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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
S/S-PR 862.404/7-947

August 28, 1947

My dear Rabbi Baruch:

The President has requested me to [redacted]

The President has also requested me to inform you that he has noted with satisfaction the Report of the work of Vaad Hatzala as one of the voluntary organizations which have done so much to supplement the efforts of official agencies in meeting the spiritual and physical needs of displaced persons, and that the continued cooperation of official and voluntary agencies is essential to the achievement of a normal way of life on the part of these hapless victims of intolerance and aggression.

Sincerely yours,

R. D. Muir
Acting Chief of Protocol

Rabbi Nathan Baruch,
Vaad Hatzala,
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone Headquarters,
A.P.O. 407, United States Army,
Care of Postmaster,
New York, New York.

In this Picture Journal, we are attempting to present in pictorial form to our friends throughout the universe, a portrayal of the Vaad undertakings in Germany.

In this Journal in picture form, we are able to convey but a fraction of the progress and the undertakings of the Vaad Hatzala. To the worthy Rabbis, laymen, Directors, and all supporters of Vaad Hatzala, to the American Army, its Commanding Generals, Officers and men, to the staff and members of the International Refugee Organization, in behalf of the religious ranks of the Sherith Hapleita, we extend our sincerest thanks and blessings for the realization of our program.

Rabbi Nathan Barack

אבישזר בורשטין

אסאר וואר ס.

פערהאן זאכן, וואס זייער קלינגענדי-קער נאסען איבערשטייגט אפט זייער פאקטישער חשיבות און פרסום, און פערהאן זייער אזעל כע וואס יאגן זיך נישט נאכן סומל און פוב-ליסיטי, נאר פון זיך באסונה זייער ארבייט. ערשט די פרוכטן פון אלענגערע שפעקולאציעס אי-בראשן די עפנטליכקייט פון די וואנדערלכע דערגרייכונגען און גרויסמאסיקע מעשים.

דער וועד ההצלה איז דיישטשלאנד גיהערט אן סמך צום צווייטן טוג.

מיר האבן זיך ביז איצט שפרעכנ געהאל-טן בייד דער פאקטיק פון והצנע לכת עם ה' — אלקך, אן איבעריקן טומל און בילקן רעש, שפיל און רוהיק האט זיך נעשאפן איין מוסד נאכן אנדערן, עס איז פארנומען גוואראן איין פאזיציע נאך דער צווייטער, ביז עס איז דער גרייכט גוואראן ב"ח די מדריגה ווי דער וועד ההצלה שפיים הייגט.

נישט לייכט איז דאס אנגעקומען. די באדינגונגען וואס הערשן הייגט אין דיישט-לאנד, האבן פארלאנגט אונגעהויערע אפפערוי לקייט און מסירת נפש, ייערער לאגער האט געמוזט באזוכט ווערן. איבערהאל האט מען גע הערשן ארויסהויבן די פאסיקע פערזענלעכ זאלן זיך מיט ברען און התלהבות אריינארבי אין דער הייליקער ארבייט, אריינצולבן צו-ריק די חורבות פון די קדשי-האומה. אין די קאלטע ווינטער נעכט-נאך די ביוראָ ארבייט-האט דער וועד ההצלה אויפ-גענאמטן די לענג און די ברייט פון די דיישטע וועלט, טעג און נעכט האבן די וועד ההצלה עסקנים געאפערט, ביז עס איז צוגעקומען צו דעם מצב וואס דער זשורנאל אילוסטרירט.

די ארבייט גופא איז אויך נישט געווען אדאנקבארע און אגרינגע. די אנטי-דחיים פון אונדזער איינענער מחנה, האבן זיך נישט אייך מאל פארמאסטן אויף אונדז, וועלנדיק ליקווי דירן אדער לכל הפחות פארלירן אונדזער שטיקייט. אלע מיטלען האבן זיי אויסגעפרא-בירט אין קאמף מיטן וועד ההצלה. אודאי האט זיי נישט געשמעקט אונדזערע תלמיד תורות, כשר'ע קיכן און קינדערהייסען, ווי די יתו-מים קינדערלעך האבן אבגעהיטן שפרענג די תורה גבאשן, גדאורונג און גוואשן זיך צו עסן, און דאביי האבן זיי נאך איבערגעשפרענ מיט זויבערקייט און רחבות זייערע מוסדות.

זיי האט גאנץ באזונדערס ווי גישט, דעם מוס, וואס דאס רעליגיעזע יידנטום האט באקו מען אדאנק דעם וועד ההצלה. זיי זענען נישט גוווינט צו דעם ששאלק, וואס דער וועד ההצלה האט אריינגעפלאנצט אין יהדות-החרדית פון שארית הפליטה.

מיר האבן אבער - קיינמענדיק פארן איינ-ציקן אמת - אבגעשלאגן אלע זייערע אשאקע ביז זיי האבן זיך לסוף בישער ענטוישט.

היינט צו טאג קען מען אן צווייפל קאנ-סטאנטירן, אז דער וועד ההצלה איז די מסמוכ פון תורה און יידישקייט, דער רוח החיים פון רעליגיעזן רענעסאנס און די איינציקע פערשייניקערן פון די יידישע וועלט איז לעבן פון דיישן שארית הפליטה.

היינט - נאך אציים פון אנגעשרענגער ארבייט און גרויסע דערגרייכונגען - האבן מיר נהאלטן צאר מאסיק ארויסצוגעבן דעם דאזיקן זשורנאל, וואס דארף אבשפיגלען דאס רעליגיעזע יידישע לעבן בייט שארית הפליטה בעיקר אויפן גבויט פון חינוך עפיי תורה ודת אין בעריים פון דער וועד ההצלה מעשי-קייט.

מען דארף אבער קיין שעות נישט האבן און מיינען, אז אלעס וואס מען דארף פון איז שוין גשטון געווארן. לדאבונג, צו אונדזער גרעסטן באדויערן, און נאך אונדזער גאנצער מיה, פערנעמט נאכנישט דאס רעליג-יעזע יידנטום אין דיישטלאנד דעם פלאץ וואס זי דארף פארנעמען, און איר פראצענט-סייל איז ליידער נאך אגאנץ קלייגער, עס איז נאך דא פיל צו טון, אבער איתמחי קמיע. דער וועד ההצלה האט זיך ארויסגעוויזן אלס דער ווירקזאמסטער מיטל, וואס קען גראנדיעזעס לייסטן און זיך גענגשטעלן די שווארקסטע און שארפסטע באקעמפער

דער דאזיקער זשורנאל - כאטש ער אילוס טרירט אין אגרויסער מאס די מיהפולע ארבייט פון וועד ההצלה - גיט אבער נישט דעם פול-קאמען פארנעם פון וועד ההצלה איז דער גאנ-צער בריישקייט. נישט אלע מוסדות האבן אין דעם זשורנאל גקעגנט אריינגיין, פולע מוס-דות זענען צוגעקומען זייט בלויז די צו-גרייטונג פון זשורנאל. מיר האבן אבער גע-וואלט געבן די יידישע מאסע אקליינעם באג-ריף פון דעם וואס הייסט וועד ה ה צ ל ה .

יצחק אייזיק הלוי הרצוג
הרב הראשי לארץ ישראל
הטופעה"ק ירושלים תו"

ISAAC HERZOG M. A. D. Litt.
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בי"ה

י"ג אב תש"ז

לכבוד
הרה"ג הנעלים ויראת ד' אוצרם,
כש"ת מו"ה נפתלי בארוך,
ומו"ה אביעזר בורשטין, שליט"א,
ועד ההצלה בנרסניה,
נרסניה.

שלום עד העולם,

שמחתי מאד במכתבכם מיום ג' תמוז שנא זו שזכיתם להדפיס ספרי קודש בשביל שארית הפליטה בין תזכו לבוא בקהרה לארץ הקודש יחד עם השארית כולה. כשיבואו הספרים לידי אחלקם בין הישיבות נע"ה.

בברכת התורה והארץ וכש"ס,

מוקירם מאד,

יצחק אייזיק הלוי הרצוג
הרב הראשי לארץ ישראל

RABBINICAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. ZONE
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ועד אגודת הרבנים
ע"י ועד המרכזי
באזור האמריקאי
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אל כבוד הנהלת "ועד ההצלה" בשוויץ
מר הרש שפירא יחיאל ואברך אחרונים קרשטון שוויץ

שלום וברכה!

בשמחת ועד אגודת הרבנים שבארה"ב אחרונים
בשפעת השבועים שהתקיימה בתוי"ם – כ"ו תמוז
הוא שנתן, נתקן אגודה, ובפרטה ועד ההצלה
שליד הקונגרס היהודי בארה"ב ובקנדה, שלומי תחומים,
פקידים שרובו מתוך יהודי, אלו מדינות החוץ ומסקורי
אשר נתמנו אחרון ונהיה התחלקות תחת הקונגרס,
חושר קלו ונקבע נשיעץ שנה בזאבו, שר תורה המקובל
ונוח תשתרת תורה מושרוש.
קלו תדרוש ותלמד תורת הקבוץ, תינוקות של
בית רבן חושר עיירותם הקטנות עבו ומטו תורה.
על קהל מתמה ותלמיד חושר הקשיבו את תלמידם קהל
הרבות ונענים ומתקיימים פה לפרם ברוך נפרקה.
על מטקאו חושר תדרש את תלמידים הרקדה זולתם
מתחנו קלו ושרשו קהילות ומוסדות הקשיבו.
הל מטקאו חשרות שה קהל חולשה חושר קלקלתם.
עם שם מושם ושלח קלו על
ו תמורת השבועים זולה הרעקדים ומקומות הקלפתם.
ושקלו ידו מפלו, נושאו בעבו התשה והורדה, מורו ושרתו
ומהנאו, שמקהם התורה חזק לקו מחוץ.

בקוד הנהלה חנו מברכים ומתן לה חלה
(הנסורים), הרעשות להרעשות, ומתברכת בלה טוב
ונעמה מתחלה בושלם לחרש ושמחת ומקחולה
שלומה כמתלה בושלם לחרש

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

21 August 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
PCIRO Sub-Zone Headquarters
APO 407 U. S. Army, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

[redacted] on behalf of the Sherith Hapleita.

The traditional spirit of Israel which your organization is fostering has been a guiding light in the history of man and I am pleased to learn of your efforts towards its perpetuation.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of War

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

22 July 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

It was interesting to look over your report of Vaad Hatzala activities and I am passing it to the appropriate agency of the War Department staff for information and study.

Again, my deep thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
Vaad Hatzala
PCIRO Sub-Zone Headquarters
APO 407, c/o Postmaster
New York. New York

Rabbi Nathan Baruch

Director, Vaad Hatzala, Germany

Rabbi Aviezer Burstin

Deputy Director

Vaad Hatzala Headquarters, Munich, Pasing

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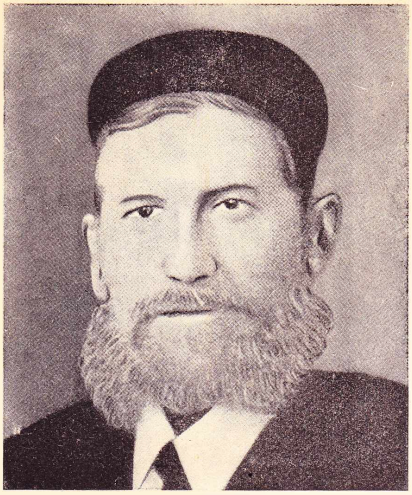


Rabbi Eliezer Silver, President,
Agudah Harabonim, U. S. and Canada,
Member Presidium, Vaad Hatzala

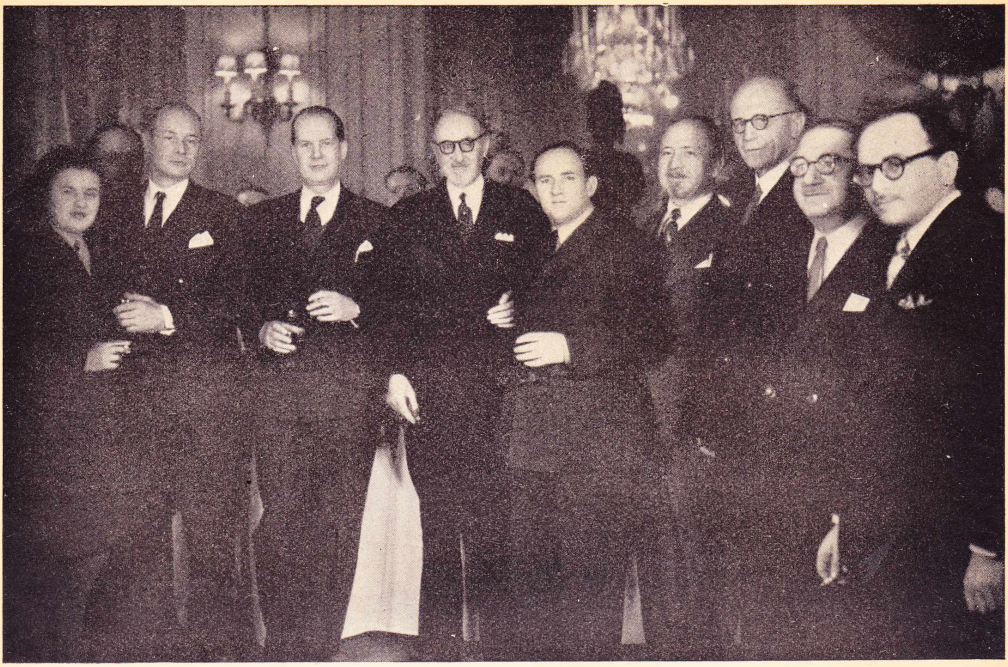
Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, President,
Agudah Harabonim, U. S. and Canada,
Member Presidium, Vaad Hatzala

Vaad Conference, second from left, Rabbi Solomon P. Wohlgelernter,
Vaad delegate at large and fourth from left Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog

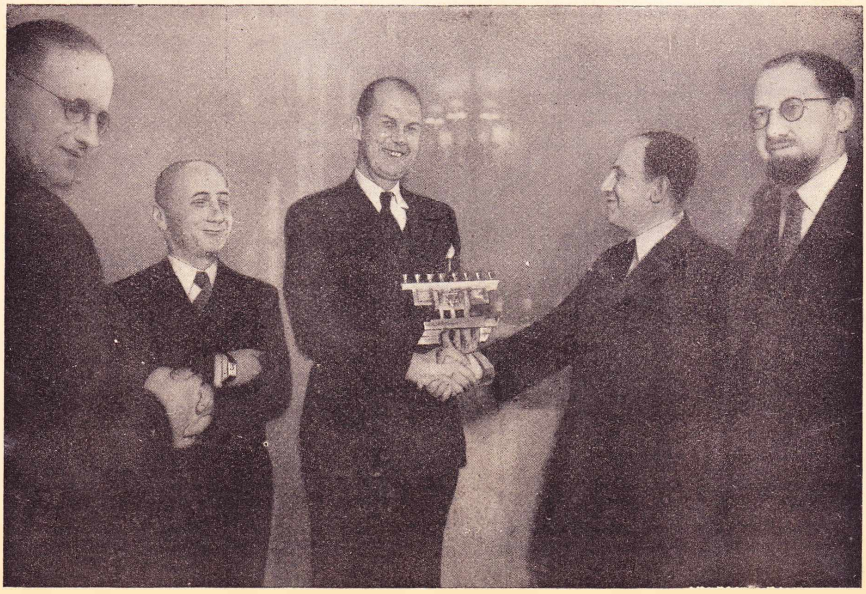
Conference at Headquarters, Munich, left to right, Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Rabbi I. Rosenberg of Hartford, Mr. Stephen Klein, Director, Mr. Herman Landau, Vaad Hatzala, Switzerland, Rabbi Awiezer Burstin.

Mr. Irving, M. Bunim, Chairman, Finance-Committee, Vaad Hatzala

Rabbi Baruch bidding farewell to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes after conference



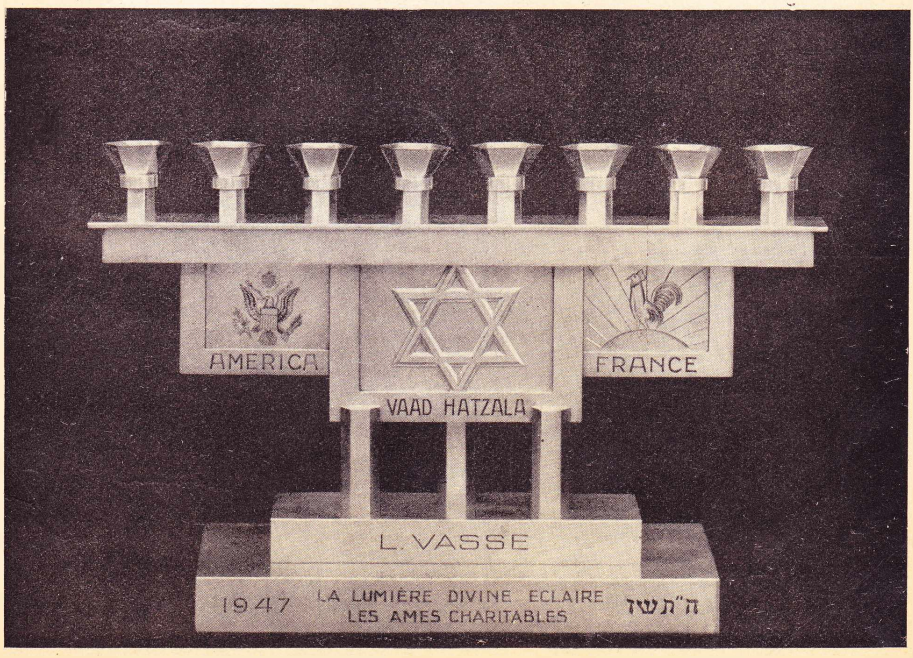
Left to right: Miss Isabel Jacobs of the Paris Vaad Emigration Office, presently working at Vaad office in Stuttgart, Mr. Weisenberg, American Vice-Consul Paris, Mr. L. Vasse, Mr. Levi, Mr. Stephen Klein, Dr. Samuel Schmidt, (next person unidentified) Mr. Matthew Soiffer and Rabbi Chodosh



At a presentation of candelabra to Mr. Vasse of the French Foreign Ministry in grateful recognition
with Vaad Program

At a European Vaad Conference, presided by Rabbi Herzog and Rabbi Mishkowski of blessed memory. Upper left, Rabbi Solomon P. Wohlgelernter, European delegate at large, Vaad Hatzala, Rabbi Bochko of Switzerland, Rabbi Z. Gold, Rabbi Mishkowski, Chief Rabbi Isaak Herzog, Mr. Shertok and Agudah delegates

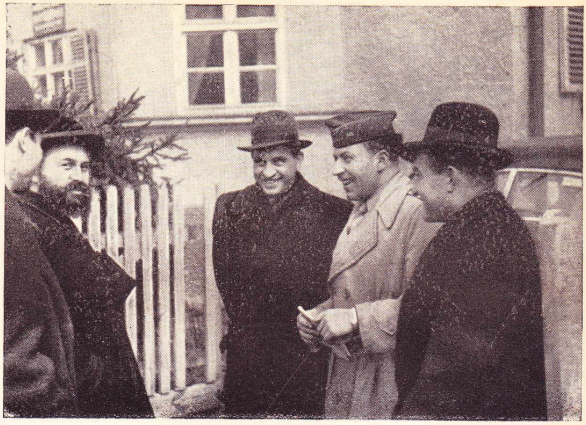
Left to right (seated) Mr. Levi, Rabbi Morris Fischel of California, Mr. Stephen Klein, Mr. Isaac Sterenbuch, Mr. Herman Landau, Miss Isabel Jacobs, left to right (standing) Rabbi Chodosh of New York, Mr. Morris Unger, and Rabbi S. Wasserman of Detroit



Conference at Vaad Hatzala Headquarters, with Agudah Haraboнim, Rabbi Samuel A. Snieg, center, Chief Rabbi

Rabbinical Delegation at Vaad Hatzala

Conference with Lubavitcher Chasidim of Germany. Seated right to left, Rabbi Abraham Plotkin, President, Lubavitcher Chasidim, Rabbi Solomon Rosenberg, Vaad repre-



Windsheim Yeshivath Faculty, Vaad Hatzala

Munich Rabbinate at Vaad Hatzala. Rabbi Baruch Leserofski, center

Yeshivath Chachmei Lublin delegation at Vaad Hatzala

Dr. Samuel M. Schmidt, European Director, Vaad Hatzala, receiving Rabbi arrived from Russia

Dr. Schmidt with the Dean of Zeilsheim Yeshivath,

Vaad Hatzala Paris.
European
Headquarters

Mizrachi Conference
at Vaad Hatzala

First from right
Dr. Burg,
European Director
Mirzrachi

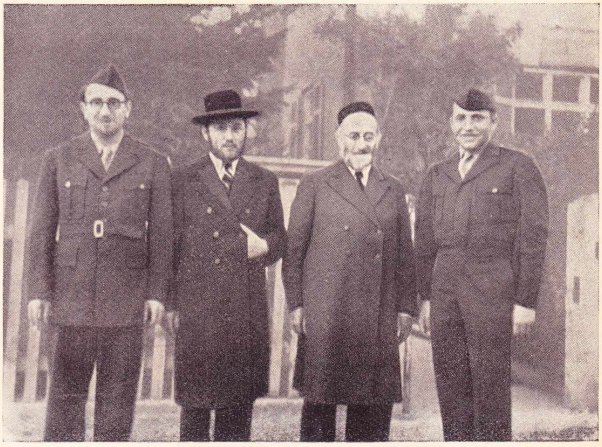
With Agudah Conference

UNNRA Director, Carl Atkins at Vaad Hatzala

Rabbi Burstin greeting Brith Yeshurim conference

Mr. Herman Landau, Director, Vaad Office, Switzerland at Vaad Headquarters, Germany

At a Simcha sponsored by Vaad Hatzala, second from left, Rabbi I. Zemba, President, Agudah Israel



Rabbi S. Pardes, second from right, and Rabbi M. Hirschberg 3rd from left of Chicago, during their visit to Germany, sponsored by Vaad Hatzala

Rabbi Samuel Schecter 1st from right and Dr. Schmidt at Zeilsheim

Vaad Hatzala representatives visiting Mizrachi school at Pocking

Vaad building at Ziegenheim

At a Brith sponsored by Vaad Hatzala,
first from right Vaad Mohel Moses Hoffman

Rabbi N. Baruch greeting assembly at Dachau

Schochtim Seminary of Vaad Hatzala, Pocking

Rabbinical Conference, Germany

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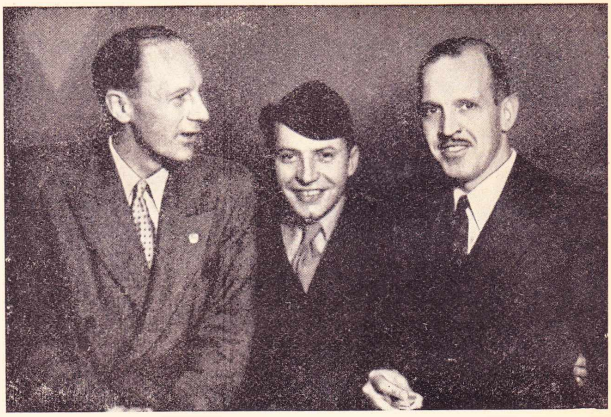
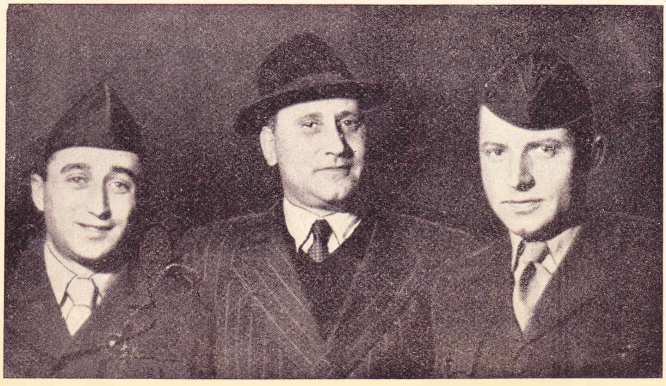
General Harrold
addressing
Vaad ceremony



Mr. Wilhelm S. Boe, Chief Voluntary
Agencies Liaison Officer and
Mr. Adams (right) I. R. O. Director,
guests of Vaad Hatzala



Staatkommissar
Dr. Kurt Epstein
(center) at Vaad Hatzala

Rabbi I. Orlefsky of British Zone, Germany, first from left at Vaad

Left to right: Rabbi Philip Bernstein, Dr. Kurt Epstein, Staatskommissar and Judge Lewis E. Leventhal, Adviser on Jewish affairs to General Lucius D. Clay

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)
Office of the Military Governor
Berlin, Germany, APO 742

16 July 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
Tamnus-Anlage 6
APO 757, U. S. Army
Frankfurt, Germany

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

I am honored and grateful to you and to the Vaad Hatzala

I shall always treasure it as a prized possession. It will serve to remind me of the faith and courage of a people who refused to bow to the forces of evil which attempted their destruction.

