

Requests for Specific Aid: RAND, OSCAR Z (RABBI)

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Dear Rabbi Rand:

Reference is made to your letter of May 18, and my reply of May 24. Please be advised that the Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, has now developed a program calculated to bring relief to parents, spouses and unmarried minor children of American citizens. While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, it is suggested that you fill out and execute the enclosed form, and file it with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, accompanied by a letter stating that you are filing such petition at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle,  
Executive Director.

Rabbi Oscar Z. Rand  
72 West 106th Street  
New York 25, New York

Enclosure

*Original signed by  
Mr. Pehle*

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MAY 24 1944

Dear Rabbi Rand:

I have your letter of May 18, 1944.

As you know, the Board cannot undertake to handle cases involving specific individuals. We are, however, urgently exploring all means of assisting persons subject to persecution in Hungary and Slovakia.

Very truly yours,

*J. W. Pehle*

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May 18th, 1944

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Hon. John J. Pehle, Acting Director  
War Refugee Board  
Main Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

Reluctant as I am to address you on a personal matter, in view of my connection with rescue work for the Agudas Israel, the plight of my family in Czecho-Slovakia and Hungary and the catastrophic conditions existing in those countries at the present time, compels me to do so.

Realizing fully that the fate of my relatives is being shared by thousands of others of my co-religionists, I still simply cannot suppress my feelings and be complacent, and I therefore turn to you for help in saving their lives. I am writing, therefore, to ask whether it might not be arranged that my said relatives in Slovakia and in that part of Slovakia, which has been annexed by Hungary, could be recognized as U. S. Aliens, in order to gain for them the status of Prisoners of War.

My brother and I are both citizens of the United States and needless to say, we are both prepared to furnish our own affidavits and any other affidavits or guarantees which might be required.

I am appending hereto the names and addresses of the members of my immediate family and will await the favor of your early reply, for which I want to thank you in advance. I shall, of course, be most grateful for any assistance you are able to give me.

Very respectfully yours,

*Oscar Z. Rand*  
Rabbi

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- 1.- Father, Samuel Rand  
Mother, Fanny Rand, nee Grossman
- 2.- Brother, Solomon Rand and wife.  
The last known address of above is:  
Medzilaborce Via Presov - Slovakia
- 3.- Vilmos Halpert and wife Regina Halpert, nee Rand and  
four children, Szerena, Alice, Mozes, Sylvia.  
The last known address is:  
Nagy Szelmencz Via Ungwar

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