

Lublin, Lucien

(b. 1909), Underground activist in France. Born in Brest-Litovsk, Lublin moved to France where he earned a degree in electrical engineering. When World War II broke out in September 1939, he joined the French army. An active member of the Zionist Labor Movement, Lublin helped found an underground Jewish militia called the *Armee Juive*, or Jewish Army, in January 1942. As a member of its supreme command, Lublin put the Jewish Army under the authority of the Yishuv, the organized Jewish community in Palestine, and the *Hagana*, the *Yishuv's* secret army. Lublin found funding for the Jewish Army with the help of Zionist Labor Movement leaders, and staffed it with the best of the French Zionist Youth Movements and with Zionist youth who had smuggled themselves into France from the Netherlands. During the winter of 1943--1944, the Jewish Army's escape network helped some 300 of its members successfully flee to Spain, from whence most immigrated to Palestine. Many of the army's other members fought in battles alongside the partisans in France.

After the war, Lublin created the Society for Protecting Jewish Children, which assisted children who had survived the Holocaust and helped them reach Palestine. (see also jewish army, france.)