I join you in the hope that their courage will soon earn them their desire to re-establish themselves permanently so that they may live in work and peace.

Faithfully yours,

LUCIUS D. CLAY
General, U. S. Army
Military Governor

VAAD OPERATIONS
IN GERMANY
FRANKFURT
II
STUTTGART
III
I
MÜNCHEN
PLAN OF OPERATIONS
INSTITUTIONS MAINTAINED AND
SUPPORTED BY VAAD HATZALA
IN GERMANY
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III IMMIGRATION OFFICE STUTTGART
LEGEND
1. YESHIVAH
2. CHILDRENS HOME
3. HOSPITAL
4. KOSHER KITCHEN
5. TALMUD TORAH
6. YAVNE SCHOOL
7. BOYS SCHOOL
8. GIRLS SCHOOL
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11. OLD AGE HOME
12. RABBINAT

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Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q.
APO 407
c/o P.M., New York

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

It was highly interesting to learn of your plans for the spiritual rehabilitation of European Jews through the organization of schools and other religious institutions. I am looking forward with much interest to a thorough reading of the report of your activities. I join you heartily in the hope that your work may help point the way toward new happiness and well-being for those who have undergone so much.

Again, thank you for your kindness, and best wishes to you for much success in your program.

Sincerely,

Omar N Bradley

OMAR N. BRADLEY
General, U. S. Army
Administrator

Windsheim Rabbinical Seminary

"MERKAZ HATORAH"
Windsheim Yeshivah
study groups

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אגודת חסידי חב"ד ליובאוויטש

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יום ו' חדש אייר שנת תש"ג - ברוקלין, נ.י.

ב"ה שפ"ר שלום וברכה, שלח לו הנני מודיע ומאשר קבלת מכתבו
מיום ... ומודה לו על הכל, ובפרט על הידיעות הטובות
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ב"ה

הרב שמריי נוראריי

RABBI S. GOURARY

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Chairman of Executive Committee
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מרכז הישיבות
תומכי תמימים" ליובאוויטש
דאה"ב וקנדה

August 26th, 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
Vaad Hatzalah
Munich, Germany

My dear Rabbi:

Please be assured that I value the work you and the Vaad Hatzalah aretdoing in behalf of Israel most appreciatively. Your contribution has gained my admirable praise and I have not hesitated to express these views and to pay public tribute with respect to your endless efforts, on many occasions.

With warmest personal regards and kindest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

S. Gourary

Rabbi S. Gourary

MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR BAVARIA
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
MUNICH, GERMANY APO 407 US ARMY

8 September 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
P.C.I.R.O., Sub-Zone Headquarters
APO 407, US Army.

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

It represents religious freedom, which is a basic objective of Military Government. Your organization, Vaad Hatzala, stands for those basic freedoms essential to a democracy. Your efforts in inculcating religious principles are of great assistance in shaping the spiritual forces which underlay the practice of democracy.

Military Government will watch with interest your establishment of Yeshiwoth. The replacement of the Rabbis of Europe through the Yeshiwoth will be a great force for strengthening the religious traditions of the Jewish people. Its emphasis upon leadership of Jewish youth is particularly significant in view of the decimation of your people. Your organization represents a practical bond between the United States, Canada, and Europe. Through your efforts the tasks of democratization of Europe will be made easier.

You may be assured that I shall watch the work of your group with interest. The Bible which you so thoughtfully presented will be preserved by me as a symbol of your desire to preserve spiritual values in the reconstruction of Europe.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Muller

WALTER J. MULLER
Brigadier General, USA
Director

Yeshivath Or Hameir, Ulm Sedan

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Yeshivath
Bene Akiwa,
Aschau

Yeshivah „Beth Arom“, Feldafing

Yeshivah „Beth Meir“, Bamberg

Yeshivah „Chofetz“ Chaim in Leipheim

Yeshivah „Lew Arie“ in Windisbergerdorff

Yeshivath

in Ziegenheim

Yeshivath „Chachmei Lublin“ in Landsberg

Yeshivath „Beth Josef“ in Wetzlar

Yeshivath „Bnei Akiva“ in Neu-Ulm

A group from Bergen Belsen Yeshivah

Dean on Bergen Belsen Yeshivah

Mizrachi Yeshivah, „Rabbi Kook" Heidenheim

Yeshivah in Hess Lichtenau

Yeshivah Ktana
Babenhausen

Yeshivah
Ktana, Bensheim

Yeshiva
Ktana, Eschwege

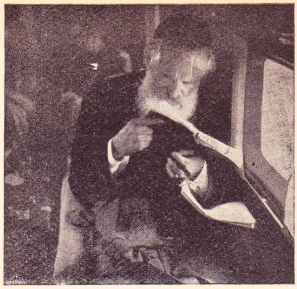
Yeshivah Ktana, Hasenecke

Yeshivah Ktana, Munchenberg

At a Yeshivath conference in Frankfurt, (insert) Rabbi Jacob Kret of Zeilsheim, Yeshivah Chairman of Conference

At a conference of Yeshivath Lublin at Ulm

Yeshivath „Benei Akiva"



Rabbi Herzog during plane trip to Europe engrossed in Talmud

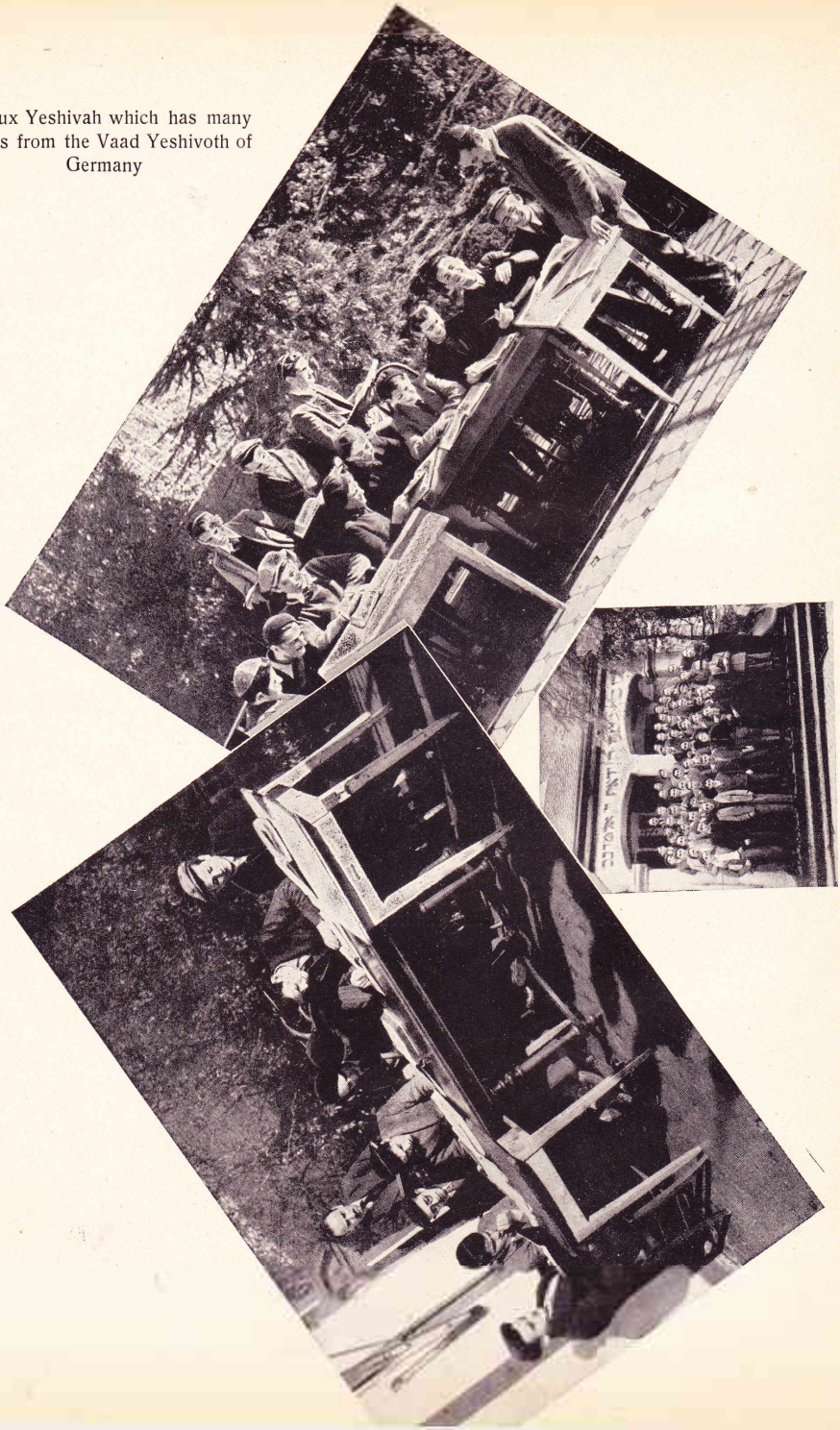
Rabbi Dr. Isaac Lewin Vaad representative in Germany and Austria, first from left, during a stopover in Switzerland, with Mr. & Mrs. Sterenbuch

His Eminence Chief Rabbi of the Holy Land, Dr. Isaac Herzog bringing Safer Torahs salvaged from Poland

Windsheim Benei Yeshivah and children

At a Purim ceremony at Zeilsheim Yeshivah

Montreux Yeshivah which has many students from the Vaad Yeshivoth of Germany



Children at study in
Vaad institution

At a dedication ceremony
of Vaad Yeshivah

Purim spirit of Yeshivah boys

HEADQUARTERS
ZONE COMMAND, AUSTRIA
Office of the Commanding General
APO 541 c/o Postmaster
New York

Salzburg, Austria
25 July 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
Director
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee,
APO 757, US Army

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

I should like to express my congratulations to you and your committee for the efforts you are making to preserve and foster the Book we share in common.

We in the military, share in your objectives. We too have fought as soldiers of God to preserve the religious freedoms of mankind and the Truth of Him who gave them life.

To the Sherith Hopleita, the Vaad Hatzala and yourself, I express my best wishes.

Most sincerely,

HARRY J. COLLINS
Major General, US Army
Commanding

TALMUD TORAHS

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
Service, Supply, and Procurement Division

1 August 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

I was much interested in the report of Vaad Hatzala activities and operations which accompanied the gift. Not until I read this report did I realize the extent of the operations of your committee. I was particularly interested in the fact that not only does your committee strive for spiritual revitalization, but also for physical rehabilitation as exemplified in the kitchens you have established for the Yeshivoth, Talmud Torahs, hospitals and communities.

This rehabilitation is the most pressing problem of Germany today. It is comforting to know that so many worthy organizations are cooperating in the solution of this problem.

Sincerely,

Carter B. Magruder

CARTER B. MAGRUDER
Major General, GSC
Director

Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
Munich, Germany
APO 407, US Army

Talmud Torah in Camp Herzog

Talmud Torah in Camp Wildseck

Talmud Torah in Camp Bad Saltzchlif

Talmud Torah, Camp Ulm,
Hindenburg Kaserne

Talmud Torah, Camp Neu-Ulm

Talmud Torah in Trauenstein

Talmud Torah in Trauenstein

Talmud Torah, Camp Deggendorf

Talmud Torah, Camp Bensheim

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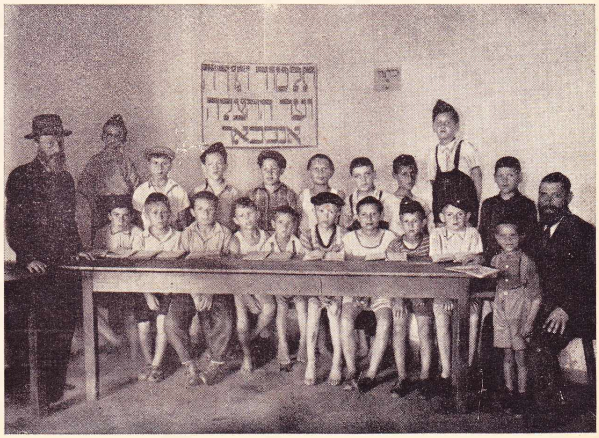
Talmud Torah, Camp Eichstädt Yagar Kaserne

Talmud Torah, Camp Ansbach



¡Talmud Torah, Ansbach, Second Grade

Talmud Torah, Ansbach, First Grade

Talmud Torah, Ansbach, Third Grade

Talmud Torah, Camp Hess Lichtenau

Talmud Torah, Camp Diburg

תלמוד תורה
של
ועד העלה
מושב צופית
ברך ארץ קדמה לתורה

Talmud Torah Bergen Belsen in British Zone

Talmud Torah Lampertheim

Talmud Torah in Schwabishal

Beth Rivka School in Schwabishal

Talmud Torah in Lampertheim

Talmud Torah, Stuttgart

Talmud Torah, Stuttgart

Talmud Torah, Beth Jakob, Girl's School, Eichstätt Annexe 1

Talmud Torah, Wetzlar

Talmud Torah, Ziegenheim

Beth Sefer Chorev
Camp Ulm,
Belka Kaserne

Beth Sefer Camp Fritzlar

Talmud Torah, Donau

Student of Vaad Yeshivoh Ktana, Munchenberg

At meal time

At study

DR. PHILIPP AUERBACH
STAATSKOMMISSAR

MÜNCHEN 17. September 1947
Holbeinstraße 11

Dr.A/Sey.
Sekretariat

Herrn
Rabbiner Nathan B a r u c h
AMERICAN VAAD HATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
M ü n c h e n - Pasing
Bachmairstr. 12

Sehr geehrter Herr Rabbiner!

Als schönstes Geschenk zum Neujahrsfeste erhielt ich Ihre wundervolle Gabe, die Bibel. - Ich spreche Ihnen von Herzen meinen innigsten Dank aus. Diese Bibel ist zugleich eine Erbauung für das innere Auge, wie für das äußere. Ich werde ihr einen Ehrenplatz in meinem Hause einräumen und stets mit Freude und Dank an Sie denken, der Sie mir mit diesem Geschenk so wohltuend zum Ausdruck bringen, wie eng verbunden unser aller Schicksal und unsere Arbeit ist, die wir uns für die Sorgen und Nöte unserer Glaubensbrüder ein - setzen.

Ihren Tätigkeitsbericht habe ich mit großem Interesse studiert und darf Ihnen meine Anerkennung für Ihre Tätigkeit aussprechen.

Darf ich auch Ihnen meine herzlichsten Glückwünsche zum Neuen Jahr aussprechen verbunden mit dem Wunsche, daß wir weiterhin so gut zusammenarbeiten werden, wie bisher. Auch mein Bestreben ist es weiterhin, meinem jüdischen Volke mit aller Kraft zu dienen und es zum Ziele zu führen, das sich jeder Einzelne aus tiefstem Herzen wünscht.

Mit dem Ausdruck meiner engsten Verbundenheit und mit aufrichtigem Dank

bin ich
Ihr

Staatskommissar

YAWNE SCHOOLS

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 66

22 August 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American VAAD Hatzala Emergency Committee
P.C.I.R.O.
Sub-Zone H.Q.
APO 407, c/o P.M. N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

I, too, share your belief that every effort should be exerted to have this Treasure of treasures again become a part of every God-fearing and God-loving family's life. We must have a thorough understanding of why we exist in order that we may truly devote ourselves to God. This can best be accomplished by using His Word as our guide.

Although I am not a member of your Faith.

Very truly yours,

Max F. Schneider

MAX F. SCHNEIDER
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding.

Yawne School,
Hofgaismar, Grade 1

Yawne School,
Hofgaismar, Grade 2

Yawne School,
Hofgaismar, Grade 3

Yawne Eichstadt, Annexe 2

Yawne Bad Reichenhall

Yawne Camp Gabersee

Yawne Camp Gabersee

Yawne Camp Pocking

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Yawne Camp Pocking

Yawne Camp Heidenheim

Yawne Camp Fohrenwald

AMERICAN VAAD HATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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GENERAL CO. COMMITTEE
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CONTRACT

Between the Representative of VAAD HATZALA in Munich, Rabbi NATHAN BAUMGARTEN, and Rabbi AVIEZER PUNDERAK and Rabbi Josef GELERNTER of the town Neuenburg, the following contract has been arranged:

1. VAAD HATZALA will furnish supplementary food for the 200 people who are eating in Kosher kitchen of this town.

2. VAAD HATZALA will furnish clothing for the personnel working in that kitchen.

3. The undersigned person undertakes responsibility for the preparation and distribution of all that they shall receive from VAAD HATZALA.

Rabbi Josef Gelernter
RABBI JOSEF GELERNTER

Nathan Baumgarten
RABBI NATHAN BAUMGARTEN
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VAAD HATZALA

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RABBI AVIEZER PUNDERAK
Assistant Director
VAAD HATZALA

BETH YAKOB GIRLS' SCHOOL

Certificate

HEBREW SCHOOL

YESHIVAH

Munchenberg

Name WOLF DZUBINSKI

Date of birth 2.8.1938

Place LODZ

Class III.

Teacher Hersh Rosenson

Principal Michal Sobol

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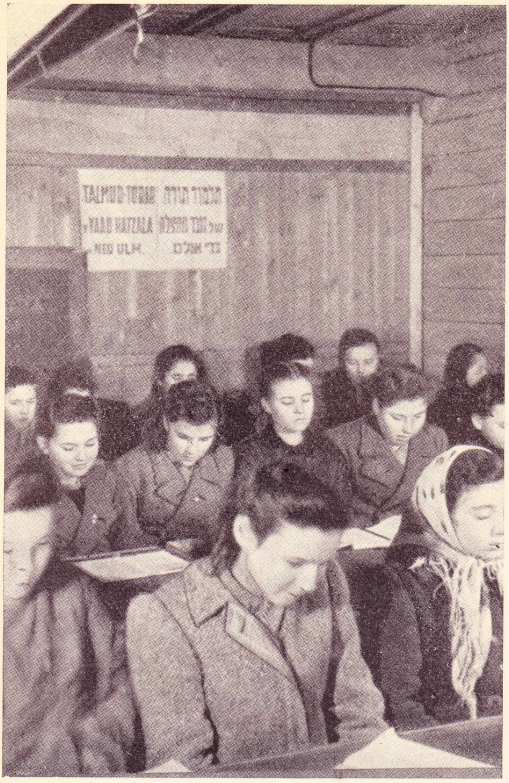
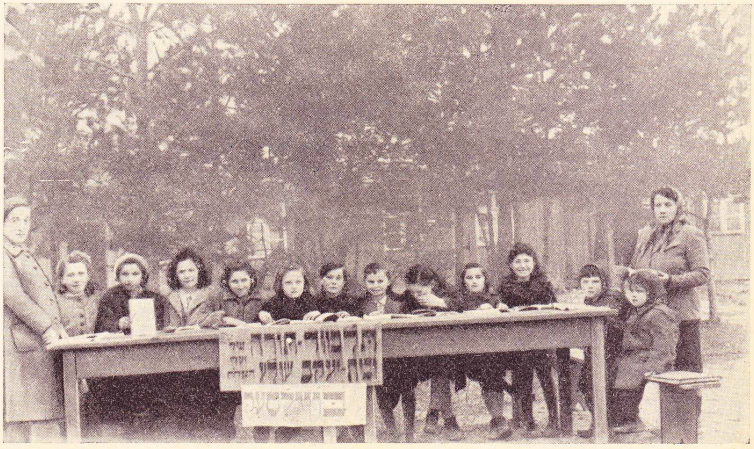


Beth Jakob School, Camp Ulm



Beth Jakob Girls' School, Wildseck

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Beth Jakob Girls' School, Traunstein, Grade 2

Girls' School in Frankfurt a./M.

Beth Jakob Girls' School, Traunstein, Grade 1

Beth Jakob Girls' School, Diburg

Beth Jakob, Rachel

Beth Jakob, Ulm

Beth Jacob Girls' School Grade 3 Wasserburg

Beth Jacob Girls' School Grade 2 Wasserburg

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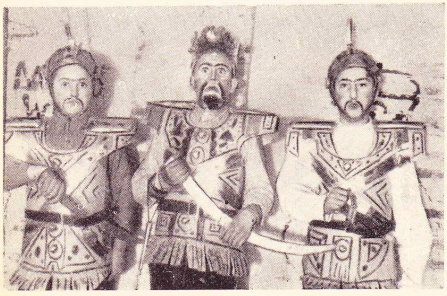
Beth Jakob Esenstruth

Lubavitcher Girls' School, Pocking

Beth Jakob Girls' School, Fritzlar

School performing play



School performing play

At Vaad Girls' School

Vaad children rescued from Poland

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2

APO 633, US Army
25 September 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
APO 757, U. S. Army

Dear Sir:

Your most interesting letter of 11 August 1947, together with the enclosures, has been received. The "Report of Vaad Hatzala activites and operations" is very enlightening as to the activities of your organization in the US Zone today. It is my plan to keep the copy of the Holy Bible as a part of my personal library. It is with thanks that I accept it.

It is my personal hope that your organization, recognized by the State Department, meets with success in surmounting the many difficult problems that confront it, and that the Jewish people may live harmoniously with those of other faiths in their own chosen way.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES Y. BANFILL
Brigadier General, GSC

CYB/sp

ב"ה

ברנרבלון, יום ... לחי ... שנה ... חש"ל

לכבוד וזד ההללה מ"ע, שלם וברכה!

