

Requests for Specific Aid: MOZESON, J. D. (RABBI)

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In reply please  
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Dear Rabbi Mozeson:

I have your letter of April 26, 1944, requesting that action be taken to permit your nephew and his family, presently interned in Vittel, France, to come to the United States.

Your concern for the safety of these people meets with the fullest sympathy of the Board. I am sure you will understand, however, that the task of the Board is so great that, of necessity, it cannot deal with problems limited to seeking out and rescuing specific individuals. We shall, of course, do everything in our power to rescue and save the victims of enemy persecution who are in imminent danger of death.

I suggest that you may wish to refer your problem to a private organization. There is enclosed a list of some of the organizations which I am advised may be in a position to be of some help to you.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Pehle  
Executive Director

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April 26, 1944

Mr. John P. Able  
Executive Director of the War Refugee Board  
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir:

Your appointment by our great President Franklin D. Roosevelt has brought rejoicing in many hearts and will undoubtedly save hundreds of thousands of lives. I beg you to consider this letter written for the purpose of adding six souls to the number of God's creatures it will be in your hands to save and let live or permit to perish. These six of God's creatures constitute a family of six, the head of which, was in the United

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States, had made his "Declaration of Intention," and while in Europe on a business trip, was stopped and interned when the war swallowed up Poland.

Before I present you the facts of his case please consider that although this man is not a citizen of the United States of America he intended with his whole heart and soul to become one and to bring his family into our country, so that he could enjoy the benefits that God has blessed our great country with. Many of his former business acquaintances have vouched for his sincere, honest way of living and working.

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Their statements will be gladly sent  
to you upon request. I beg you to  
consider above all that this man,  
his wife, three daughters and son, although  
less fortunate than us, are equal to  
us in the eyes of God who is their  
Creator and our Creator. This man  
and his family are spiritually our  
brethren - for this particular family  
had long ago professed their loyalty  
to democracy and chose this country  
for their future home.

Honorable Sir: With the grace  
of God, the permanent blessing of our Father

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and the gratitude of six humble souls  
and the gratitude of all the members of the  
human race and exert yourself to act  
in their behalf immediately.

The facts of this case are the following:

- 1) On December 12, 1941, Mr. Aaron Rapoport, his wife Tujga Rapoport, their daughters Malke, Bejla and Hana Rapoport were interned by the Germans. Their son, Benjamin Rapoport, then aged twelve, was left behind in Warsaw. Their first places of internment was, for Mr. Aaron Rapoport at Laufem Ober Bayern, Germany, and for his wife and daughters at Liebenau, Germany.
- 2) Mr. Aaron Rapoport who was several years in this country, is in the possession of a "Declaration of Intention."

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issued to him by the United States Court at  
Brooklyn, New York, of the Eastern District, on Feb. 25,  
1935 and was to be valid until February 25, 1942.  
The number of the "Declaration of Intention" is  
No. 231355.

- 3) Mr. Rapoport received a "Permit to Reenter"  
which was issued to him on June 4, 1939  
at Washington which was to be valid until  
June 4, 1941. It was extended twice until  
June 4, 1941.
- 4) In May 1941, Mr. Rapoport sent his  
"Permit to Reenter", No. 1250528, to Washington, D.C.  
for further extension but received no reply.
- 5) I have been informed by the Hebrew  
Greetings and Immigrant Aid Society, 425 Lafayette  
St., New York City, that Mr. Aaron Rapoport's  
application for extension had been forwarded.

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to Washington, D. C. before his recent permit expired on June 4, 1941, but without being accompanied, however, with the required fee of three dollars. Form 515 of the above named was forwarded to the Department in June 1942 and was endorsed and transmitted to the State Department for forwarding to the appropriate American consul.

Mr. Rapoport, his wife, daughters, and son who had also been interned later, have been for some time interned at the Nouvel Hotel, at Vittel, (Vosges) France. I was informed by the Provost Marshal General of the Army Service Forces of their internment at Vittel and I, Rabbi Joel David Mozeson, the uncle of Mr. Rapoport, was given permission to correspond to the Rapoport's and send

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In parcels as most of kin according to the regulations of the War Department in their treatment of American civilian internees. It was because of the fact that the Rapoports were receiving privileges of American internees that they continually wrote to me to advise Washington to ask the Swiss Legation in Berlin to put them on the repatriation list so that they would be able to come to America on the next available transport.

I use all the facts as I know them. In case statements are needed by his business acquaintances and friends concerning his character and integrity I will gladly furnish them. If there is anything which you further demand from me please inform me immediately and I will comply.

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with your instructions.

I await with deep anxiety your reply to me concerning the fate of these six creatures. May God bless you for all your consideration and exertion in this case and reward you bounteously for your humane deeds.

Respectively yours,  
Joel David Mozeson

P.S. Repatriated Americans who have recently returned to the United States with the "Gripsholm" have communicated to me that my nephew confided to them that he, and his family are in constant fear of death because they had not been placed on the repatriation list. They were often summoned to the German prison camp commander.

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