

## Berman, Adolf Abraham

(1906--1978), Zionist active in the Warsaw Ghetto underground, and one of the leaders of *Zegota*, the Polish Council for Aid to Jews. After the Germans occupied Poland in September 1939, Berman directed the Warsaw Ghetto branch of the Federation of Associations for the Care of Orphans in Poland. He also helped found the Antifascist Bloc, which later became the Jewish Fighting Organization (ZOB), Warsaw's main Jewish fighting alliance. In September 1942 Berman and his wife Batya moved out of the ghetto to the Polish side of Warsaw. Because of his non-Jewish looks, Berman was able to pass for a Pole and move freely around Warsaw. He lived among Poles until the end of the war, and tried to help the Jews in his positions as secretary of *Zegota* and representative of the Jewish National Committee. He rescued many Jews who hid in Warsaw after the suppression of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the liquidation of the ghetto. He also preserved records written in the ghetto.

In January 1944 Berman was captured by Polish blackmailers, but his Polish friends paid his ransom, and he was set free. After the war Berman moved to Israel, where he served in the *Knesset* (parliament) and was active in survivors' associations. (see also Jewish Fighting Organization, Warsaw)