בותגות שע"י לכם בפדק הרשלוך במלק כל בדולתי
בובמ"ע. אבצתי רי, בפורשה נשו התאסקתי עם ענינים תמר"ם
אבל זכשן שע"י מלרתה לעשות שות הקיד הקשות כי השו מ"ם
זד קפ. ולמי שבקש ומה שבקש עזרה, עם לשו מכע"ז ה"שו ע"ו ו"ע
הבל התוקים התרצ"ם בקרמ"ע מה שעשיתם בעד הקרה ומהללה

הה כמה חקשים שע"י מקולתי שות הקלוק ב"ת יקר מפה
ומתשב כל הקמן הקה הון לקי לקים תמלסק בדולים קוחמקן זם
הקשיים ופש תבלקו לפתר שות בלי השעות מבלי שבקש עזרה מתש.
השו. הפרובלמה הכי בדולה היתה רפוי התולות שבין התגרות. יש
בקולקן כתמש בתורות תולות זד משוב ולהן צריך רפוי רציני
ושלרך דמקן טוב ולקה שע"י לקי שופטרות. שלה הן צפתורות יתומות
לרבן אין שלך שוח שו בפוד וכל השותריות בעד בפשתן והת=
תקלתן תלויה עליו ועל שורשון הקרה שלקו. שלש מכן הן
פכשו גבית התולשת שותרי הרפוי לריך לשלח שות לה ברשה
שהשות שמק קה יעלה לקו בפסק רב שע"י שקו יפדים
מעו"ם. ובבן עבקש שות ועד ההללה התשוב לעצמך שותקי

בסבום מתאים בהללת ח"יהן של תגרותיו הילרות. בלן הן
בתורות תרציות ועלכם מוטלת הי חובה לעצר לבן, שתהיה
ברשות וקלמות, שתובלה לבעות בתים ובנ"ם שומתיים ותהיה
שהתוקן יקר יהוי ברשו וחקק בשלך ובשלו.

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בתשובת שנות המלחמה נתיסד "ועד הכלל" דעיר-ווארשא ע"י אלמנות הרבנים דגרמ"ז ות הפרנסת וקנאה, ועל ראש הועד היתה הגה"צ סיגלר שמטע"ג ובמשך שנות המלחמה נתיסד סניף ו"ועד הכלל" דמדינות שונות, ועתה כלות המלחמה התחיל ועד הכלל להשתדלות באחנות שארית הפליטה בלהמניה, ונתיסד ראשות ועד הכלל במינכן ובפרנקפורט ראשית ועד הכלל דמינכן בישה ראשות הראשו, משם נמשך כל עבודת ועד הכלל בתחומה ובשרה באחנות שארית הפליטה, ובדפוס "הפרדס". כאשר נתבייש עלי "כאשר שמעתו כן רגזתי". היום נשלם ערכאה שקוראות לקוטי במינכן, וקראתי כמה וכמה מאות משארית הפליטה בלהמניה, וכל אלה כולאי שמעתי ורעותי בעודן האבודה של שארה ותאוכה מראשית הגאולה של "ועד הכלל" דמינכן, שארה ותאוכה דרדעים ויה נדים תרדים, קרתי תת וושירות, ואלו המוסרו מרכזי שארה, וכמה הנפלאות שעשה ה' עמנו בשעת הדחק שנתאכו משלוחי מרכזי שארה, וכמה שנאשה ה' עמנו בשעת הדחק שנתאכו משלוחי מרכזי שארה, וכמה הנפלאות שע

KOSHER KITCHENS

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN COMMAND
Office of the Director of Civil Affairs
Frankfurt, APO 757, U. S. Army

26 August 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

Your letter of 11 August 1947 reached me at my new office in Frankfurt a few days ago.

I have just read with considerable interest your report on Vaad Hatzala activities and operations in the US Zone of Germany and I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your fine organization on the excellent job which you have done in assisting UNRRA, PCIRO and the US Army in the difficult task of caring for and servicing thousands of displaced persons in this zone.

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness in sending me a special copy of the Holy Bible.

Again, please accept my heartiest congratulations and sincere thanks.

Sincerely yours,

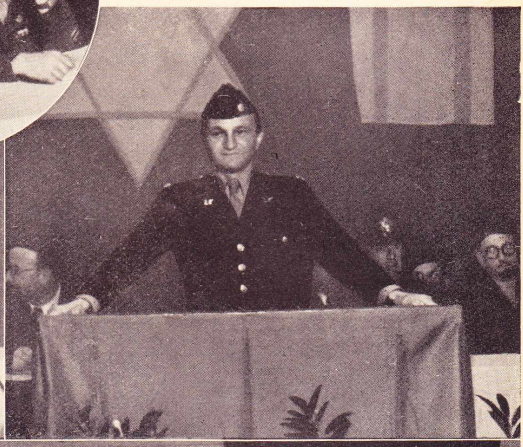
Thomas L. Harrold

THOMAS L. HARROLD
Brigadier General, GSC
Director

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
Vaad Hatzala
PCIRO Sub-Zone Hq.
APO 407, US Army

At dedication of Vaad Kosher Kitchen in Frankfurt
Chief of D. P. Operations, General Thomas H. Harrold, greeting assembly

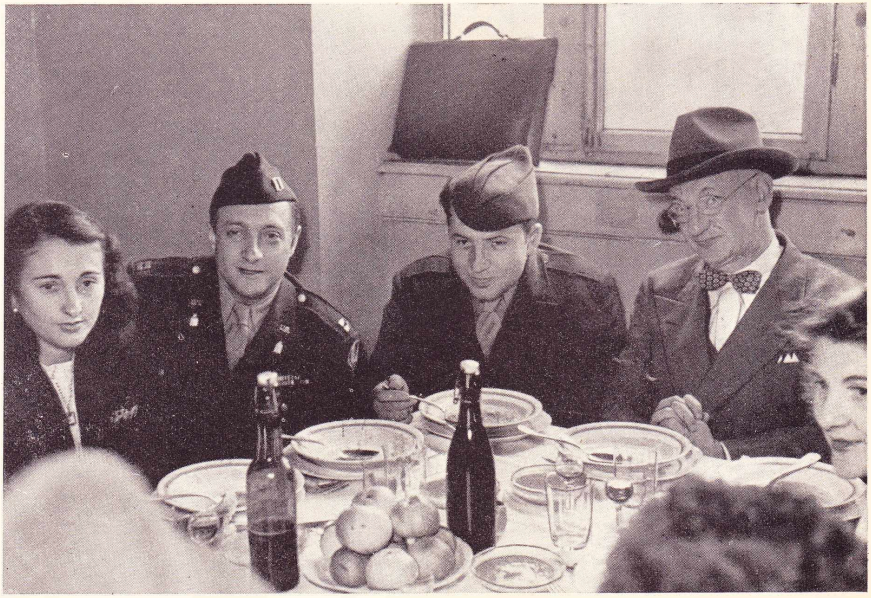
Major Blumenthal, Chief Chaplain's Office, and Chaplain Dalin, Top right, Major Hyman, of Judge Leventhal's Office, extending greetings



At dedication of Talmud Torah in Frankfurt

Judge Leventhal, drinking toast with Rabbi Baruch

Left to right, Staatskommissar, Dr. Kurt Epstein and Rabbi Burstin, and Rabbi Thorn



Luncheon at Vaad Kitchen

Guests at Vaad Kitchen luncheon
Upper right: — General Harrold, Rabbi Baruch and Colonel Scithers, Chief Liaison Officer for Central Committee for Liberated Jews with the U. S. Army
Bottom: Rabbi Munk of Berlin, and Mr. David Trager, President of Central Committee Liberated Jews

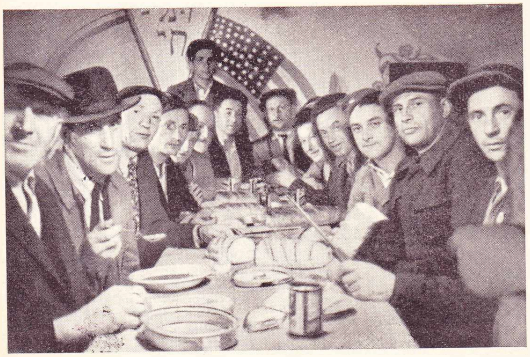
Second from right: Director, HIAS, Major Ortner

Right to left: Rabbi Blut of Frankfurt, Major Hyman and Mr. Werber

Kosher Kitchen in Mittenwald

Kosher Kitchen in Traunstein

Kosher Kitchen in Windsheim



Kosher Kitchen in Windsheim

Kosher Kitchen in Augsburg

Kosher Kitchen in Furth

Kosher Kitchen in Bad Wörishofen

Kosher Kitchen in Bad Wörishofen

Kosher Kitchen in Dachau

Kosher Kitchen in Cham

Wedding ceremony at Vaad Kosher Kitchen in Heidenheim. Second from left: Rabbi Frankel of Heidenheim

Kosher Kitchen in Eggenfelden

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Kosher Kitchen in Feldmoching

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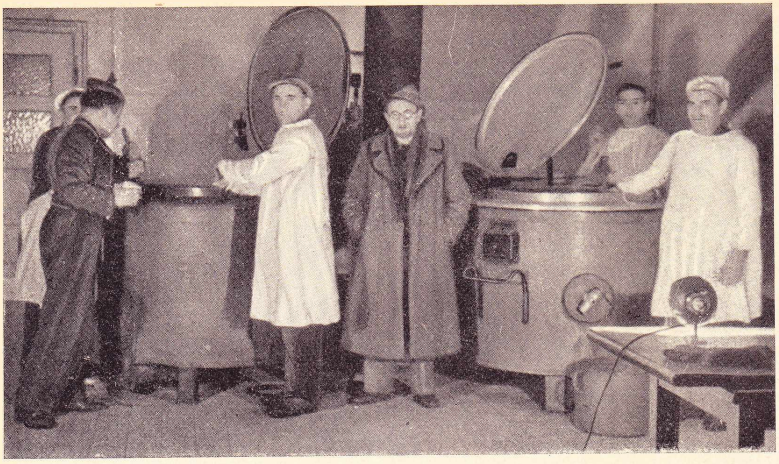

Pesach Sedorim at
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

20 October 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q., A.P.O. 407
c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Baruch:

[redacted] and the extremely interesting report of the Vaad Hatzala's splendid contribution to Europe's rehabilitation program.

Now that we are determined to construct a secure and lasting peace, it is imperative that we gather the spiritual strength inherent in the inspiration, benevolence, and guidance of our respective religious beliefs. Only thus may we insure international accord and universal human understanding.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

W. F. HALSEY
Fleet Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret.)

הרב ד"ר יצחק לעווין

דאדיא־רטדט אויף סטאציט וו. אי. ווי. די.

מוש"ק 2 מערץ 1946 אין ניו־יארק

(ספעציעל צונעשיקט פאר'ן זשורנאל)

דאס כאראקטעריסטישע איז וואס די רעדע האט נאך היינט — נאך קנאפע 2 יאר — ניט פארלוירן די אקטואליטעט. אדרבא. די לאנע האט זיך נאך פילפאכיק פארערגערט.

עס איז שון באלד צען חדשים זינט די בלוטיקע נאצי־אימפעריע איז צוזאמענגעבראכן. און די שארית־הפליטה, די לעצטע לעבן־געבליבענע יידן אין אייראפע זיינען באפרייט געווארן, דוכט זיך. או עס איז שיין נענוג ציים נעווען כדי צו בריינגען צו א געוויסן גלייכגעוויכט אט די רעשטלעך פון זעקס מיליאנען אימשולדיק דערמארדעטע יידן. אין די צען הדשים האט זייער פיל נעקאנט נעמאן ווערן. כדי די אייראפעאישע יידן וואס זיינען אין לעצטן מאמענט ממש ארויסגעראטעוועט געווארן פון דער טוט־סכנה. צו העלפן זיך רעהאביליטירן, אינארדנען ווו עס איז. או זיי זאלן קענען אנפאנגען א ניי לעבן אלס פרייע אין פולבארעכטיקטע מיטגלידער פון דער מענטשלעכער געזעלשאפט.

(ייזער איז דער גרוס וועלכן איך וויל אייך היינט איבערגעבן פון דער שארית הפליטה אין אייראפע ניט מסוגל ארויסצוזאגן געפילן פון צופרידנהייט מיט דער לאגע. אין וועלכער עס נעפינען זיך די אומגליקלעכע קרבנות פון דער היטלער־בעסטיע. במשך פינף חדשים האב איך נעוואנדערט אין אייראפע פון לאנד צו לאנד אין געזוכט אינדערע בריידער אין שוועסטער, איך האב באוכטעט זיער פיל לאגערן אין דייטשלאנד אין עסטרייך אין נעזוכן וואס דארט טוט זיך. איך בין נעקומען אין קאנטאקט מיט דער שארית הפליטה אין לייפציג אבסערווירט די נרויסע פארברעכערישע וואס הערשט דארט צווישן אינדזוערע פארבליבענע ברידער, זיי זיינען שרעקלעך אנטוישט זייער לאגע איז א שלעכטע. זיי ליידן פיזיש און נייסטיק. פיזיש — וויל דאס וואס זיי באקומען צו עסען איז פיל צו וויניק כדי זיי זאלן קענען צוריק בא'ומען זייערע פארלוירענע כוחות. זייער קלידונג איז א שרעקלעכע און גים זיי ניט קיין שוין פאר קעלט. זיי באקומען אפגעמאסטן דאס עסען וואס זאל אנטשפרעכן דעם וועדם פון 2.300 קאלאריעס א טאג (שוין אריינגערעכנט די פעקלעך פון רויטן קרייץ. וואס מען פלעגט באקומען באזונדער). דאס איז ניט נענוג. מען הינגערט אפט און מ'פרעגט דעריבער מיט א נערעכטער עמפערונג: אזוי וואנדט מען פאר אינדז די גרעסטע מארטירער פון דער נעשיכטע? דאס איז דער שכר פאר אונדזערע ליידן אין היטלער־גיהנום?

און איצט די נייסטיקע ליידן, יידן. וואס זיינען פארבליבן לעבן אין אייראפע האבן א טיפן דראנג צוריק צו פארבינדן זיך מיט זייער פאלק. זיי שטרעבן צו יידישקייט. זיי ווילן בליבן פולוועדיקע יידן, להכעיס דער ווילדער נאצי־היה וואס זיך פארמאסטן צו פארטילקן דאס יידישע פאלק די יידישע ראסע. און קודם־כל די יידישע רעליגיע. דערביבער איז נרוים די שטרעבונג צו כשרות, צו אלע הויפט־סוהות פון אינדזער דת. וועז מ האט נים לאנג צוריק איינגעארדנט א נייעם לאנער פאר באפרייטע יידן אין פערנוואלד. נים ווייס פון מינכען אין 3.000 יידישע מענער און פרויען האבן נעראפט אויסבויען פאר זיך א פראוויזאריש לעבן. האבן 1.800 פון זי דעקלאריירט זיך. או זיי ווילן עסען כשר. אבער דא איז נעקומען די אנטוישונג. די כשרע קיך. וואס איז אויפנעשטעלט געווארן פאר די 1.800 מענטשן איז נעווען נים א מאל אדריבל אזוי נרויס. ווי יענע וואס האט באדינט די 1.200 פארבליבענע. איך האב באוכטמקט די כשרע קיך און נעפינען דארט 3 קעסלען צום קאכן דאס עסען, אין דער אנדערער זיינען נעווען 10 קעסלען. אין דעם מאג. ווען איך בין נעווען אין פערנוואלד. האט מען נעקאכט די לעצטע כשרע מאלצייט. פשוט. עס איז נים נעווען וואס צו קאכן. מען האט ראן נעהאט פארכאפן די יידן צו שעכטעז בהמות פאר פלייש, וויל פריש פלייש האט נעוואלט בלייבן בלוז פאר די דייטשן. די אווינערופענע די־פים (דיספלייסער פערסאנס) האבן נעדארפט באקומען בלויז קאנסערוון, און אווי ווי כשרע קאנסערוועז זיינען ניט נעווען פארהאן. האט די כשרע קיך פאר די 1.800 מענטשן זיך נעמוזט פארמאכן אויף יענעם שבת. מ קען זיך לייכט פארשטעלן די נעפילן פון די 1.800 יידן!

איך האב זיי פראבירט צו העלפן אויף פאלנגדן אופן: דער „וער הצלה" פון אמעריקע האט אין חודש אויגוסט 1945 אוועקגעשיקט קיין דייטשאנד א נדיון פראנסאארט מיט כשר'ע שפייזן (פליש-קאנסערוון). פעטט. וופן א. א. וו.). אט די שפייזן האבן דאן נעדארפט אנקומען אין די לאגערן. איך האב זיך אזוא אויסגעבארגט נעווייסע ארטיקלען. העלכע קענען דערוועצן כשר'ע שפייזן אין זיי נעשטעלט צו פארפיגונג דער קיך אין פערנוואהר. כדי ז' זאל זיך חידער קענען עפענען, נאטירלעך איז עס נים דאס זעלבע וואס פלייש. אבער דאך איז נעווען א נעווייסע דערלייכטערונג אין דער סיטואציע.

די נייסטיקע און באוונדער די רעליגיעזע בארערפענישן פון די יידישע דעפארטירטע טארן כאין אופן נים פארנאכלעסיקט ווערן. פאקטיש דארף זיך די רעהאביליטאציע אנהויבן פון צוריקגעבן די מענטשן זייער זיירדע. זיי קענען נים אנפאנגען צו בויען זייער לעבן ווען עס פעלט דאס פרימיטיוויסטע. ווען עס פעלט די ערשטע הויפט-באדינונג כדי צו דערלאנגען דאס נלייכגעוויכט: דאס אין. דאס צוריקשטעלן פאר זיי די אמת אמאכפערע. צו וועלכער זיי זיינען נעווינט א־דער די היטלער-באנדעס זיינען זיי באפאלן- די יידן מוז האבן די מעלעכ-קיים זיך אויסצוּעבן וויי יידן, צו היטן שבת און בשרות. צו קענען דערציען זייער פארבליבענע יוננס אין וועג פון די פארפיניקטע מארטירער. וואס זיינען אוועק על קידוש השם. אן דעם איז איבערהויפט יערע רעהאביליטאציע ארבעט א פאנמאזיע.

איך האב אין איראפע נעזען נייע ישיבות. זואס די פון טוים אנטרינענע יידן האבן נעשאפן. כדי וויימער אויפצוהאלטן די פלאם פון יידישן לערנען, אין די שרעקלעכסטע באדינונגען. ני קעלם אין הונגער. פארזאמלען זיך יונגע קינדער אין לערנען אפט אויסנוייניק וויייל עם פעלן ספרים. קיינער צוויננם נים די קינדער דערצו. נאר עס איז א ספאנטאנע באוועגונג: צוריק צום אלטן מקור! אזוי איז עס אין־פראנקריך. אין בעלניע אין האלאנד אין בעיקר אין דיימשלאנד. אין פייער פון די אונמענטשלעכע ליידן און פארפאלנונגען איז די נשמה פון קינד פארפאנצערט נעווארן פאר אסימילאציע-מענרענען, עס האט ארומגעכאפט אלעמען עפעס א בינקען נאך יעדער יידישקייט וואס שמיים דאך עפ"ש אזויפיל העכער וויי די כלומר שטע מאדערנע ציוויליזאציע וואס איז פעאיק נעווען ארוף אועלכע גילדקייטן און אונמענטשעכקייטן וויי די יונגע מענטשן האבן עס נעזען אין כוכעגוואהר. דאכאו, בערגן-בעלזן אדער אוישוויץ.

יא. יונגע מענטשן... וויפל זיינען דאס פארבליבן קינדער ביים איראפעאישן יידנטום? מיר זיינען אזוי שרעקעד ארעם נעווארן אין קינדער. און זיי. די לעבן־פארבליבענע קינדער זיינען וויייטער אין א סך לענדער אין א נרויסער סכנה. אז זיי זאלן פארלארן נייַן פאר אונדזער פאלק ווען אויך נים פיזיש. אבער דאך דורך א פוי־שמענדריקער פארפרעמדונג צוליב דעם. וואס זיי נעפינען זיך ביי נים־יידן און ווערן ביי זיי דערצוינן אן א שפיר פון יידישקייט.

Rabbi Levin, Center, and Rosh Yeshivath and several students of Vaad Yeshivath

CHILDREN'S HOMES

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Children at Study in Ulm Home

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Children at Ulm Home during mealtime.

