

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS, WOMEN'S BRANCH OF

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August 30, 1944

Dear Mrs. Isaacs:

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 28, advising me of the National Convention of The Women's Branch of The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in New York on November 21, and inviting me to be the guest speaker at this convention.

I sincerely appreciate your cordial invitation and the gratifying attitude of your organization concerning the accomplishments of the War Refugee Board. However, the obstacles yet to be overcome by the Board are inestimable and, needless to say, time is of the essence.

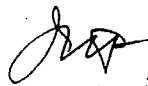
In view of the increasing urgency of the problems with which we are faced, I regret that I cannot accept your invitation. I am confident that you and your organization will readily understand and appreciate the circumstances which make it impossible for me to attend your convention.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

Mrs. Moses L. Isaacs, Convention Chairman,
The Women's Branch of
The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations,
305 Broadway,
New York, New York.



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August 28th, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Pehle,

The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America is holding a National Convention on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 1944, at the Hotel Henry Hudson, 353 West 57th Street, New York City.

We should very much like to have the great honor and privilege of presenting you as the guest speaker at the dinner which will conclude the proceedings on the evening of the 21st.

May I explain that our organization is a national one, composed of over one hundred and fifty Ladies' Auxiliaries of orthodox synagogues throughout the United States. We are not a fund-raising group, but concentrate our efforts on strengthening and perpetuating orthodox Judaism, by means of the publication of literature, the maintenance of a Speakers' Bureau, and similar projects.

Your noble and humanitarian work in the establishment of the Emergency Refugee Shelter in Ft. Ontario has been deeply appreciated by us, as well as by all fair-minded and right-thinking individuals. We feel confident that under your able leadership, the War Refugee Board will continue to point the way for an international program of rescue for the persecuted peoples of Europe.

We know that you will have a message of extreme interest and significance for us, and we look forward with keen anticipation to your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. M.L.) Elizabeth Isaacs
Convention Chairman.

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