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Central Conference of American Rabbis, Palestine resolution
adopted, 1945.

Resolution adopted by the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis meeting in Cincinnati on October 9, 1945.

Whereas European Jewry has experienced the most frightful calamity in the history of the Jewish people, a calamity which has brought death and destruction to more than five million innocent men, women and children, and

Whereas the million and a quarter Jews still alive in war-ravaged Europe are faced with the grim prospect of continued suffering and deprivation, many of them forced to live in their former concentration camps, and all of them lacking that fundamental sense of security which is so basic to human wellbeing, and

Whereas of all displaced persons European Jews have the least hope of rehabilitating themselves in their former homes under the chaotic conditions which prevail.

Therefore be it resolved that the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis express our profound gratitude to the President of the United States for his humanitarian request to the British government to make immediately available 100,000 certificates of immigration for the displaced Jews in Europe to enable them to find refuge and sanctuary in Palestine.

Be it further resolved that we call upon Great Britain to abrogate forthwith the policy of the White Paper of 1939 and to open the doors of Palestine, our ancient home land which has been internationally guaranteed as the "Jewish National Home" so that the dispossessed may find a new home and a new hope on that precious soil that Jews have already done so much to reclaim and in the land in which they can again make the Promised Land, wherein all men, regardless of race or creed, may enjoy full and equal rights of citizenship.