Playtime for the Children
at the Ulm Home

Children of Ulm Home

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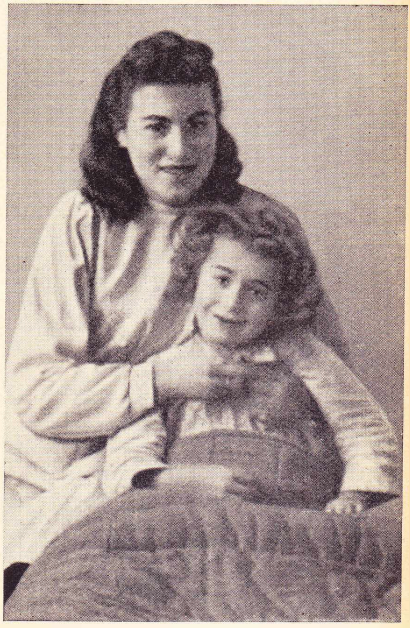
Infirmary at Ulm Children's Home



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Kindergarten at Hofgaismar

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Vaad Children's Home in Bad Nauheim

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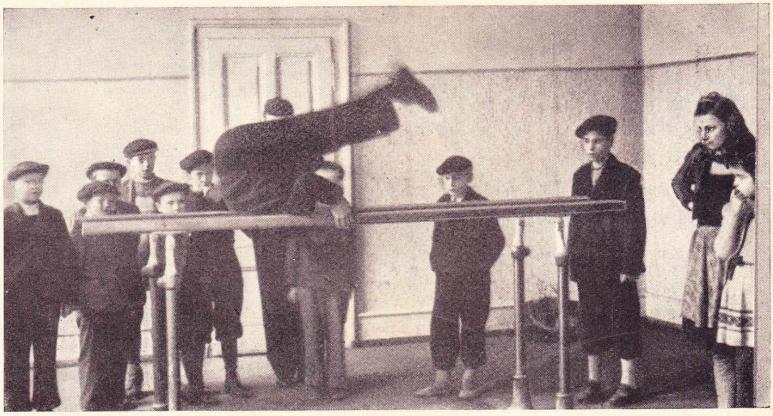
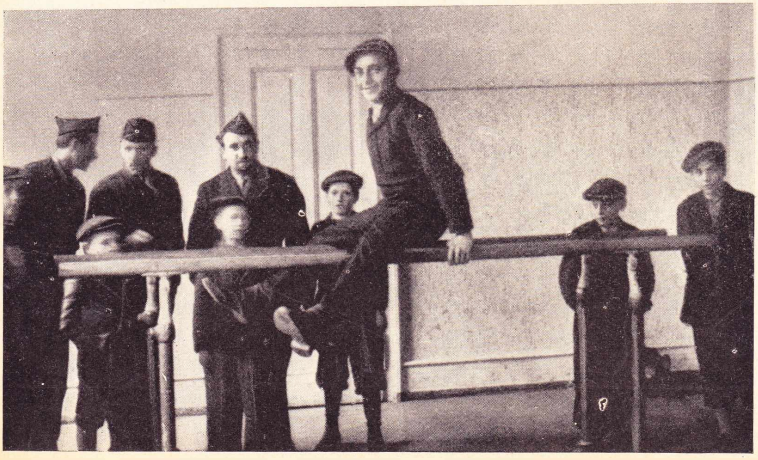
At Study

Recreational period





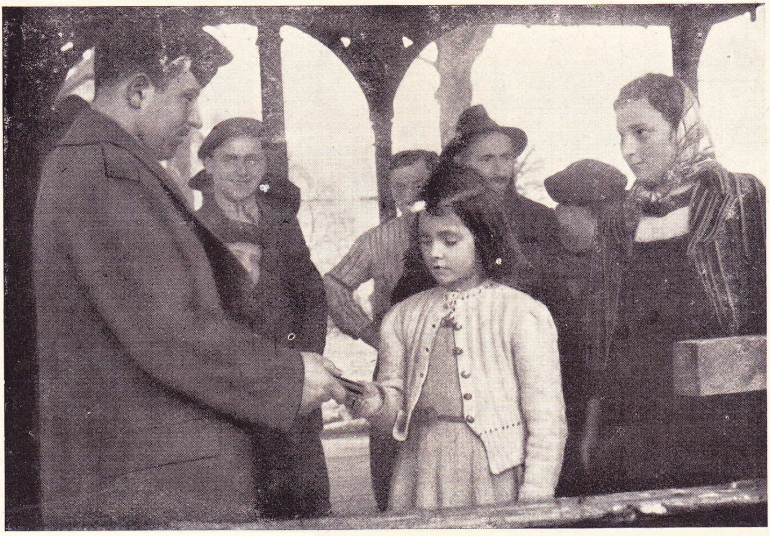
Recreational period

Dormitory at Bad Nauheim Home

Children cleaning their quarters

Daily inspection by Nurse of Home

Mealtime at Home



Children awarded prizes by Rabbi Baruch

Mizrachi Children's Home, Rosenheim

Mizrachi Children's Home, Aschau

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At Mizrachi
Children's Home

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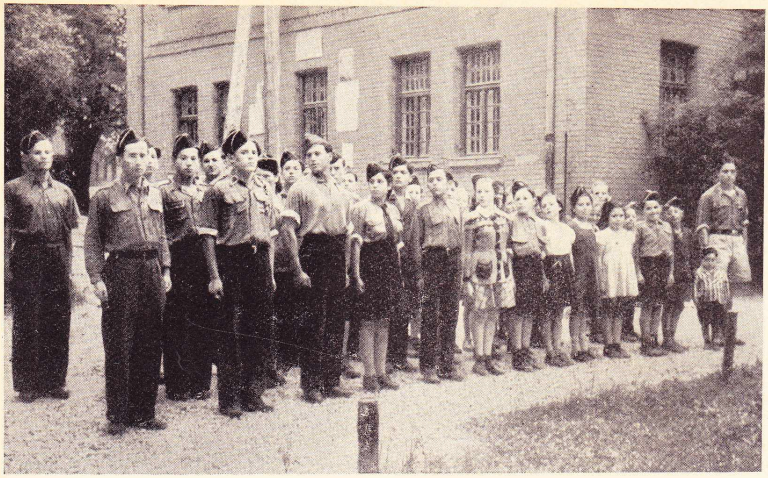

„Beitar" Religious
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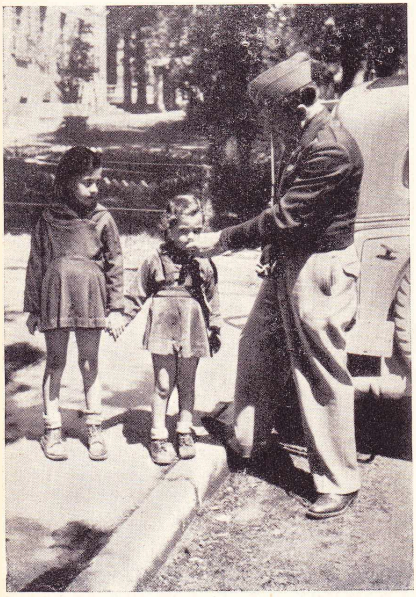
Reviewing children at Gabersee

Small members of the Home



Small members of the Home
receiving Candy

Children receiving physical training
in Wasserburg Home

Full Dress rehearsal and review at Children's Home in Gabersee

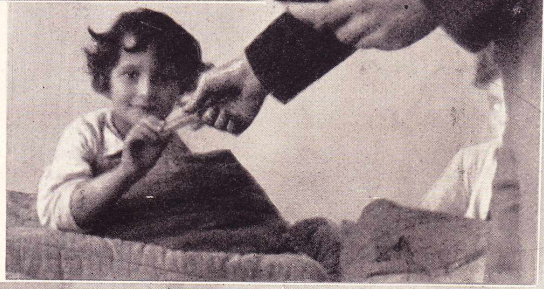
Quarters in Home

Youngest member of the Home receiving candy

Children at play

Children at mealtime

Distributing sweets to children of Home in infirmary

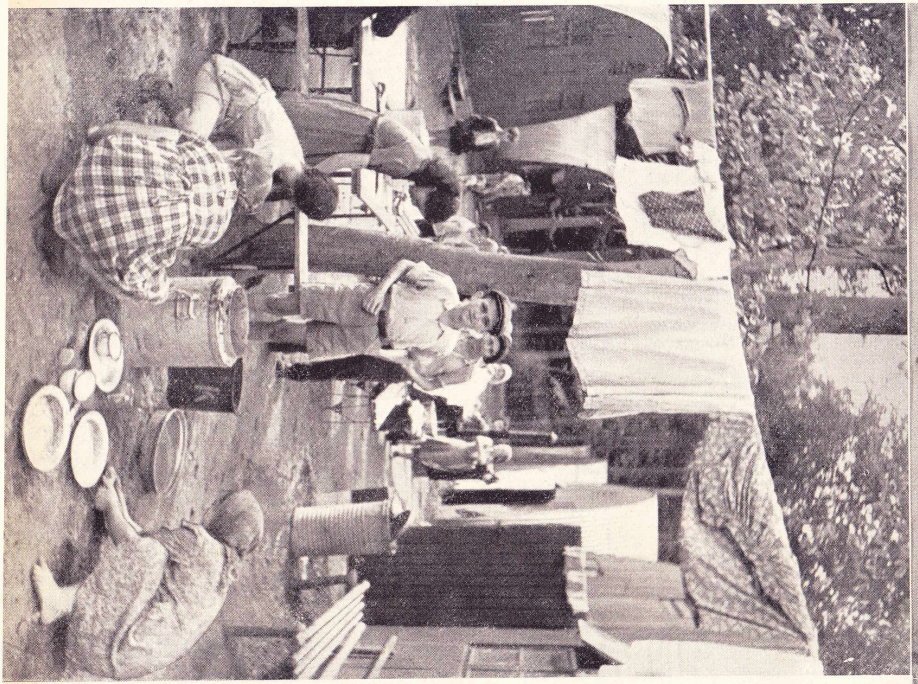


Child crippled by bomb, during bombing of Poland, at Vaad Home

Tense moment during chess game

Our Shlomalech and Moshelech

Rabbi Dr. Isaac Lewin with some young members of Vaad Home in Austria



Among the "Exodus" passengers were 134 children from the Vaad Homes in Germany

Rabbi Herzog arriving with a group of children from Vaad Homes in Poland and Czechoslovakia

Vaad Home in Bitam, Poland. Rabbi Herzog and party arriving with children and Safer Torahs from Poland. Left to right: UNRRA Director, His Emminence Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog, Mrs. Sterenbuch, Mr. Springer, Rabbi Mordchai Londinski

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK 7, N.Y

October 10th, 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch,
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee,
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q. A.P.O. 407,
c/o Postmaster, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

Your letter of September 19th has been received.

I know full well how many works of spiritual treasure were destroyed during the Nazi regime. It is good to know that Vaad has undertaken a program of reprinting these spiritual treasures. I am happy to receive one of them from the Sherith Hapleita and yourself with your best wishes and blessings.

It was nice of you to call on the young boy in Belgium whom I adopted through the Rescue Children Inc. I am delighted to know that he is a fine and bright lad and that he is doing well.

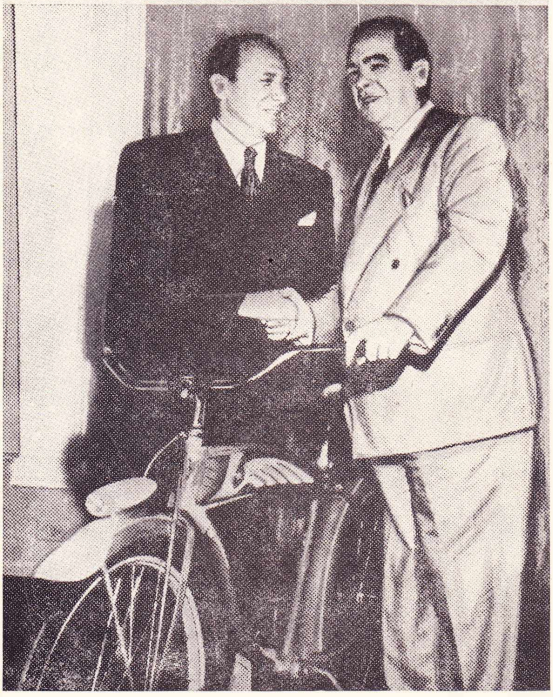
I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of the report of the activities of Vaad. I am sure I will find it most interesting reading.

With kindest regards and with very best wishe to you and Vaad in the wonderful work you are doing, I am

Sincerely,

Mayor

Mayor O'Dwyer Sends Bicycle To His "Adopted" Son



Gaston Maurice Freidmann, 8-year old Polish child
adopted by Mayor O'Dwyer

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Rabbi Nathan Baruch

Director, American VAAD
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APO 407, U S Army

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

The problems which confront you and your people today are a matter of great concern to every thinking person the world over. It was encouraging to me to learn of the achievments of yourself and your group. Your efforts are highly commendable.

Thanking you, and with best wishes for your success,

Sincerely,

A. C. GORDER
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Dear Rabbi Baruch:

[redacted] I warmly appreciate your words of encouragement and best wishes.

It is part of our mission here to encourage in Austria the democratic way of life and to emphasize the integrity and inviolability of human rights. The work of your colleagues and yourself along those lines is appreciated.

Sincerely,

THOMAS F. HICKEY
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Vaad Old Age Home in Deggendorf, the only Old Age Home in the U. S. Zone

Munich Bogenhausen Hospital, where Vaad maintains a Kosher Kitchen
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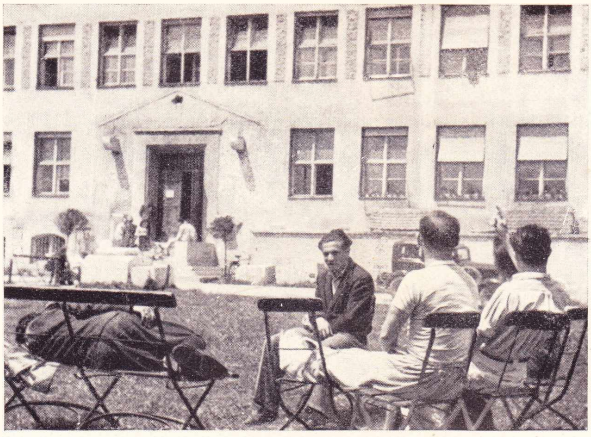

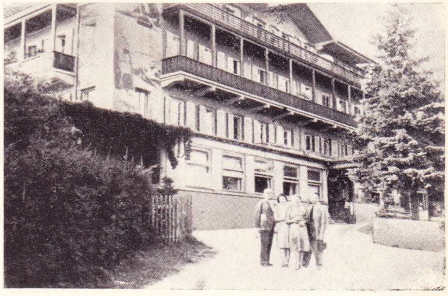

Elizabeth Hospital in Feldafing, where Vaad also
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עזרה זו אשר פעולה חשובות עד למאד במוסדות שכתם תטכתם.

ברצוננו להביע את תקותנו כי ידלה בידכם להגביר בעתיד את עזרתכם לטובת הקמת מוסדות חנוך תורני ותטיכה במוסדות קיימים למען הרחת כבוד הדת והתורה בקרב יהדות גרמני'.

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החנהלה הראשית

מברכת את הקמת המדינה היהודית בנגביל ישראל. על פי חוק תורתנו הקדושה.

כבוד מנחלי " ועד הצלה " חרב נפתלי ברוך והרב אביעזר בורשטין ,
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תנועת "ברית ישורון" שמטרתה : לקרב את הנוער הלאומי לפקור היהדות , ולחנכו ברוח התורה והמסורת -
-שולחת ברכותיו, הוקרה וחכרה, לחסיד חכי-פומולרי בעזרתו התמידית "ועד הצלה", מטרתו : לחושיש עזרת ותמיכה למוסדות הדתיים שבשארית הפליטה.

אנו מביעים בשם חברי התנועה ומוסדי, תודתנו החמה לעבודתם הפורי, ומאחלים את המוסד הכי-נצרך , המיטדים ,הנדבנים ומנהליו , שיזכו כולם - ביחד עם שארית ישראל - לחטשיך ולהפעיל עבודתם, עבודת הקודש, בארצנו הקדושה . לבען חרמת קרן התורה והיהדות בממלכות ישראל הבנוי ברוח ישראל נכא .

בברכת מלכות ישראל ברוח התורה

הרב משה מרבשטין
יושב ראש

ברית ישורון

הרב ארי' ב ק ר
מזכיר ראשי

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

30 July 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch,

I have read with interest the report of Vaad Hatzala's activities and operations in the United States Zone of Germany, and compliment you upon the fine work you are doing. All of us hope that your efforts will continue to meet with success.

Sincerely

M. G. WHITE
Major General, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
Taunus Anlage 6
Frankfurt, Germany
APO 757

MIZRACHI KIBUTZIM

AGUDAH KIBUTZIM

AT DEDICATION OF SYNAGOGUE

and presentation of Safer Torah at religious vocational school in Augsberg

At Augsberg Electrical training school for religious youth

Vocational Training Center
of Jewish War Veterans of Allied Armies

Centre d'Entrainement Professionel
des Anciens Combattants Juifs des Armees Alliées

„Veterans Home"
Tel. 31845

Augsburg-Kriegshaber
(Bavaria) Ulmer Str. 228

11.September 1947.

To Rabbi Natan Baruch
Dir.of Vaad Hatzala
M u n i c h

Dear Rabbi,

I beg to forward you the best wishes for the New Year and the thanks of all my comrades in the U.S. Zone of Germany.

It's a very pleasent mission to thank you for your grand help,you gave the possibility and chance for Jewish War Veterans,which fought in the forests & mountains for such a long time against the power-axes, to stay at a turning-lath,to learn a peaceful trade, which shall once help them to make a living.

With your grand help we are able also to give them a kosher meal daily.

I know,that our comrades will not be dependent on charitable contributions in their new native place, because they can industriously work now with the same hands,which once helped the arms of justice to be - victorious!

I thank you oncemore,that after many promissory letters,we got from other charitable organizations, you did,as I red in in the Saying of the Fathers:
"Say little and do much!"
You sad really very little and you did very much!

Faithfully your very truly

Dr.Nicholas Loewy
chairman

UNION OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF ALLIED ARMIES ★ UNION DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS PARTISANS JUIFS DES ARMEES ALLIÉES ★

At presentation of Safer Torah in Bayreuth

A group during a study period of the Daf Hayome in Munich

A group during a study period of the Daf Hayome in the Traunstein Camp

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

29 SEP 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

I appreciate very much the greetings sent to me in behalf of the Sherith Hapleita

Your program of education and service among displaced persons is an extensive one. To you and those associated with you, I extend my sincere good wishes for success as you seek to serve the spiritual and physical needs of your people.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. NIMITZ
Fleet Admiral, U. S. NAVY

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala
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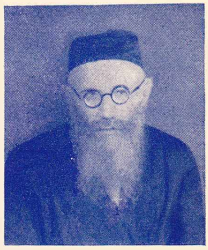

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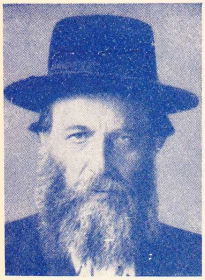

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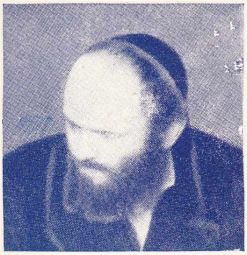

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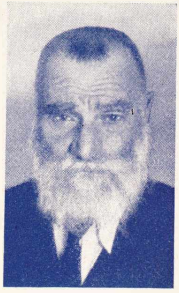

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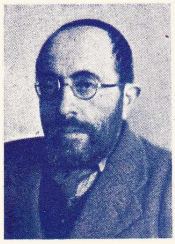

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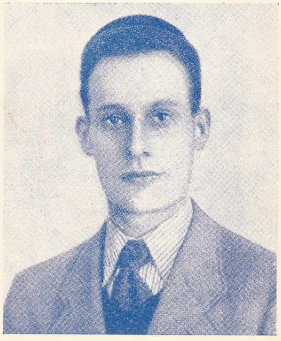

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Wiesbaden, Germany
28 August 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
VAAD HATZALA
PCIRO Sub-Zone H.Q.
APO 407 US Army

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

It is reported to me that there is a great hunger for the scriptures in devestated Europe. This edition not only meets that need among those of Hebrew training, but is, in itself, a monument of history, signifying the more recent expression of an undying faith, which has maintained progressive continuity through four milleniums, despite oppressions and persecutions. A perusal of the report of Vaad Hatzala activities is further confirmation of this thought.

May the direction of a Divine Providence continue to multiply your benevolences in the all important tasks of rehabilitation, both physical and spiritual.

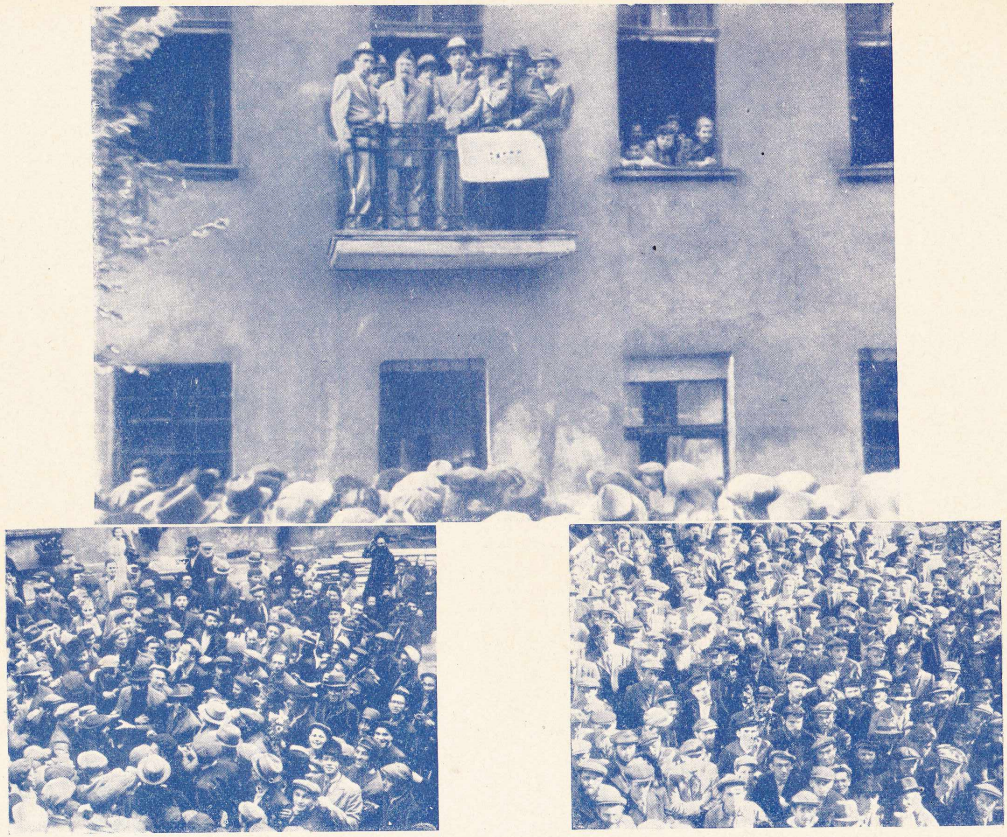
Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. POWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

Rabbi Eliezer Silver, during his visit to Eretz Israel

Rabbi Silver acquainting himself with the position of the Remnants of Israel when visiting all European countries immediately after the end of the war.

Rabbi Silver in Poland



Rabbi Eliezer Silver addressing an assembly in Lodz, Poland

לידידי הרבנים הגאונים והבע"ב יראי ד'
ונדיבי עמנו הנני פונה ללבן ולברר
ענינים אחדים הנחוצים לדעת מאד.
הגם אתם ידידי בכל המון בית ישראל לא
תכירו האמת ולא תדעו כי בכזיב ענו בנו. הו־
ציאו דבת שוא כי בטל ח"ו ועד הצלה ולא
יעשה גדולות עוד, וכי כבלע הקודש נבלע בלו
או רובו בהועד של אגח"ר עם הרזאינס, ולא
נודע כי בא אל קרבם.
ערוב פרשיות שנו כאן, כמזיד או בשוגג,
תעו מן הדרך הנכון מוציאי הדבה, ואוי לנו,

אם גם אתם האחדים גדולי התורה והיראה שניתם, ובעפירה בטעות עקרו כמה הצלת התורה מערים רבות במדינה וכל מוציאי דבה חין שחוט כאן ותורג בכל התבל, והבתה הרעה לא לנו, אך לתורה וירושה

והאמת שהועד הצרה בתוקפו עומד ונחוץ כמאז נתיסד, ואדרבה גדולים מעשיו האחד רונים מהראשונים. כי ועד הצלה נתיסד לפני תשע שנים על ידי אגודת הרבנים אחר הדישה נאונינו הצדיקים דקדושים זצוק"ל, דרשו בעת ההיל החרבן, לארגן ולכלכל הת"ח ותלמידי הישיבות המנורשים, ולתקים תורה גם לחזק ידי הרבנים הפזיטים הנידפים מהשודד הנורא ימ"ש.

ואנו ב"ה מילאנו הדרישה וארגנו פה אנשי חיל כבירים הם מעשיהי כימים הראשונים, והרבינו לעשות בימי הצר הצורר במלחמת הנוכחית.

ועתה אחר תום המלחמה יפתחו שערי האוי הנחנו מלעשות טוב לכל דבר טוב ומועיל. שעשינו בימי המלחמה והשנה שאחריה שלא צות הסנורות ראינו שבנגי רבעשים הכבירים הצלנו יתוכים לארצים. העברנו נדחים ממדי נה למדינה, הרחבנו מעשינו מאד, עתה ראינו שבנגלל רוב מעשינו הנדחים באתה לקחנו לנו עבודה יותר מקה ועד הצלה. יעל כן ראינו שהזנחנו רבים מכני הישיבה ות"ח שכמדי נות שונים שבבתי הרפת העב ובזון, ובעדים ובחוסר כל נשארו רבים, לבבי רבים המעשים שקבל על שכמו ועד הצלה, ונשארו רבים מני דולי התורה רבנים ואנשי מעשה ים ותלמי דיהם הרבים בפולין ומדינות שינות עזובים וערומים, בזוים ושפלים, בלי ארגון ועינים פקוחות. וכל זה בגלל רבוי המעשים שא"א הי' כן לבטלם ולהזניחם.

