

ABRAM KASHTAN COLLECTION, 1945-1983
1995.A.0213

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Descriptive summary

Title: Abram Kashtan collection

Dates: 1945-1983

Accession number: 1995.A.0213

Creator: Abram Kashtan

Extent: 4 folders

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,
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Abstract: The Abram Kashtan collection contains various documents relating to Abram Kashtan, a Holocaust survivor who hid in a barn for a year before joining with anti-Nazi partisans. Included in the collection are his diary filled with partisan and camp songs, health documents such as an immunization record and health certificate, and identification documents such as identification cards and a certificate of service. Also included is a newspaper copy of an article detailing the story of Cezary Chorążyczewski, who was awarded Yad Vashem's Righteous Among the Nations for his family's role in saving Abram Kashtan.

Languages: English, Polish, Russian, Hebrew

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Acquisition information: The Abram Kashtan collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1992 by his son, Jerry Kashtan.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Michael Folkerts, July 2015

Biographical note

Abram Kashtan was living in Poland when his family was killed by Nazis. As a twenty six year old with no family, Abram traveled to the village of Perspa, near Sarny, Poland, where the Chorążyczewski family lived. Ignacy Chorążyczewski had conducted business with Abram's father in the past, and Abram could think of no one else to turn to. The family agreed to let Abram hide in their barn, despite certain death if he was discovered. Cezary, the eldest of six children in the Chorążyczewski household, would visit Abram daily to talk with him and keep him informed of events. The family also provided Abram with food and clothing. In 1942, after living in the Chorążyczewski barn for a year, rumors were spreading that Nazi collaborators were burning nearby villages. Abram asked Cezary to go with him to the nearby forest, where anti-Nazi partisans were operating. After wandering several kilometers in the forest, Cezary located some of the partisans, and Abram joined with them. Sometime later, the partisans were absorbed into the Soviet Army, where Abram served until the war's end. He later joined relatives in the United States and lived in Washington D.C.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Abram Kashtan collection is arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Kashtan, Abram.
Chorążyczewski, Ignacy.
Chorążyczewski, Cezary.

Righteous Gentiles in the Holocaust.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Poland.
Jews--Persecutions--Poland.
World War, 1939-1945--Underground movements--Poland.
Guerrillas--Poland.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Abram Kashtan collection, 1945-1983

Folder	Title
1	Diary, 1946
2	Health documents, 1945-1949
3	Identification, 1945
4	News clippings, 1983