish Government as far as possible to participate on all international bodies. It is already represented on the Intergovernmental Committee. The Irish Government will be prepared to support any relief proposals brought forward by responsible Jewish organizations.

6) There is some difficulty in granting individual visas but subject to the approval of the Foreign Office in London, visas will be granted for strictly limited specified cases.

I took the opportunity of discussing these proposals also with the American Minister in Dublin, Mr. Gray, in view of the interest of the War Refugee Board in these matters. He expressed his willingness to cooperate and assist in every possible way.

H. A. Goodman

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JUN 13 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenheim:

Ambassador Steinhardt has requested that in response to your recent cable you be advised that in addition to exerting his own efforts on behalf of the Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, he has been rendering and will continue to render every possible aid to Messrs. Kastner, Klarner and Grifel and that it is assumed that his continuing efforts are known to them.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle  
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CENTRAL EXECUTIVE: LONDON - BRANCH OFFICES: JERUSALEM AND NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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April 27th, 1944

Mr. John W. Pehle  
 Executive Director  
 War Refugee Board  
 U.S. Treasury Building  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

I have to thank you for your two letters of April 25th and April 26th, arrived with the same mail, transmitting the text of two cable-messages from Mr. I. Sternbuch, the chairman of our Swiss Rescue Committee.

Our collaborators in the matters concerned, and especially the Vaad'Hehatzala, have been immediately informed.

Yours very truly,

*Jacob Rosenheim*  
 JACOB ROSENHEIM  
 President

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APR 20 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenheim:

I wish to acknowledge your telegram of April 11, in which you draw the attention of the War Refugee Board to the danger threatening Jews in Finland.

In reply I am glad to inform you that the Board is in constant communication on this subject with the United States Legations in Helsinki and Stockholm.

You may rest assured that the Board will continue to watch this situation closely.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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IN VIEW OF UNCLEAR FINNISH SITUATION WE WANT TO SUGGEST IMMEDIATE  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWEDEN TO HAE FINISH JEWS EVACUATED TO  
SWEDEN UNDER AMERICAN GUARANTEE BEFORE THEY FACE DESTRUCTION BY  
EVEN TEMPORARY NAZI OCCUPATION OF FINLAND

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PRESIDENT 226 WEST 97TH STREET.

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APR 14 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenheim:

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of March 24, 1944, requesting permission to communicate with your committees in Switzerland and Turkey through the facilities of this Government, in order to inquire about particular persons in occupied areas.

I think you understand that the task of the War Refugee Board is so great that the Board is not able to deal with proposals limited to seeking out and rescuing specific individuals.

Accordingly, the War Refugee Board is not prepared to recommend that permission be granted to send messages of the type you mention, unless it can be shown that the sending of such information will actually save lives.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

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*New York City,  
226 West 97th Street*

March 24, 1944

Mr. John Pehle  
Director War Refugee Board  
Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

We are respectfully presenting for your consideration this brief memorandum concerning the possibility of communicating with our representatives in neutral countries concerning the rescue of Jews in occupied countries.

We respectfully wish to propose that the War Refugee Board make it possible for our organization to send cables and messages directly to our Committee headed by Mr. Sternbuch in Switzerland and Mr. Griffel in Turkey, and for us to receive cables directly from them. These cables and messages are to be only in the form of inquiry about particular persons and also information in regard to those particular persons. They are not to deal with any monies, but only to let us know whether these persons are alive.

We feel that in this way there would be greater contact with our Committee and it would be of direct help in the rescue work.

Respectfully submitted,  
AGUDATH ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION  
*James W. Rudenick*  
*President*

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