ומפני זה אחדים מגדולי הרבנים העסקנים, מנהלי אגודת הרבנים והועד הצלה ראו, שמוטב הטובה נשספה רעה ח"ו לתורה ולומדיה והח־ לטנו בכנסי' לחלק העבודה, והועד הצלה יקח ו הפצת תורה וארגון הישיבות הקטנות והג־ דולות בכלכול הרבנים והתלמידים והנירתם מבדינה למדינה, לא"י ולאה"ב. הת"ח ובני הישיבה שבכל הארצות לא רק של שלש וארי בע מדינות, אך גם של נרי פויליו, אוסטריא, סלאיואקיע, ועוד ועוד, שביתומים ואין אב ואם, וב"ד מחויב לרחם עליהם ולקבצם.

ויתר הדברים הנדולים באמת אשר לקחנו על שכמנו בכלכלת יתומים בתי אוכל כשר, הגירת המון בני ישראל, תיקון מקואות וכו' העבדנו ועד של אגדת הרבנים עם ארגונו החדרים יחד עם הדואינט שלקח על שכמו כל זה יתעסק הוא יחד עם אגוח"ר ויוקל משכם ועה"צ בכדי יכל ועה"צ להכפיל ולהגדיל מעשיו הכבירים בעד הת"ח ובני הישיבה, ארגונים וכלכלתם והנירתם בכל הארצות. בזה יתעסק ועד הצלה, ונדולים עתה מעשי וה"צ לתורה ולומדיה בפלים מאז יסדנוהו. עלינו להציל בני תורה נדולים וקטנים, בני גאוני קדמאי וצדיקי עולם הקדושים והת"ח השרידים להעמידם על מבועי התורה ולכלכלם אף להנירם כי הלא לכיצבת זכרון הם לששת מיליוני בנ"י.

ועתה מלבד שבין נבוא לגבוא טרם לקח הדואינט מירינו כל המוסדות של בתי היתומים וכו' עוד נכפלו פעמים ושלש מעשינו לתורה ולומדיה שבכל הארצות. ומכל עבר ופינה חדלו העוזר.

אתם ידידי הרבנים הגאונים ובע"ב הירי אים ונדיבי עם בית ישראל, הקטנה בעיניכם עבודה קדושה כזו, הפצת התורה והקמת הת"ח והלמודיהם? הקלה בעיניכם התורה ולומדיה כי תרפנה ידיכם מלהושיע. הגם אזנכם שמ־ ע והאוינה רבת שוא עלינו ועל ועה"צ? אנא אחי קומו נא ידידי הבו ידי עוזר לחזק תורה בישראל ולכלכל ולהציל ח"ת הקטנים והנדולים, בל תעמדו מרחוק, למדו עם קהלר תיכם לחזק ידינו הרפות, כי באו מים עד נפש, התסכימו שיסגרו דלתות התורה ועובהם ח"ו, ענו מיד אל לשכת וה"צ (132 נאסבאו סט.).

בנמח"ט לכלכם, ידי כל ת"ח ואו"ח,

אליעזר זילבר,
חבר נשיאות אגוה"ר והועה"צ

A letter from Rabbi Silver to all Rabbis and laymen, stressing the importance of Vaad Hatzala and its activities

Special Emigration Project, Non-quota visas for Rabbis and Students Sponsored by Vaad Hatzala

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Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director
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A.P.O. 407
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Baruch:

I am deeply moved by your presentation of the case for your people. I wish that immediately I might be able to help them as they so richly deserve.

I am moved, too, by your reference to my article. Very frequently, as you know, I carry this material in my column "Americans All", which appears in a number of our metropolitan dailies. To have produced this copy of the Scriptures in so distinguished a form is an achievement of first rank under all the trying circumstances. I cannot imagine how you were able to accomplish so great a thing.

Now we may rejoice together in the establishing of a homeland for the Jewish people. We shall pray that peace may be quickly secured. It is only because of our long delay in taking this or an equivalent step that the Arabs have been encouraged to the present violence. Here again, Christian nations are responsible for the suffering of your people.

Again I thank you, and always, God bless you.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Poling

Daniel A. Poling

DAP:jeh

AMERICAN VAAD HATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

PERSONAL DATA FORM (Revised July 1946)

Formular betreffend persönliche Angaben (Revidiert Juli 1946)

1. NAME: (NAME) SCHWARZMAN (LAST / Familienname) Szulem (FIRST / Vor- oder Rufname) ..... (MIDDLE / and. Vorname) ..... (MAIDEN NAME / Mädchenname)

2. Date of birth: (Geburtsdatum) 20.9.1906 PLACE: (Geburtsort) Sanok City (Stadt) Poland Country (Land)

3. Height: (Größe) 1.72 Weight: (Gewicht) 65 Color of Hair: (Haarfarbe) grau

Color of Eyes: (Augenfarbe) grey Distinguishing Marks: (Besondere Kennzeichen) none

4. Sex: (Geschlecht) male Age: (Alter) 40 Race: (Rasse) Sem. Religion: (Religion) Jewish (Cath., Jewish, Prot. or other. (Kath., Jüdisch, Prot. oder und.)

5. Have you changed your religion in the last 15 years? (If YES, give complete details) — (Haben Sie ihre Religion während der letzten 15 Jahre gewechselt?) (Falls JA, geben Sie volle Einzelheiten an): ..... no

6. Of what country are you at present a citizen? — (Gegenwärtige Staatsangehörigkeit?): Statelees

If STATELESS, explain in full! — (Falls STAATENLOS, geben Sie Einzelheiten an): .....

7. Date of arrival in the U. S. Zone of Occupation: — (Datum Ihrer Ankunft im Amerikan. Besatzungsgebiet): 15.Nov.1945.

8. Date and place of original registration with UNRRA or Military Government: — (Datum und Ort der ersten Registrierung bei UNRRA oder bei der Militärregierung): .....

15.Nov.1945 (Date / Datum) Munich,Feldmoching Herbergstr.170 (City or Camp / Ort oder Lager)

9. Do you have any identifikation papers? (Give full details): — (Haben Sie irgendwelche Ausweispapiere?) (Geben Sie genaue Einzelheiten an): .....

D.P.Card Nr. 183377

10. Present address: — (Gegenwärtige Adresse): Ulm Sedanstr.69/I (City / Stadt) ..... (Number / Hausnummer) (Street / Straße)

11. On what date did you take up residence at your present address? — (Seit wann haben Sie gegenwärtige Adresse? 30.VII 1946.

12. Why did you leave your homeland? (Give full details): — (Aus welchen Gründen haben Sie Ihre Heimat verlassen?) (Geben Sie genaue Einzelheiten an): .....

wegen Antis emitismus

13. Trade or occupation: — (Beruf oder Beschäftigung): RABBI

14. Name and address of employer: (Name und Adresse des Arbeitgebers): Rabbi in Ulm.

AMERICAN VAAD HATZALA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

132 Nassau Street, New York

No.

To American Consul

Munich

Whereas on April 12, 1946, the Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee hereinafter called the Vaad, submitted a letter to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization transmitting a corporate affidavit, sworn to on that day on behalf of said corporation, and he accepted it under the date of April, 24 1946.

Whereas, in the letter arrangements were made for the identification of persons to be covered by the corporate affidavit and for whom the Committee thereupon assume responsibility, according to the terms of the said affidavit.

Now, THEREFORE, I, Rabbi NATHAN BARUCH, duly autorized by the Vaad, do hereby accept as covered by the said affidavit or any supplemental or substitute affidavit the persons hereafter named:

CHUDY Laiwi Hof / Bay UNRRA T. 622 bern 18.5.1911

CHUDY Rykil " " " " " 20.9.1919

Munich, 19.June 1947.

Place

American Vaad Hatzala · VAAD · Emergency Committee

Rabbi Nathan Barudy

DIRECTOR

VAAD HATZALA, GERMANY

Mr. Jakob Deutcher, Emigration Officer at Munich Headquarters at work

Candidates of Rabbis and students and their families sponsored by Vaad Hatzala to emigrate

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Vaad Emigration candidates

Vaad Emigration candidates

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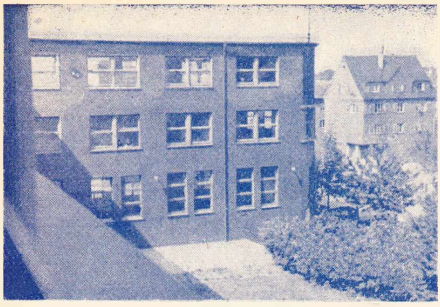
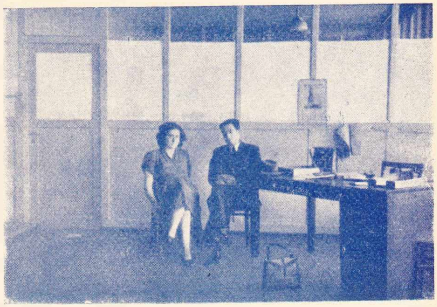
Mr. Willie Olto, Emigration Assistant, Frankfurt Office

Mrs. Eva Katjushkin, Secretary Frankfurt Rehabilitation Office



Vaad Office in Stuttgart



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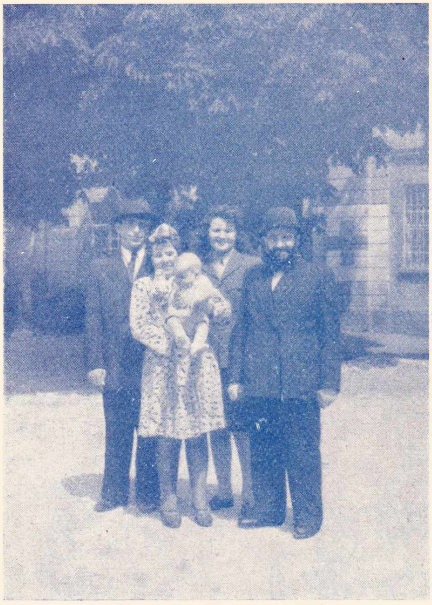


Miss Jacobs, bidding farewell to Vaad candidates at the Emigration Center before their departure to the States

Miss Rifka Heinowitz, Administrative Assistant and Supervisor of Vaad Office in Frankfurt

Mr. Moses Davidovitz, Emigration Officer, Frankfurt

Miss Gertrude Bartell, Interpreter and Secretary

Mr. Tovia Fisch, Supply & Transport Officer, Frankfurt

Miss Vera W. Owen, Administrative Assistant and Secretary, Vaad Headquarters, Munich

An honor child of a Vaad Girl's School, Chana Tisser

Miss Rose Hoffman of the U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children who assists greatly in the Vaad program

Mr. Joseph Geselewitsh, Supply & Transportation Officer in Vaad warehouse distributing products

Mr. Geselewitsh fitting new overcoat to Dean of Wetzlar Seminary

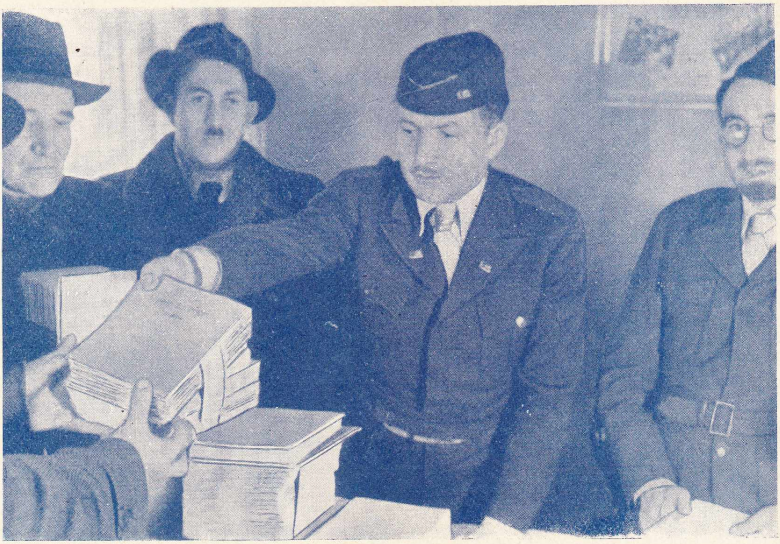
DISTRIBUTIONNAT VAAD WAREHOUSE

Mr. Isaac Domb, Education Officer

Yeshivah Neu-Ulm Chanukah Ceremony during Rabbi Person's visit

Rabbi Elchonon Person,
Vaad Field Supervisor

Distribution
of religious articles



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Distribution of Passover supplies

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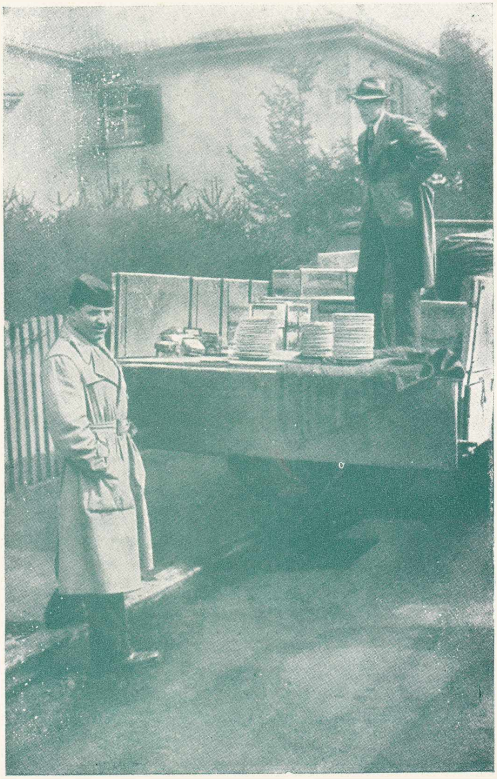
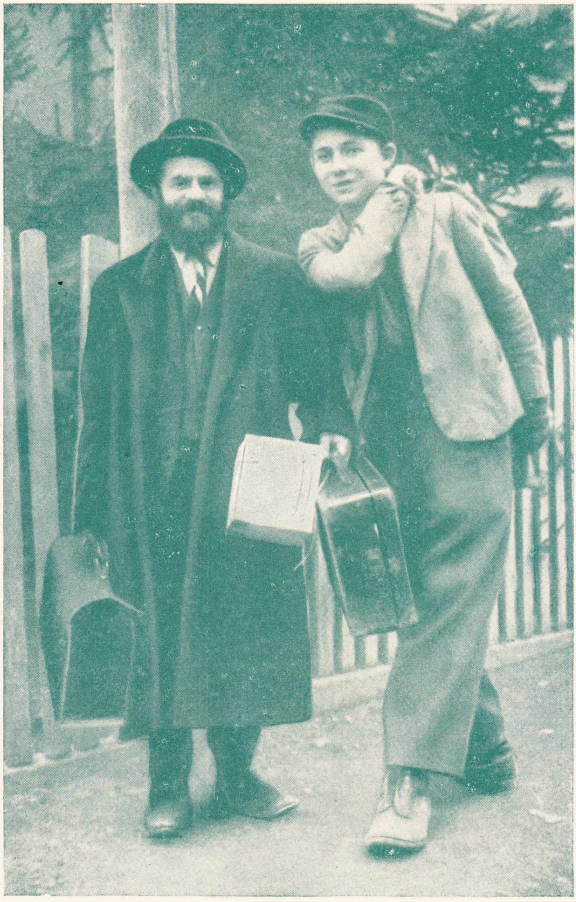
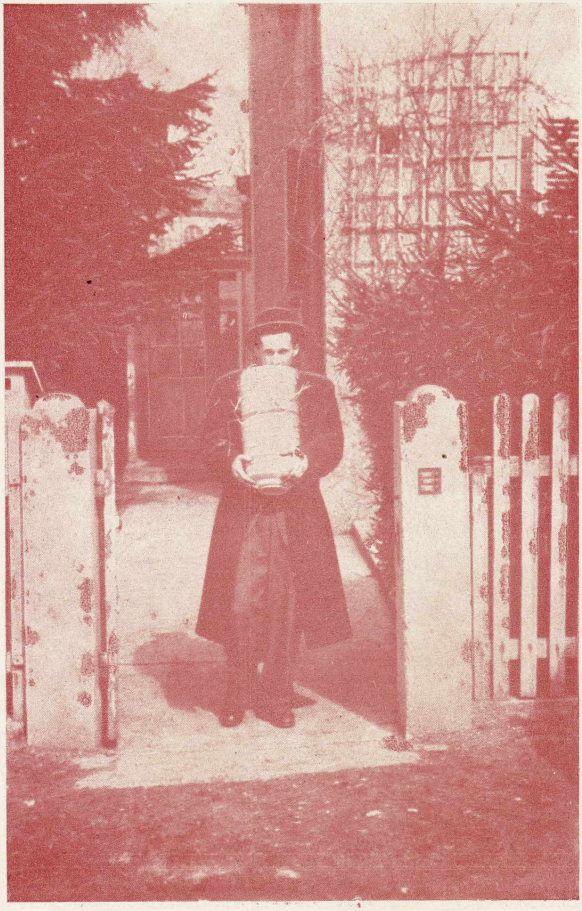






Receiving new dishes for Passover

Beth Jacob Seminary, Bergen Belsen

Beth Jacob School, Wetzlar

Talmud Torah, Windsheim

Talmud Torah, Neue Freimann

Talmud Torah, Berlin

During reception tendered for Rabbi Herzog during his visit to the Sherith Hapleita at Neue Freimann

A group of Rabbis from the British Zone

Rabbi Dr. Isaac Lewin during his visits to Austria in behalf of Vaad Hatzala

Rabbi Friedman of Berlin officiating at a Brith

Kosher Kitchen, Feldmoching

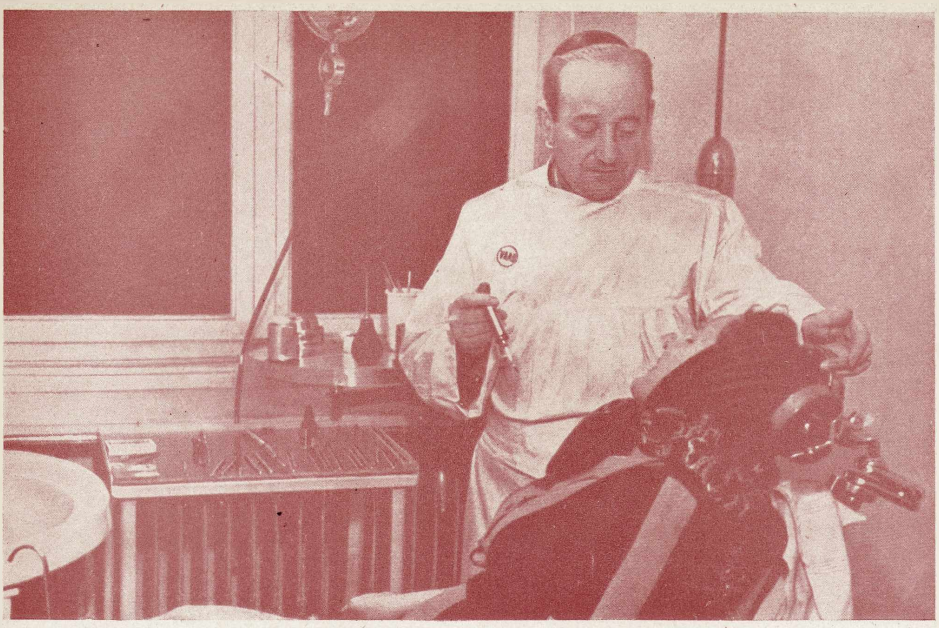
Commission delegated by Union of Orthodox Rabbis to study religious needs of European Jewry during visit of Vaad Yeshivoh at Feldafing

Rabbi Lipe Goldman, member of Rabbinical Assembly presidium at Vaad

Talmud Torah at Schwabishall

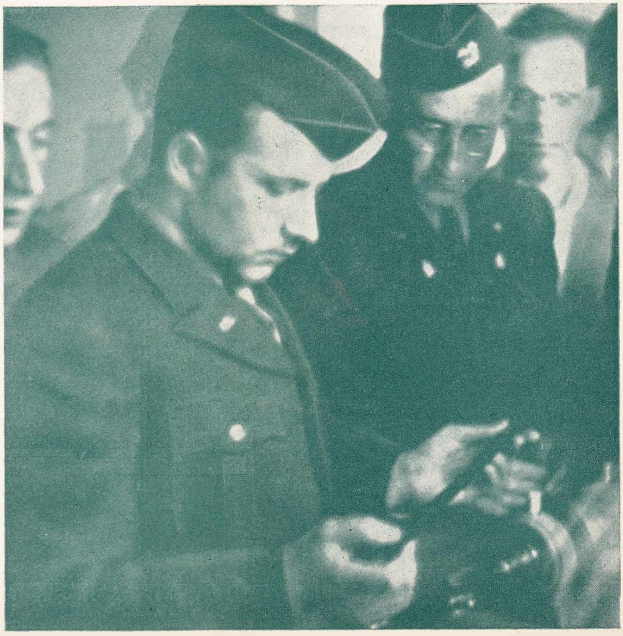
Kosher Kitchen Amberg

A group of orphans, members of the Vaad Kitchen in Prien



Dr. Schiffer under Contract with Vaad to treat and give dental care to Rabbis and students

Second from left — Mr. Munk, Director, Children's Home in Ulm, first from right, Mr. David Hollander Welfare Officer of Home



Chaplain Robbins and Rabbi Baruch during an inspection and visit at War Veterans' Technical Training School in Augsberg maintained by Vaad

Faculty Yeshivoh in Munchenberg

Faculty and supervisor of Talmud Torah in Kassel region

Teachers and Instructors of Yawne School at Bad Reichenhall

Religious group in Berlin with Chaplain Abranowitz, and Director Fischbein

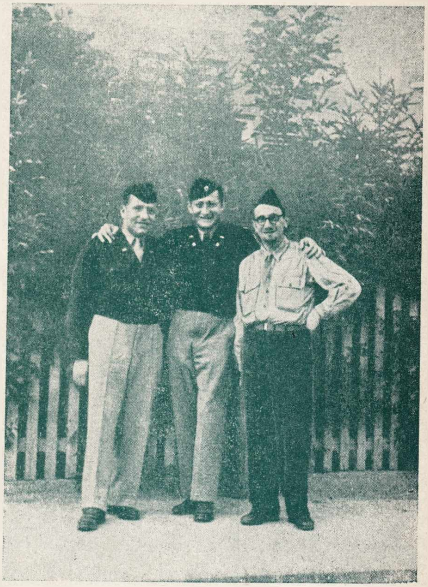
Faculty of Talmud Torah in Neu-Ulm

Rabbi El. Myer Bloch, Dean of Telzer Yeshivoh in Celeveland with Rabbis Baruch and Zemba during a visit to Germany

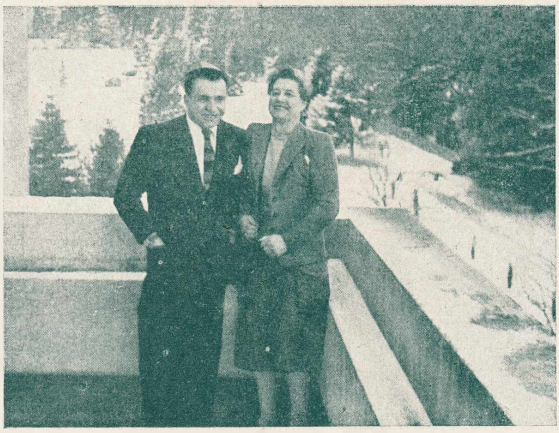
Rabbi Wolf Vorhand Director of Vaad Hatzala in Czechoslovakia

Rabbi Dr. M. L. Munk of Berlin during his visit to Vaad institutions in Frankfurt

Rabbi Samuel A. Pardes,
during his visit to Germany



Chaplain Robins of Berlin at Vaad



Rabbi Baruch with Miss Marjorie Bradford, Chief Voluntary Societies, I. R. O. at Geneva upon the occasion of the signing of the new agreement between I. R. O. and Vaad

Top left,
Rabbi Katan, Dachau,
Rabbi Greenwald, Munich,
Chief Rabbi
Samuel A. Snieg,
Rabbi Hillel Liechtenstein,
Landsberg

Chaplain Spiro,
Staad s Kommissaar
Dr. Philip Auerbach,
Dr. James Eagen,
representative of Governor
Van Waggoner,
Colonel G. R. Scithers,
Colonel Sevier Tupper,
Munich Military Post
Commander

Opening ceremony of Vaad Kosher Kitchen in Landsberg, December 1947

Distribution of Menorahs for Chanukah

Left to right:
Rabbi Samuel A. Snieg
Major General Miller
G. White, Deputy Chief of Staff
Rabbi Baruch

At a farewell banquet for the Windsheim Yeshivoh

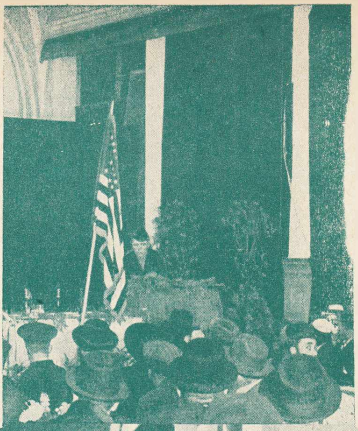
Rabbi Snieg greeting gathering
Staadts Kommissar Dr. Epstein
Major Blumenthal
Major Hyman
Brigadier General Th. L. Harrold

Right to left:
Rabbi Snieg
Dr. Samuel M. Schmidt, European Director, Vaad Hatzala
Major General White
Rabbi Meyer, Greenwald
Rabbi Samuel Ross

General White
addressing assembly

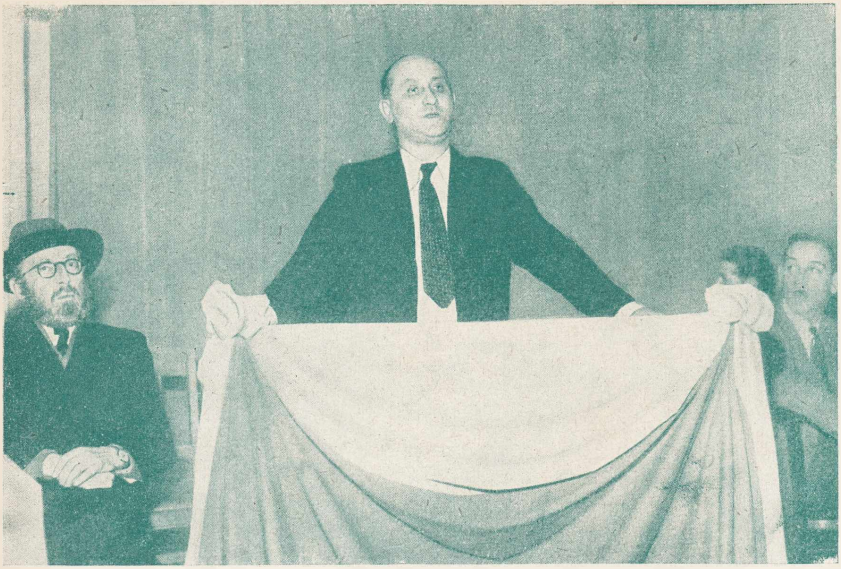
Rabbi Burstin, Chairman of the
evening extending greetings

Professor William Haber,
Advisor to General Clay on
Jewish Affairs,
extending greetings



Rabbi Baruch, delivering opening address. Upper left: Dr. Schmidt, addressing assembly. Upper rigth: During playing of the National anthems. Center left: General White and Professor Haber with two youngsters of Zeilsheim Yeshivoh who sang Hebrew melodies. Center right: General White drinking toast „Lachaim" with Rabbi Baruch.

General White and General Harrold congratulating "YANKALA" for his brilliant Talmudical discourse that he delivered



Assembly marking the celebration of the news that the U.N. has recognized a Hebrew State

Chamisha Aser Beshevat party and presentation of Safer Torah at Yawne in Bad Reichenhall

One of the Vaad transports leaving from Frankfurt, Germany to Paris France

Dr. Schmidt
bidding farewell to group.
Lower right: Dr. Schmidt and I.R.O.
Repatriation group who
accompany transports

One of the Vaad transports leaving from Frankfurt, Germany to Paris France

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
PL

August 14, 1947

My dear Rabbi Baruch:

It is heartening to receive this additional evidence of the valuable and necessary assistance your organization and others are rendering to ease the plight of the displaced persons and refugees. On behalf of Secretary Marshall, I wish to thank you for your kind expression of good wishes and for your thoughtful gift.

Sincerely yours,

Francis H. Russell
Director
Office of Public Affairs

Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director,
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee,
Taunus-Anlage 6,
Frankfurt, Germany,
A.P.O. 757,
In care of Postmaster,
New York, New York.

Headquarters United States Forces in Austria
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
A.P.O. No. 777, U.S. ARMY

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
Director, American Vaad
Hatzale Emergency Committee
APO 407, U. S. Army

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

I am deeply appreciative of the kind remarks which you expressed in your letter, and I [illegible] your endeavors [illegible] which interest.

I join you in earnest prayer that our [illegible] way of life may prevail and serve as an inspiration to all freedom loving people.

Sincerely,

GEOFFREY KEYES
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

3088 SOUTH PACIFIC STREET
OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA

December 9, 1947

Dear Rabbi Nathan Baruch:

I know of the work that the Vaad Hatzala is doing. It is a vital work and I know it will be rewarded. One of the great problems of the Jewish future is to keep cynicism from penetrating the Jewish soul. Nothing can do this as well as the teachings of God.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Hecht

Ben Hecht

UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
FOR GERMANY

Berlin, September 22, 1947.

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

With cordial regards and best wishes,
I am

Yours sincerely,

Robert Murphy

Rabbi Nathan Baruch,
Director, American Vaad Hatzala
Emergency Committee,
PCIRC Sub-Zone Headquarters,
APO 407, U.S. Army.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST CONSTABULARY BRIGADE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 633

FBP/mc

25 August 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
VAAD HATZALA
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q.
APO 407, US Army

My dear Rabbi Baruch:

I read with interest the report of your Committee and was amazed at the scope of your opera-

tions.

Wishing you success in the work you have undertaken, I am,

Very truly yours,

F B Prickett

F B PRICKETT
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C.

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE FRANK MURPHY

November 7, 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch:
With every good wish for the
most success in your endeavors,

Sincerely,

Frank Murphy

APARTMENT 15-A
14 WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST
NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

November 20, 1947

Dear Mr. Baruch:

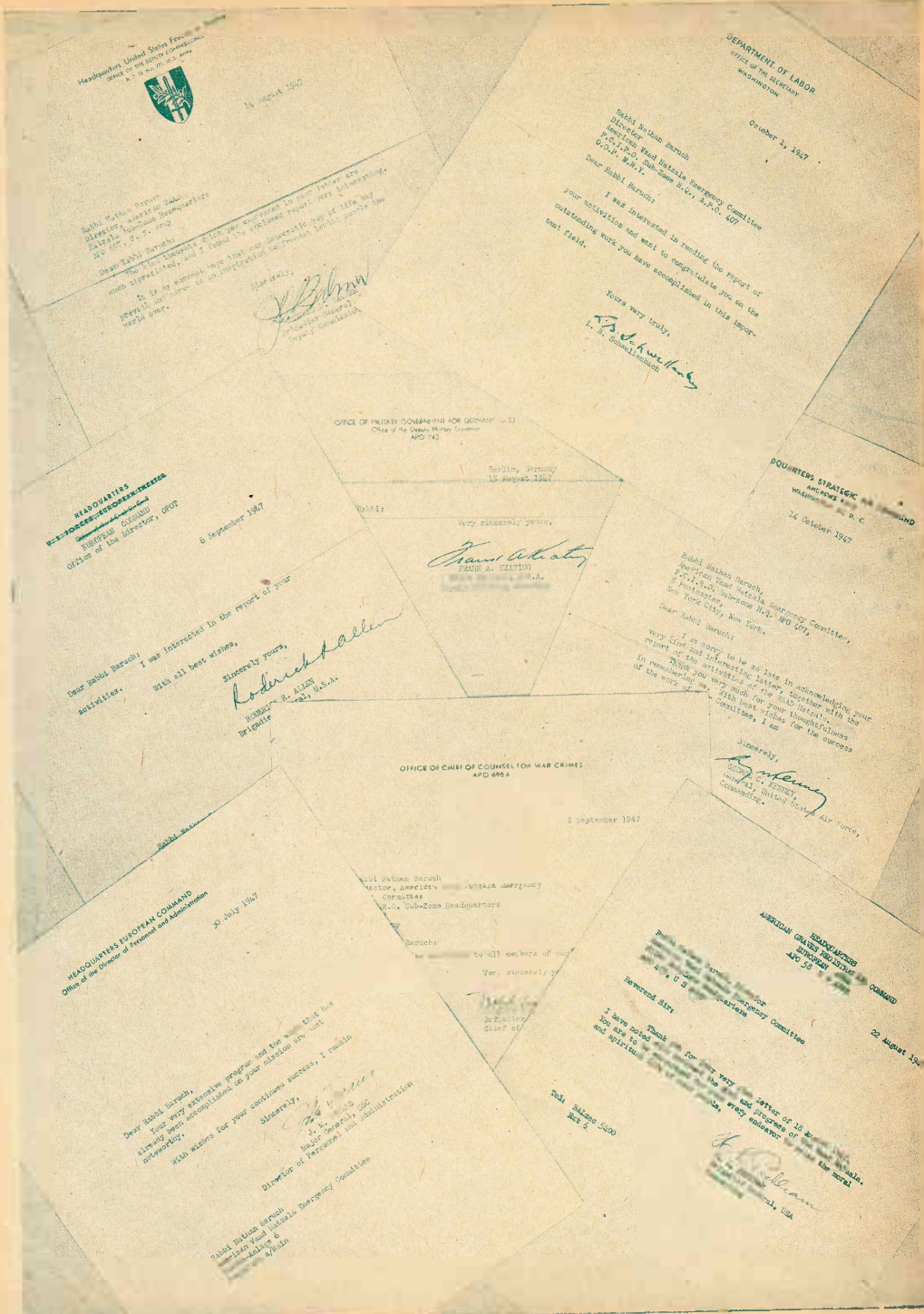
I have received your letter of November 4th with the enclosures and I appreciate your writing me about your organization.

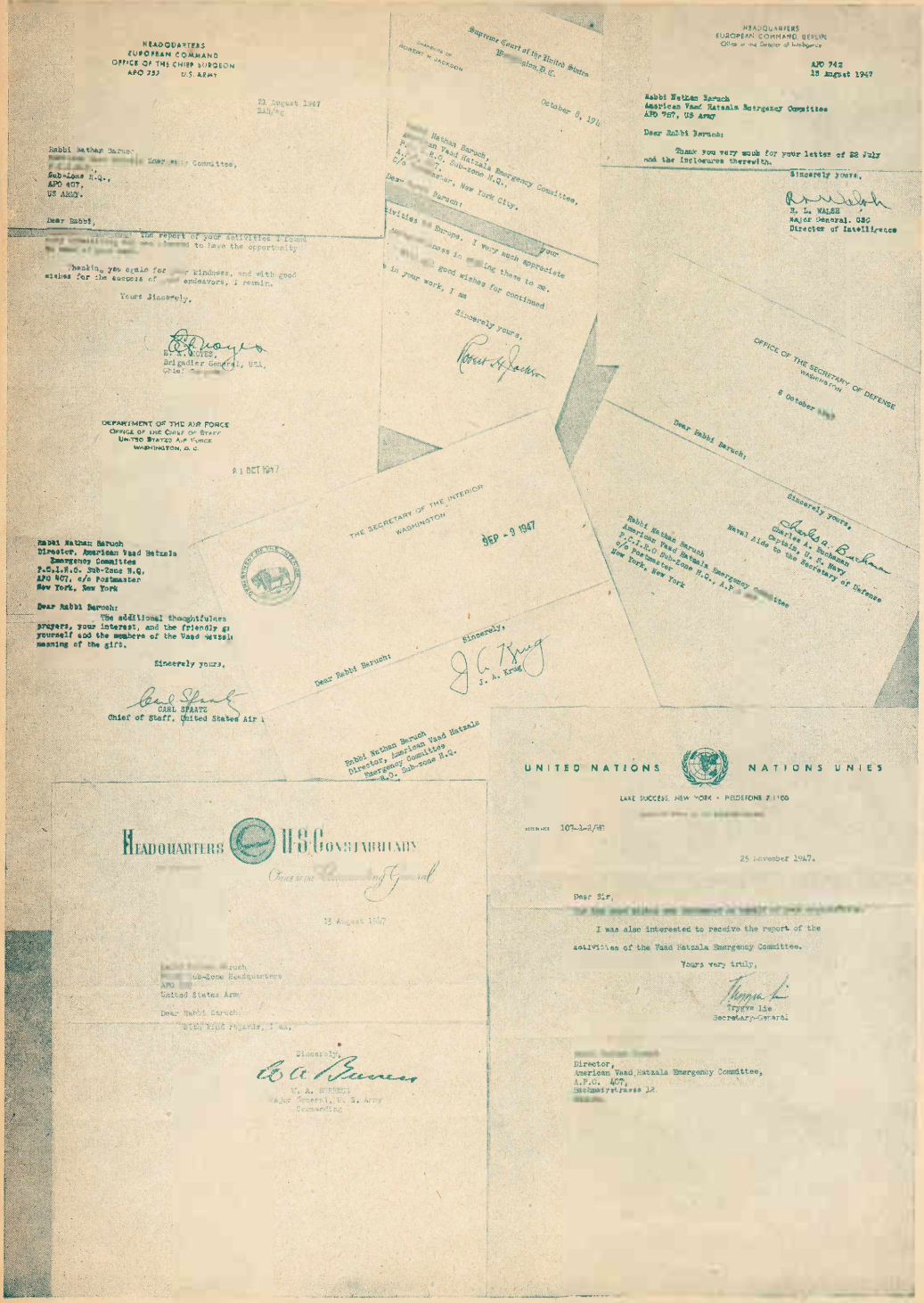
With many thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert Bayard Swope

Baruch
Hatzala Emergency Committee





HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SURGEON
APO 757 U.S. ARMY

21 August 1947
EAH/ac

Rabbi Nathan Barnet
[illegible] Emergency Committee,
[illegible]
Sub-Zone H.Q.,
APO 407,
US ARMY.

Dear Rabbi,

[illegible] the report of your activities [illegible]
[illegible] to have the opportunity.

Thanking you again for [illegible] kindness, and with good wishes for the success of [illegible] endeavors, I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

E. K. HOYLE,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief [illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

9 OCT 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
Director, American Vaad Hatzala
Emergency Committee
F.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q.
APO 407, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

The additional thoughtfulness
prayers, your interest, and the friendly g
yourself and the members of the Vaad with
meaning of the gift.

Sincerely yours,

CARL SPAATZ
Chief of Staff, United States Air

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Chambers of
Robert H. Jackson

October 8, 194[illegible]

[illegible] Hathan Baruch,
[illegible] American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee,
[illegible] F.C.I.R.O. Sub-zone H.Q.
[illegible] c/o Postmaster, New York City.

Dear [illegible] Baruch:

[illegible] activities [illegible] Europe. I very much appreciate
[illegible] kindness in sending these to me.
[illegible] in your work, I am good wishes for continued

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Jackson

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

SEP - 9 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

Sincerely,

J. A. Krug

Rabbi Nathan Baruch Vaad Hatzala
Director, American Committee
Emergency Committee
F.C.I.R.O. Sub-zone H.Q.
A.P.O. 407

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND BERLIN
Office of the Director of Intelligence

APO 742
15 August 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
APO 757, US Army

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 July and the inclosures therewith.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. WALSH
Major General, USA
Director of Intelligence

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

6 October [illegible]

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Buchanan
Charles A. Buchanan,
Captain, U. S. NAVY
Naval Aide to the Secretary of Defense

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
F.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q., A.P.O. [illegible]
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

HEADQUARTERS U.S. CONSTABULARY
Office of the Commanding General

15 August 1947

[illegible] Baruch
APO Sub-Zone Headquarters
United States Army

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

With Kind Regards, I am,

Sincerely,

W. A. BURNESS
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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REFERENCE 107-2-2/HT

25 November 1947.

Dear Sir,

[illegible]

I was also interested to receive the report of the activities of the Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee.

Yours very truly,

Trygve Lie
Secretary-General

Director,
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee,
A.P.O. 407,
Gaedaerstrasse 12.

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
Office of the Chief of Staff

28 July 1947

Dear Rabbi:

I want to thank you for thinking of me at this time, and

Sincerely,

C. R. HUEBNER
Lieutenant General, USA
Chief of Staff

Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
Taunus-Anlage 6
Frankfurt, Germany

NURNBERG MILITARY POST
APO 696 U.S. ARMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

2 September 1947

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Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone Headquarters
APO 407, US Army

Dear Rabbi Baruch

I read with interest the papers attached thereto and sincerely wish you the greatest success in your work.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours

LEROY H. WATSON
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
Office of the Chief Engineer

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Rabbi Nathan Baruch,
Director, American Vaad Hatzala
Emergency Committee,
PCIRO Sub-Zone H,
APO 407, US Army.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in making available to me these most interesting documents.

Very sincerely yours,

D. S. SPENCER
Brigadier General, US Army
Chief Engineer

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY GROUND FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Fort Monroe, Virginia

October 7, 1947

My dear Rabbi Baruch:

Thank you for your letter of September 22 inclosing the report of Vaad Hatzala activities and operations.

With every good wish for the success of the worthy goals set for itself by your organization,

Sincerely yours,

JACOB L. DEVERS
General, USA
Commanding

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q.
APO 407, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

27 September 1947

Dear Rabbi Baruch:

General MacArthur sends his cordial regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT B. WHEELER
Colonel,
Military Secretary to the C-in-C

PREPARATORY COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION
U. S. ZONE SUB-UNIT, PASING-MUNICH
A.P.O. 407, U.S. ARMY

PHONES: M.M. 2341
A.C. 80382

16 September 1947

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee
Headquarters for Germany
MUNICH-PASING

Dear Rabbi Baruch,

Let me assure you, that I shall continue, within the limitations of my position and my knowledge of the problem, to do my best to be of assistance to you and the other Voluntary Agencies in your future work.

Very sincerely yours,

WILHELM S. HOE

Rabbi Nathan Baruch,
Vaad Hatzala, PCIRO Sub-Zone H.,
APO 407,
c/o Postmaster,
New York City, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
Office of the Chief of Special Services

Rabbi Nathan Baruch
P.C.I.R.O. Sub-Zone H.Q.
APO 407, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

APO 696
22 July 1947

My dear Rabbi Baruch:

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Sincerely,

A. H. ROLLING
Major General, USA
Chief of Special Services

HOME OFFICE

Jüdisches Komitee
UNRRA AREA TEAM 1025
Eschwege b. Kassel

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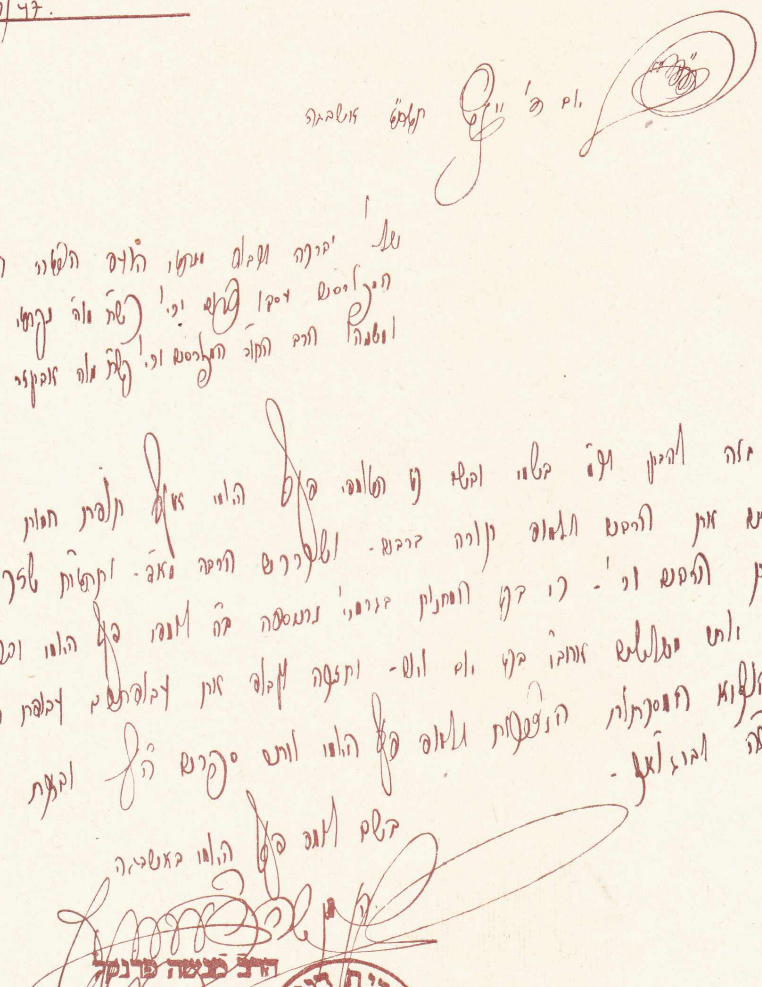
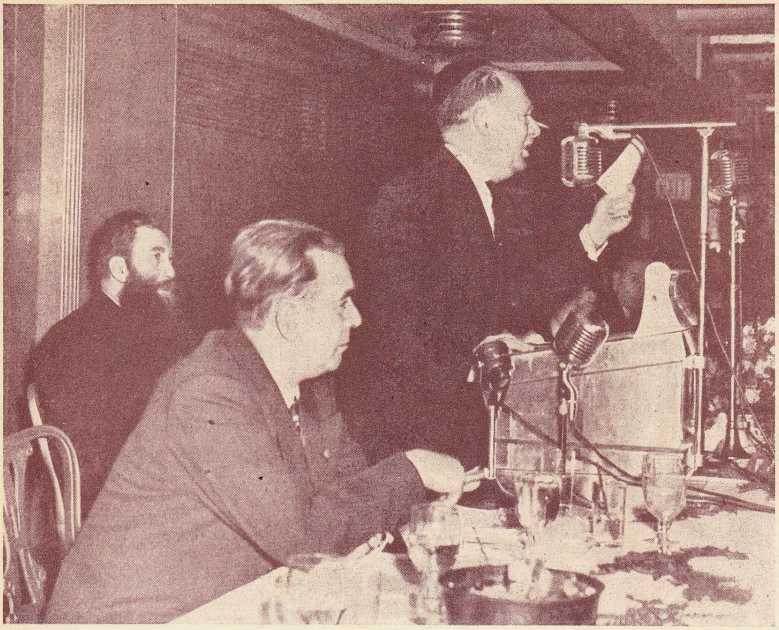
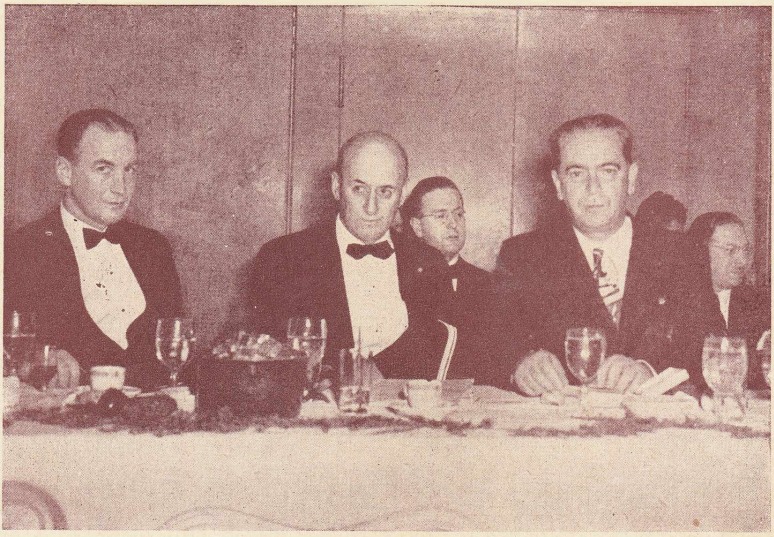


Mr. Irving M. Bunim presenting a scroll of gratitude to His Excellency Juraj Slavik for the help we received from the Czechoslovakian Government

Rabbi Wolf Jacobson, Director of Vaad Hatzala in Sweden presenting a scroll of gratitude to the Swedish Government

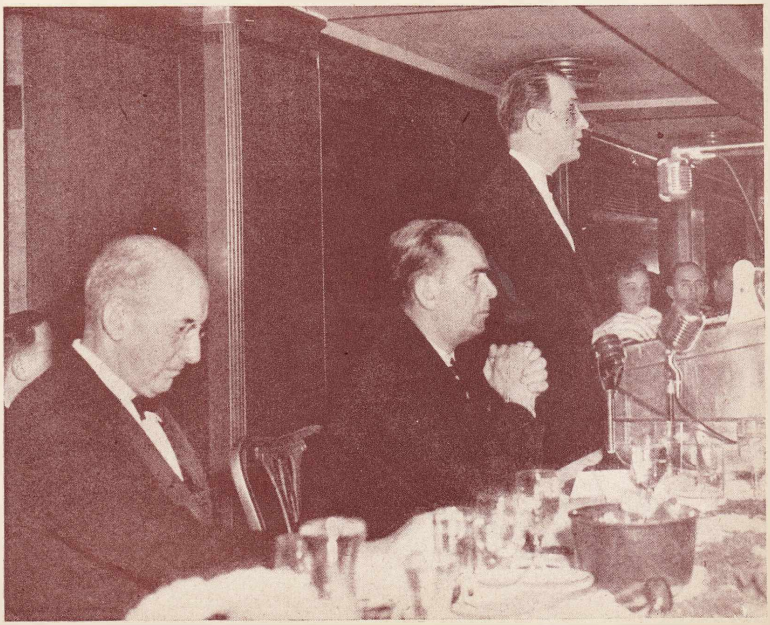


Mr. Irving Bunim addressing dinner at Hotel Astor, seated behind Mr. Bunim, Mr. Shabse Frankel



December 17th 1945, at a testimonial dinner given by Vaad Hatzala at Astor Hotel in honor of Henry Morgenthau Jr. Major General William O'Dwyer and Honorable John Pehle

Mr. Bunim at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel at a "Busy Buddies" luncheon meetings where they adopted 300 Vaad Hatzala orphans



Hon. John Pehle of the War Refugee Board speaking. Vaad Testimonial dinner

Rabbi Max Kirshblum Executive Vice-President Mizrachi of America. Mr. Irving M. Bunim, Mr. Stephen Klein, Mr. Pincus Teitz and Rabbi Jacob Karlinski

Chairmen of Vaad Committees:

Standing left to right: Nathan Hausman, Irving M. Bunim, Stephen Klein, Menshae Stein, Herbert Tenzer, Moe Rosenberg, Martin Lasher and Jacob Goodman

Seated: left to right: Rabbi Simon Langer, Shabse Frankel, Joseph Rosenzweig, Rabbi Simon Kornitzer and Rabbi Bernard Bergman

Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada in their March to Washington to appeal in behalf of European Jewry who were at the mercy of the Nazis.

Front row: Right to left: Jewish War Veteran Commandant, Rabbi B. L. Leventhal, Vice-President of the Agudath Harabonim, Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Co-President of the Agudath Harabonim, Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Co-President of the Agudath Harabonim, Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, Jewish War Veteran Commandant, Rabbi Rubin Levovitz, Rabbi P. Levovitz, representing Mesifta Tifereth Jerusalem Rabbinical Seminary, Rabbi Nathan Baruch, representing the Mesifta Torah Vodaath Rabbinical Seminary

Mr. Joseph Rosenzweig, Chairman of the New York Committee of Vaad Hatzala, holding a Sefer Torah with his Committee for shipping Sefer Torahs overseas

Vaad Hatzala warehouse at 60, Canal Street New York City where shipments of foodstuffs, clothing etc. are being sent to the Vaad offices throughout the continent

Rabbi Jacob Karlinski Executive Secretary of the Vaad Hatzala sending out shipment of Passover food overseas

At a Press conference seated head table right to left: Mr. Menashe Stein,
Dr. Samuel Schmidt, Irving M. Bunim, Stephen Klein, two reporters from Jewish press

Representatives of various agencies looking at the lists of the first batch of 1200 persons
who were saved by Vaad Hatzala by offering to bribe Himmler

Major O'Dwyer is holding the photograph of an eight year old Polish war orphan he "adopted" during the visit of fifteen Rabbis and Deans of Polish theological Seminaries. The Committee of Rabbis will pay for the care of the boy for one year in the Mayor's name. Left to right: Irving Bunim, Member of the Vaad Hatzala Rescue Committee, Herbert Tenzer, Mayor O'Dwyer and Rabbis Szmul Walkin and M. Zachs

Mr. Harry Lavitt, New York
Chairman of Vaad

Left to Right: Dr. Maurice Leybel, France, Irving M. Bunim, Executive Committee Vaad Hatzala, Rabbi Alter Weinberger Hungary, Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Member of the Presidium of Union of Orthodqx Rabbis, Rabbi Cimetbaum of Roumania, Rabbi Baruch Faskowitz, Czechoslovakia, Rabbi Osher Babad of Hungary, Rabbi Naphtali Lebowitz of Russia

First orphan children immediately after the war gathered by Vaad Hatzala from all parts of Europe and placed in a Home established in Aix Les Bains, France

First aid extended by Vaad Hatzala through the Synagogue ambulances

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A conference, Dr. Samuel M. Schmidt, European Director, Vaad Hatzala with Director, Vaad Hatzala Germany and his staff

Dr. Samuel M. Schmidt, European Director, Vaad Hatzala

Dr. Schmidt during one of his recent visits to Prague, surveying the European situation of Jewry

FREEDOM FOR SALE

IT IS sometimes hard to believe the terrible atrocities that were committed in the Nazi name. Hard to believe, indeed, that in a civilized world human beings could be so intolerant, so despotic, so barbaric that life itself to them meant nothing, and to whom wholesale slaughter of innocent men, women and children was a routine affair.

To impress the true facts of some of these happenings upon thoughtful, peace-loving citizens, the New York Mirror has published the series of articles reproduced on the following pages.

Erwin Savelson, Mirror staff reporter, gathered the material through long and diligent research in diplomatic and other official channels, and with documented evidence made public in the pages of the Mirror, for the first time, these specific case histories.

The facts herein related are a revelation of dark hours in concentration camps and of intrigue among high German officials. They tell of the underground of good Samaritans who risked torture and death to thwart the blood lust of the Nazi War Lords.

If these articles have done one thing, they have helped to bring home to readers the stark realities of war and the wanton savagery of inflamed nationalism. Thus Mirror enterprise again becomes a factor contributing to the promotion of racial harmony and preservation of world peace.

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Inside Story:

HOW NAZIS TRADED REFUGEE LIVES FOR 5-MILLION BRIBE

By ERWIN SAVELSON
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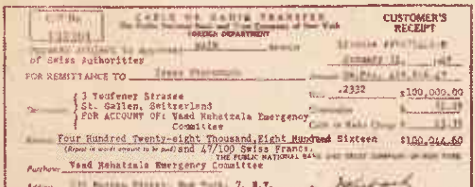
Three months before V-E Day, an innocuous paragraph appeared in New York newspapers date-lined Berne, Switzerland.

The story, last February, related that a convoy of 1,200 starved Jewish refugees from the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Austria had arrived safely in Kreuzilingen, Switzerland.

The busy world shrugged off this brief despatch. News of greater importance was in the offing. The Allies were putting the final squeeze on Hitler. Armies hammered at the gates of



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FOR ACCOUNT OF: Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee

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Author Vaad Hahatzala Emergency Committee

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Payment to freedom. Check for $100,000 was cabled to secret operators at St. Gallen, Switzerland, direct from sidewalks of N. Y. With it, Isaac Sternbuch saved thousands to death camps.

Berlin. Nazidom was on the brink of doom.

But if the paragraph escaped attention of millions, it did not fail to puzzle many Americans. For the story from Berne said the 1,200 were liberated after negotiations with some other than Heinrich Himmler, head of the dreaded Gestapo.

Readers could not reconcile this with the fact that Himmler had with a mere wave of a finger sent millions to death in gas and torture chambers.

"Oh, well," said many, "he figures the jig is up, so he's trying to get on our good side."

In part that was true. Himmler was sweating to find a means of convincing the American public he was not such a bad fellow.

But now, for the first time, the Mirror can reveal that Himmler did not free those 1,200 because of his humanitarian feelings.

He did it for the biggest double-cross Hitler ever experienced - a $5,000,000 attempted bribe in exchange for the lives of 300,000 innocent people.

Thrilling Intrigue

Behind this amazing story of Nazi double-dealing within their own ranks lay six years of thrilling international intrigue—directed right from the sidewalks of New York.

The story of some of the means employed to rescue thousands from Nazi death camps will be officially revealed for the first time Dec 17, by Mayor-elect O'Dwyer, former Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and John W. Pehle, ex-director of the War Refugee Board.

They will be honored at a dinner that night at the Hotel Astor by Vaad Hatzala—the Rehabilitation Committee—which functioned secretly for six years to save oppressed peoples through a network of underground agents on three continents.

The manner in which Himmler was outwitted and how a $300,000 bribe left for him in a Swiss bank is now being used to rehabilitate victims of the Gestapo is one of the most fascinating to come out of the war.

It is second only to the great humanitarian efforts of Pope Pius XII to save thousands of Jewish children and adults from almost certain death. The Pontiff also made a financial contribution for the relief of distressed Jews in Hungary.

Mirror reporters have learned how the Holy See intervened to hide Jewish children in non-Jewish homes and later restored them to Jewish agencies; how high-ranking Catholic prelates in New York met with Jewish clergymen to discuss aid for victims abroad; how the Vatican intervened to exact a promise from Nazis to halt extermination camps.

The story of Vaad Hatzala—in reality the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada—is one of death-defying agents who bribed their way right into concentration camps.

Right on Border

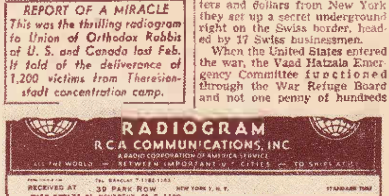
With the pennies, dimes, quarters and dollars from New York they set up a secret underground right on the Swiss border, headed by 17 Swiss businessmen.

When the United States entered the war, the Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee functioned through the War Refugee Board and not one penny of hundreds of thousands of dollars was spent without government approval and scrutiny.

Trained agents in neutral countries established contacts with underground resistance workers in enemy territory. The wife of an underground agent in Switzerland took her life into her hands and traveled right into Berlin to negotiate for the safe conduct of children.

High Nazi and Gestapo officials yielded to bribery; Polish, Czech and Hungarian patriots smuggled food packages and passports right into camps under the noses of guards; in some cases bribed guards even signed receipts for packages.

REPORT OF A MIRACLE
This was the thrilling radiogram to Union of Orthodox Rabbis of U. S. and Canada last Feb. It told of the deliverance of 1,200 victims from Theresienstadt concentration camp.



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NOW IT CAN BE TOLD: THEY LIVE BECAUSE MEN DARED

Dr. Isaac Levine of New York (3rd from left) and Dr. Sam Schmidt of Cincinnati (right), Vaad Hatzala representatives, are shown at Villejuif, France, with some of the children daringly and ingeniously saved from extermination.

(Other photos on Centerfold)

A famed rabbi from Neutra, Czechoslovakia, stalked like a ghost through Nazi infested territory, rescuing hapless people, until he was slain by the Gestapo.

King Helped

The King of Sweden and Count Bernadotte were interested in the humanitarian work and helped feed without cost almost 1,000 refugees, liberated through the War Refugee Board and private agencies.

Nearly $20,000,000 in private funds were licensed by the Treasury Dept. for transfer abroad for private rescue and relief projects under guidance and control of the WRB.

Of this amount the Joint Distribution Committee provided $15,000,000; Vaad Hatzala, $1,000,000 and the World Jewish Congress, $300,000.

Latin American sympathizers furnished thousands of faked passports to save victims trapped not only at Dachau and other infamous camps, but in one known instance smuggled a visa right into the Warsaw Ghetto. The Ghetto later was wiped out in an historic last stand by Polish Jews.

These and many other intriguing stories were revealed to the Mirror by the men directly involved in the fight to save as many as they could from Hitler. It cost the Vaad $5,000,000, but it was worth every penny spent.

THE WAR IS OVER, but these six articles reprinted from the New York Mirror should be a powerful reminder. Intolerance and terrorism such as the Nazis practised have no place on this earth; never should we allow this threat to revive.

Himmler Outsmarted On 5 Million in Blood Money

(This is the fourth article in the series on the amazing underground which snatched thousands from doom in Nazi death camps and occupied lands. Today's chapter discloses one of the war's greatest secrets—Himmler's demand for $5,000,000 for 300,000 lives, and how he was outwitted.)

By ERWIN SAVELSON

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Heinrich Himmler, the scourge of Europe, demanded 20,000,000 Swiss francs—$5,000,000—to free 300,000 Jews in the biggest double-cross ever perpetrated on Hitler by a high-ranking fellow-Nazi.

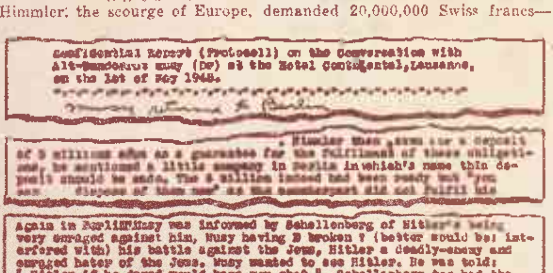
Even Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering tried to horn in on the big deal.

Hitler was so enraged when he discovered the plot he threatened to shoot Himmler.

The Mirror can now exclusively reveal with evidence the treachery and deceit practiced by the quaking "Supermen" on each other, long before the Yanks stormed the Rhine or the Russians reached the Elbe.

Not one penny of the $5,000,000, or of a $300,000 deposit placed in a Swiss bank, ever reached Himmler.

Here are excerpts from a confidential report by Jean Marie Musy, former Swiss Federal Councilor, who bargained for the freedom of Nazi victims. The report, obtained from the Underground's files, also reveals Hitler's rage on discovery of Himmler's plans.



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Again in April Musy was informed by Schellenberg of Hitler's being very enraged against him, Musy having B broken ? (better would be interfered with) his battle against the Jews, Hitler a deadly-enemy and enraged hater of the Jews. Musy wanted to see Hitler. He was told: ' Hitler if he dared would have you shot ', Schellenberg too had the feeling of being in danger by interceding in favor of the Jews further-

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The underground, the War Refugee Board, the Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee of New York, which deposited the $300,000, outwitted the Gestapo butcher at every turn.

The negotiations began in the Fall of 1944. Jean Marie Musy, former Swiss Federal Councilor, had been empowered by the executive council of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U. S. and Canada to enter Germany and prevail on the Nazis to free hundreds of thousands from concentration camps.

In Berne, Switzerland, Isaac Sternbuch, Swiss leader of the secret Vaad Hatzala network of operators, waited for word from Musy. It came with unexpected suddenness, No. 21, 1944. Sternbuch immediately flashed the message to the Vaad's office in New York.

The cable read:

"After finishing negotiations with Himmler our delegate (Musy) informed us about the possibility to evacuate 300,000 Jews for the amount of 20,000,000 Swiss francs, to neutral states.

"Such evacuations could be accomplished in groups of 35,000 persons monthly. The money has to be deposited in a Swiss bank in proportionate rates of 1,000,000 Swiss francs after arranging the evacuation of each group."

Sternbuch asked for instructions through the American Embassy and the War Refugee Board. The response was swift. An initial sum of $300,000 reached Berne to the credit of Sternbuch and Roswell D. McClelland, the WRB director in Switzerland.

Himmler Publicity

The instructions from the U. S. Government were explicit. Not one cent was to leave Berne. Himmler would have to come after the money. Musy rushed to Berlin, then back to Berne:

"Himmler wants a promise of publicity in the U. S. press," advised Musy. "He wants to get in good standing with America. He wants everyone to know he was planning to save 300,000 people."

'Tell him to produce results first," replied Berne.

The rest of this story is taken from one of the few copies in this country of Musy's confidential report to associates at the Hotel Continental, in Lausanne, months later. It follows:

"Himmler then asked for a deposit of five millions as a guaranty for the fulfillment of these obligations. He mentioned a little company in Berlin in which' name (language Musy's) this deposit should be made."

(At this stage Musy discloses the $5,000,000 was ready for deposit.)

Musy then revealed that Schellenberg, another high-ranking Gestapo chief, entered the transactions. Schellenberg tipped Musy off that Hitler had learned of the bribe demand by Himmler. Hitler became enraged at Musy for having interfered with his battle against the Jews.

Musy wanted to see Hitler," the report added. "He was told: 'Hitler, if he dared, would have you shot.' Schellenberg, too, had the feeling of being in danger by interceding in favor of the Jews. Musy was told the action (plot) could go on if U. S. papers would write in a friendly manner.

"An agreement was reached that lists (of refugees) presented to Schellenberg and Goering would be accepted. Musy had a long conversation with the two during the night and Goering solemnly promised Musy to liberate these people."

Hitler Furious

Himmler boasted to Musy that he could liberate all Jews without Hitler's consent. When Hitler found out about this he staged another fit.

"Hitler was able to shoot his best friends if they opposed his orders," said Musy.

Hitler was preparing an order for the evacuation of all camps. Wretched prisoners were warned to get ready for a march far southward, into Hitler's planned "redoubt" in the Bavarian Alps.

But the plans of Himmler, Goering and Schellenberg were set. Once more Himmler demanded a guaranty that the money was in the Swiss bank. He got it. An order went to the guards at Theresienstadt concentration camp, in Austria. An international Red Cross train was prepared. Then one day a convoy of 1,200 Jewish refugees arrived at Kreuzlingen, Switzerland.

They were greeted joyously by many, including President Von Steiger of the Swiss republic.

"Where's my publicity in the American press?" cried Himmler.

On Feb. 7, 1945, a few items appeared in New York newspapers, describing the arrival of the refugees following negotiations by Musy with Himmler.

"I want more!" said Himmler.

He was unaware that the Allies, the underground and the WRB knew Hitler was about to evacuate the camps; that not even Himmler could do much more. The answer was: "Nothing doing!"

What happened to the $300,000 deposit?

Vaad Hatzala leaders smile when asked. But they concede that the money was used to rush the first five ambulance-synagogues to reach infamous Bergen Belsen camp with food, medications, etc.; that the frontal Himmler tried to get financed three ambulances for Poland with similar equipment and 70,000 pounds of clothing; that thousands of orphans were redeemed from non-Jewish homes after being sheltered by friendly Christians—all through the Nazi occupation years.

The War Refugee Board was given $125,000 to buy food for victims in Nazi concentration camps.

Himmler died ignominiously by his own hand when captured by the British.

Out of the Underground Come Four Nazi Victims

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Children of four nationalities trapped by the Nazis, but sheltered from harm by benevolent families. The underground took good care of them. Today they have been redeemed from non-Jewish homes and face a new life with the aid of such American relief agencies as the Vaad Hatzala. (1) Hatti Esther Huisman, 11, of Schewningen. Before her parents were "deported"—never to be heard from again—they placed her with a family named Picon in the Province of Savoie. (2) Eli Benamou, 14, is an Algerian. His mother is dead. His father, Marcel, was one of the few to come back from a concentration camp. While he was gone, Eli was taken care of at the home of M. Ressat St. Georges d'Huirtiere. (3) Rachel Witebski, 12, is Russian. Her father, David, a tailor, was deported in 1942. Rachel and her mother were hidden in Loire during the German occupation. (4) Georges Edelman, 14, Polish, hid with his mother in Savoie La Rochette. His father, Romanuel, was shipped to Burkenau camp. They do not know whether he is alive or dead.

Vatican Saved Thousands From Nazi Extermination

(This is the third in a series of the strange international underground that rescued victims of Nazi oppression. Today's chapter describes the great humanitarian efforts of Pope Pius XII to save thousands of Jewish children, and adults, from almost certain death.)

By ERWIN SAVELSON

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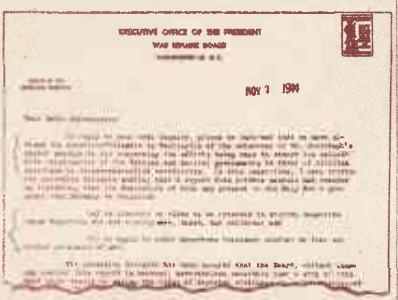
The underground hammered away at the Nazi fortress in the early months of the war. The desire to spirit as many thousands as possible out of the clutches of the Nazis was great. Therefore, of necessity, the operations had to remain secret. Death was the payoff for agents trapped on errands of mercy.

Then, the underground learned that it had a powerful friend which dared to operate more openly—the Vatican.

There was no official link between the two. The Holy See



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WAR REFUGEE BOARD

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Facsimile of letter, written by John W. Pehle of the War Refugee Board, stating the two Holy See proposals which provide for transfer of civilian prisoners in German-controlled areas to neutral countries and giving them prisoner-of war status.

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Other photos on Center Fold

could reach into places, high and low, where the underground could not. The Vatican conducted its affairs through Apostolic Delegates in each country.

True, millions perished in the war. Not even the power and influence of men of religion could stay Hitler's bestiality.

But, it can now be revealed, the world-wide protective arms of the Vatican, bishops and humble priests saved countless thousands, particularly children, from almost certain extermination.

The world knew that the heart of Pope Pius XII was filled with grief and anguish over the plight of millions among persecuted minorities.

The areas over which great armies battled were principally Catholic.

Thus it was, that as early as 1940, bishops and priests in Czechoslovakia, Poland and other Nazi-dominated conquered lands suddenly got a special message from Rome. The advice was:

Save children—all children regardless of race or creed.

Friendly Homes

The men of the church understood. Swiftly, orphaned French, Czech, Polish, Hungarian, Austrian and German Jewish children found themselves led into friendly homes—safe from terrors of the Nazis.

Benevolent priests and Christian families harboring the boys and girls knew what fate awaited them if the Gestapo or SS learned of the scheme.

In New York, the news filtered through to private rescue agencies. It was encouraging. Then, one day, two members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of U. S. and Canada called on leading church authorities.

They were Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, leader of the Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee, and an aide, Rabbi Joseph Yarmish, of the Woodside Jewish Center, 61st St. and 37th Ave., Queens.

There was a spirited discussion, exchange of information. It was agreed their concern over the safety of thousands of fellow Jews could be communicated to the Holy Father.

Two weeks later, the rabbis again met with the churchmen. "You will be interested in this," they were told. It was a communication directly from the Vatican.

Attended Mass

The document revealed that the Holy See once more had written to priests in central Europe, advising them to help shelter children and refugees.

There were ironic situations. In order to protect their charges, many families passed them off as Christians, well aware that when the war was over the children would return to Jewish homes and agencies.

In the name of humanitarianism, it became necessary often to have the children attend masses and services. Older children, able to understand what was happening, knew this was devised to deceive the Nazis.

But once the liberated armies arrived, the children were turned back to the people of their faith, and the process of retraining them started immediately.

In one known instance, a young American priest took care of scores of Jewish children and adults in his institution—surrounded by German troops. He even shopped for food for his charges and brought them safely through the crisis. The Nazis never knew the people in his place were Jews.

The Vaad Hatzala, founded by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, kept close contact with many such operations.

Major Jewish agencies such as the Joint Distribution Committee, the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and others also were kept informed of operations through the War Refugee Board.

As the Nazis were driven back they stepped up their ruthless campaign of extermination. The Vatican was asked by Vaad Hatzala to intervene.

Isaac Sternbuch, head of the Vaad's setup in Switzerland, dispatched one of his agents post haste to Berlin, to negotiate with Nazis susceptible to bartering. On Nov. 20, 1944, Sternbuch sent the following cable to New York, from Berne:

"Our delegate brought from Berlin the proposal to deposit larger amount for a gradual evacuation of Jews from Germany. The negotiations are continuing... In interim secured promise to cease extermination in concentration camps. On basis of intervention by Nuncioture in Berne the German Government confirmed this promise to the Vatican. Also was stated that camps in Upper Silesia will be under supervision of International Red Cross."

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Pope Pius
The guiding hand behind the rescue of many Jewish war victims.

Two Proposals

John W. Pehle, then executive director of the War Refugee Board, advised Rabbi Kalmanowitz that private sources indicated the Holy See would make two proposals to the Nazis.

The first was to liberate or allow to be interned in neutral countries elderly men, women and children held by the Nazis. The second was to treat others like prisoners of war.

Such steps, Pehle said, would save countless lives.

In France, Bishop Shaye took charge of children saved from the Nazis. Later he restored them to Jewish committees. In this country, the Apostolic Delegate at Washington speeded all requests from Pehle to the Holy See.

Several weeks ago, a delegation of 100 refugees were received by Pope Pius. An Italian-speaking Yugoslav, Rudolfo Grani, was their leader. They were part of 15,000, he related, who fled to Italy because all European Jewry was aware of the manner in which the Vatican protected Jews against the Nazis.

Grani said they came because all knew of the humanitarian protection of Jews by the Vatican during the war years, and the persecution by Nazis and Fascists. Now many wanted to go to Palestine.

Once more Pope Pius spoke. He is said to have told them he favored the emigration of displaced Jews to Palestine and would inform his bishops of his views.

Three Who Escaped Nazi Terror

Orphaned by Nazi brutality (but saved by underground agents, the War Refugee Board and Christian friends) untold numbers of children such as these found shelter in homes after Pope Pius instructed bishops and priests to give all assistance possible to refugees. Parents of all three are listed as missing. Cheerful looking Leo Topor (1), left, was sheltered by a Paris family. His

father Samuel, a Polish mechanic, arrested in Paris on Aug. 20, 1941, was "deported" to a death camp from Compiegne on June 5, 1942. Jacqueline Eskenazi (2), 10, was a Turkish national. Her father, Josue, was sent to dread camp at Drancy on Aug. 20, 1941, never heard from again. Jacqueline found a haven with a Paris woman. Polish boy (3) is Serge Berumchercyk, 9. His father, Herman, was carted to Drancy on June 7, 1942. Whereabouts of his mother, Helene, is not known. Serge was hidden in the town of Vitrolay. All were later restored to the Vaad Hatzala.

Swedish King Rescued Thousands from Nazis

(This is the final chapter in the series on the amazing underground that snatched thousands from death in Naziland. Today's story reveals how King Gustav of Sweden helped refugees.)

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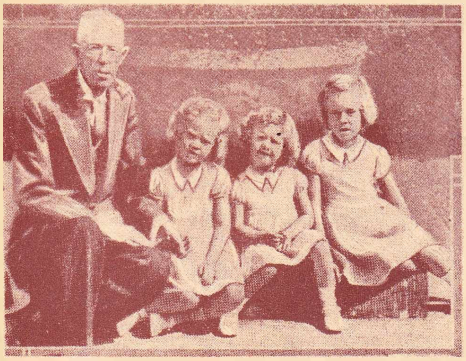

King Gustaf of Sweden personally intervened on behalf of 11,000 Nazi victims in 1944. With him here, in garden of his Summer home at Solliden, on island of Oeland, are (l. to r.) his granddaughters: Princess Birgitta, Desiree and Margaretha.
(Other photos on Center Fold) (AP Photo)

feeding the 11,000 as "guests" of Sweden, but even arranged to buy homes right in Nazi-occupied Budapest, where other Jewish refugees could live under protection of the Swedish flag.

These are only some of the facts culled from the private records of underground sources and private relief agencies.

Others disclose that Gen. Eisenhower sent trucks laden with food rolling through lines into 10 concentration camps, six weeks before the Germans surrendered.

Another sensational record showed that King Gustav, backed by the power and prestige of the U. S. Government, Allies and ambassadors of all neutral countries, forced Adm. Horthy to stop deporting thousands of refugees from Hungary to death camps and gas chambers.

King Gustav not only guaranteed safe conduct for thousands, but provided immigration visas, letters of protection, citizenships and provisional passports.

Rabbi Wilhelm Wolbe, in Stockholm, carried on the negotiations with the King's government on behalf of the Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee, representing the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U. S. and Canada.

Hitler was making good his threat to exterminate millions of Jews. The Nazis were rushing prisoners out of Hungary by thousands, lashing them into crowded, filthy camps. Rabbi Wolbe's plea won quick action from King Gustav and Count Bernadotte.

On Sept. 9, 1944, J. W. Pehle, executive director of the War Relief Board, got a cable from the American Legation in Stockholm, advising that the Swedish ambassador and the envoys of other neutral nations had seen Horthy and "obtained the promise that the government of Hungary will take all measures to stop deportations."

The cable continued:

"A special representative has been sent by the Swedish Government to Budapest for the purpose of handling all problems relating to the rescue of Jews. It is contemplated that HOUSES WILL BE BOUGHT for the account of the Legation of Sweden, pursuant to Swedish extraterritorial rights, and that Jews will live in these houses.

"Immigration visas are being granted by our authorities, also letters of protection, citizenships, and provisional passports."

The chain of events leading to King Gustav's action also went back more than two years to the day the WRB was set up as a joint partnership of our government and private relief agencies.

The WRB immediately appealed to the Vatican, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Portugal and Spain, to aid the humanitarian cause. The then Secretary of State Hull granted a long audience to Vaad Hatzala leaders in Washington; promised to do everything he could that would not interfere with the nation's war effort.

Former Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, ex-Assistant Secretary of State Berle and ranking Congressmen agreed to help where possible.

Pact Honored

Special messages for agents operating in Switzerland were included in diplomatic pouches. The chief understanding was that no money was to be spent without government approval. This pact was honored by all parties.

Isaac Sternbuch, chief agent of the underground in Switzerland, reported every penny expended to Roswell McClelland, WRB director in Berne.

All units working on rescue plans were ordered to conform strictly to the act prohibiting any trading with the enemy.

In the Fall of 1944, came word that the Nazis were about to move thousands out of Bergen-Belsen camp. King Gustav swung into action.

Other agents arranged to help refugees flee from Hungary, along the Danube and to a Black Sea port. They were sent to sea under guise of "pleasure trips," but many landed in Turkey. Some were lost when ships were smashed by storms at sea.

King Gustav continued his life-saving efforts. He personally paid for food for thousands. Later, Vaad Hatzala and other agencies prevailed on him to let them share this cost.

The war rolled through 1944 and into 1945. Sternbuch heard of starvation conditions at Bergen-Belsen, Theresienstadt and eight other camps. His pleas were transferred through relief channels to Army authorities.

On March 28, 1945, Sternbuch reported trucks were driving straight into the camps—on special permission of Gen. Eisenhower. They were loaded with thousands of pounds of rice, noodles, cheese, biscuits, corned beef, white beans, chocolate, dried milk and matzoth.

The war ended within a few weeks. The task of reconstructing the lives of the shattered survivors of Europe began.

The Germans attempted to divert world attention from their slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews by claiming allied air raids were indiscriminately aimed at civilians and had killed countless noncombatants. Official figures, however, show not more than 500,000 out of 86,000,000 civilians were killed by such bombs.

The Vaad Hatzala leaders now are concerned with rebuilding the victims of Nazis. Within the last six weeks, Iljefs, "the Vaad Hatzala Overseas Agency," spent nearly $125,000 to aid sufferers in Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium and France. The Vaad shipped more than 50,000 pounds of food to them.

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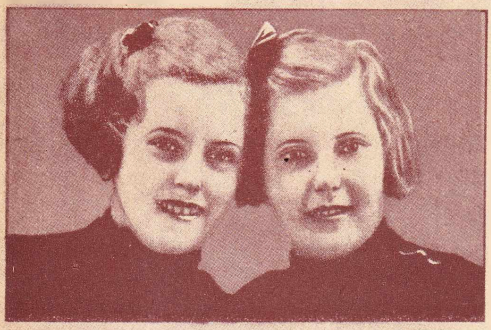
On Monday night, the Vaad Hatzala and 1,000 civic and business leaders will honor Morgenthau, Pehle and Mayor-elect O'Dwyer, who also served as WRB director, for their aid in this work, at a dinner in the Hotel Astor.

The job of saving the victims of Hitler's savage persecutions is over. The challenge of rescuing tens of thousands from death at the hands of the Nazis had been met. Wrote Pehle of the entire great adventure:

"It was a symbol of American democracy and humanitarianism."

Nazis Dealt In Lives Of Children For Profit

Saved through efforts of underground operators and cash negotiations with Nazis, these children of all nationalities are shown safe in Switzerland. They converged from many hiding places.



TWIN SISTERS Ruth and Dina Neuer, born in Vienna in 1935, fled the Nazis with their parents, who later disappeared in the European maelstrom. Twins finally were brought to Switzerland by the underground.

POLISH-BORN Michael Urich, 11, was sent to Germany to labor in factory. He was smuggled out of Reich.

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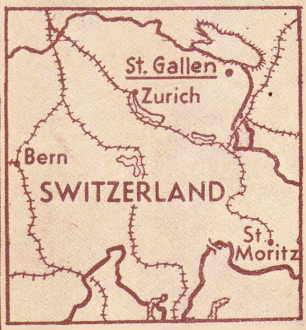

HEADQUARTERS of Vaad Hatzala, underground organization, was St. Gallen (underlined), on Swiss border.

CHECKS totaling $1,037,000 were sent to Vaad Hatzala headquarters in Switzerland. Money, contributed by New Yorkers, was used as bait to free children held in Germany. Himmler was one of Nazis outwitted.

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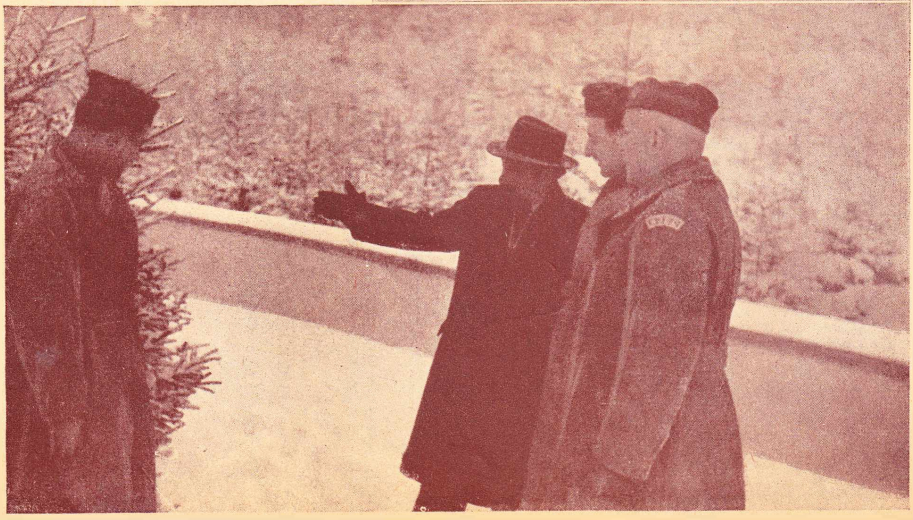

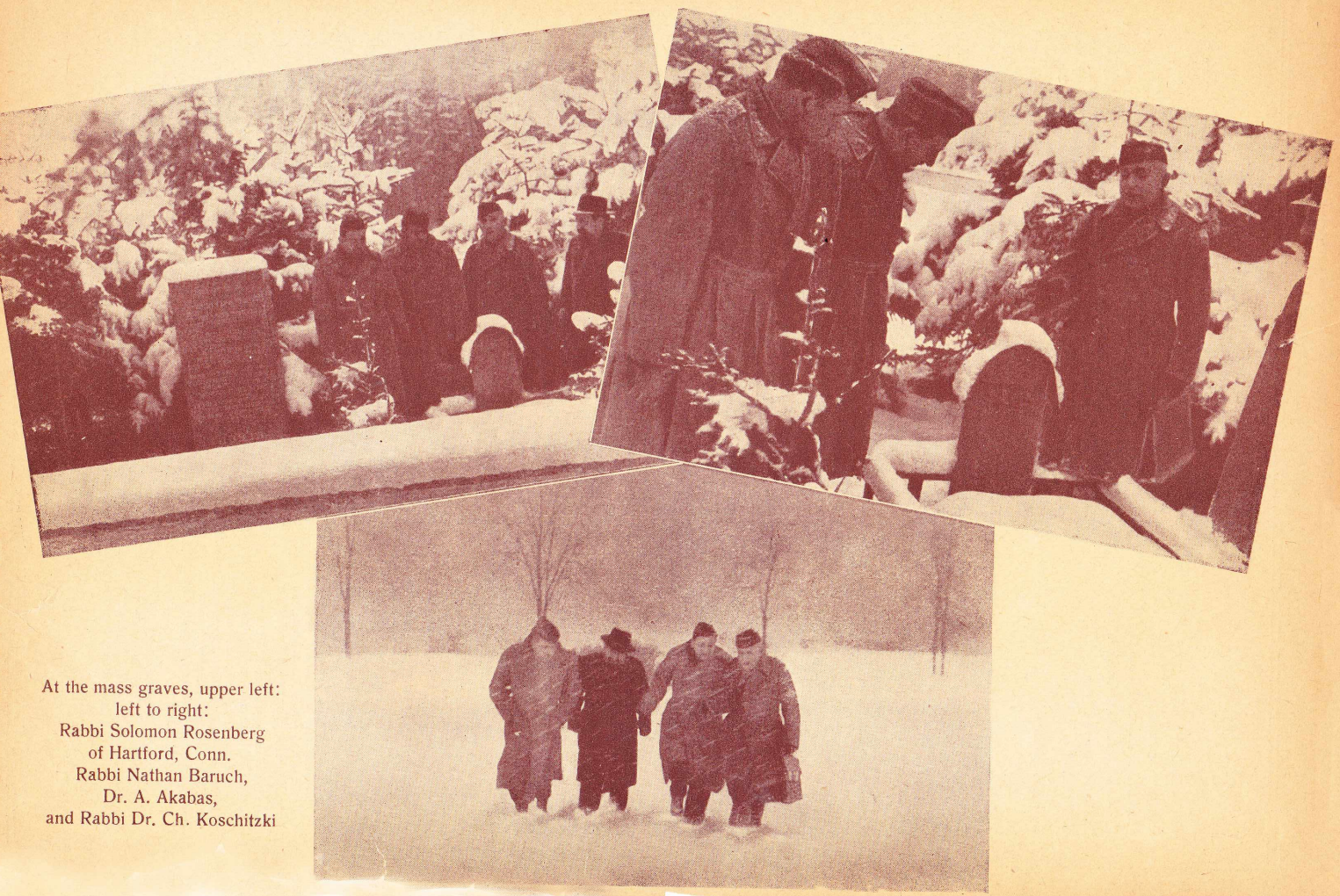

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The Vaad facilities and good offices, religious guidance and advice are open to all. Our program has been instrumental and helpful to all different fields of endeavors and undertakings, such as the Jewish War Veterans, who maintain a Vocational Training School and shops in Augsberg for religious youth. The Vaad has established for them a Kosher Kitchen, a Synagouge and affords them supplies and religious articles. The U.S. Committee for the Care of European Children has turned to Vaad to assist in caring for the religious children awaiting to emigrate from their Assembly Center in Prien, with Kosher foods and other needs. The Vaad has undertaken this project and many other varied ones which fall under the scope of our program, to introduce religious training and observance wherever necessary.

Through the efforts of our Home Office in New York, and our offices in Switzerland, France and Belgium, the Vaad has distributed in 1947 approximately 240,000 dollars' worth of food, 400.000 dollars' worth of clothing, religious books valuted at $ 200,000, dishes valued at $ 6.000 and candles at $ 500. During the month of November alone the Vaad distributed 25 tons of food, clothing and cigarettes throughout the U.S. Zone.

In our future plans and operations we hope to continue to receive a flow of these essential supplies for the continuation of our program.

6. Rehabilitation: For this purpose the Vaad is one of the Agencies authorised and recognised by the Departements of State and Justice to help in the emigration of displaced persons under the President's directive.

The Vaad maintains special emigration offices to prepare and facilitate the emigration of Rabbis, Professors and students under the existing laws outside of the quota system, to emigrate to the United States to assume responsibility as Professors, instructors and Rabbis in the various schools and communities in the States. Candidates for this program are naturally the Rabbis and students in the Vaad seminaries and institutions.

In cooperation with the Resettlement Division of the PCIRO the Vaad is also transferring groups for which we have obtained visas for France, where Seminaries and schools have been established or from there they are given the possibility to emigrate to the United States and Palestine.

7. Supplies: The Vaad plans to continue in its program of importation of supplies from the United States, also to arrange for purchase of supplies from Switzerland and Belgium, and distribution in accordance with the Directives and Administrative Orders of PCIRO.

8. Agreement with PCIRO.

(a) The Vaad agrees to maintain adequate personnel to carry out these services within the limits of its financial resources. A review of personnel has been made with a view to continuance of its work for a longer period ahead than had first been anticipated, but in line with the acceleration of our program, the Vaad hopes and plans to add more personnel. The Vaad staff at present consists of ten Class I and Class II members, also two D.P. workers. This is the entire Vaad personnel who are continuously called upon to perform varied functions, and it is only their tireless efforts and selfless devotion that has made our program a success.

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(d) Regular or special reports of Vaad field operations in Germany will be provided as required by PCIRO or other appropriate authorities.

(e) It is understood that in each Zone this general agreement will be implemented by the field operating plan mutually agreed upon between the Vaad and the PCIRO Field Director. It is further understood that our field staff and operations will be duly accredited for these operation purposes and will receive the facilities established by the PCIRO and the occupying forces for the operation of officially approved Volumtary Societies in the occupation Zone concerned.

(f) The Vaad will assume full responsibility for salaries, inoculations, clothing and field equipment of its personnel. The Vaad agrees to abide by those portions relating to Voluntary Societies of the agreements between the PCIRO and the governments or governing authorities in the territories to which this agreement applies.

9. We of the Vaad Hatzala, representing Orthodox Jewry, are indeed grateful, and in saying so, we extend not only our own blessings and thanks and sincere appreciation, but also that of the Rabbinate and Orthodox Jewry, to yourself, all the members and co-workers of the PCIRO, and special mention must indeed be made, and we are grateful for the assistance of Miß Bradford, Mr. Boe, and his entire staff, for enabling us to accomplish and to succeed in the task that we have undertaken.

It is at this time, and in the coming months, which we feel to be very crucial ones and a historic moment in the life of our people, especially in our day, when the Jewish dreams and aspirations have been realised, when the Almighty has guided the conscience of mankind to grant Israel a parcel of land of its own where the Jewish race can flourish unhindered, that we will continue our program to make these displaced persons' camps as a training ground and a center to prepare our youth and our people in the ways of God, and in the traditional spirit of Israel, to assume and become proud members of a Jewish State and nation.

To this ultimate goal we are eagerly looking forward and with the help of our Creator we are imbued with faith and courage that it shall be attained, and to your continued assistance and all facilities and resources to enable us to continue our program and objectives we are looking forward.

Respectfully yours,

Rabbi Nathan Baruch

Director,
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Dear Rabbi Baruch,

I have received your communication under date of 18th December, 1947, setting forth the proposals of the American Vaad Hatzala Emergency Committee for the continuation of services to displaced persons and refugees in co-ordination with PCIRO operations in Germany.

I am happy to inform you that these proposals are approved by this Headquarters, to be implemented subject to the general and field regulations and policy of the PCIRO, and subject also to the agreements now in force or to be concluded, between the PCIRO and the occupying authorities of the British, American and French Occupation Zones of Germany. Specifically, PCIRO approval of your present proposals and subsequent operations, and the granting of recognition, status and facilities to your organisation for approved operations in Germany, are subject to the initial and continued fulfilment of the basic conditions set forth in our General Bulletin No.5 dated 18th September, 1947, "PCIRO Policy in respect to Formal Relations with Voluntary Agencies", which is attached to and constitutes a part of this communication.

The field personnel of your organisation will be attached as officially authorised personnel by our Zone directors for their respective areas of operation and, in so far as PCIRO resources and regulations of the occupying authorities will permit, will be accorded the same status and facilities as are provided to PCIRO personnel in those territories. They will also be governed by the same PCIRO and military regulations as apply to PCIRO field personnel in the respective territories. In PCIRO agreements, general relations and administrative arrangements with occupying authorities, we shall endeavour to obtain from them the recognition and status necessary for your approved operations and personnel working under the co-ordination and supervision of PCIRO and within the scope of the PCIRO programme.

As soon as we have your confirmation of the receipt of this letter, and acceptance of the conditions set forth therein, we shall inform our Zone directors of this agreement and they will in turn inform the respective occupying authorities of their territories. The implementation of your programme in each Zone, within the terms of this general agreement, will then be determined in accordance with plans and conditions mutually agreed upon with you and approved by our Zone director and the occupying authorities concerned.

In conclusion I wish to express our appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Vaad Hatzala in PCIRO operations. We look forward to your continued co-operation with this Organization and extend our best wishes for the success of your future activities.

Yours sincerely,

W. HALLAM TUCK.
Executive Secretary.

Grant us Peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal source of peace, and enable Israel to be its messenger unto the peoples of the earth.

Bless our country that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and its advocate in the council of nations. May contentment reign within its borders, health and happiness within its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among all the inhabitants of our land.

Plant virtue in every soul, and may the love of Thy name hallow every home and every heart. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Giver of peace.