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TITLE: Oral history interview with Noach Kaplinski

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9 videocassettes (U-Matic), Protection copy
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SUMMARY: Born in 1909 in Slonim, studied medicine in Vilna, and was active among the Jewish students, leading a campaign against Antisemitism. In 1939 returned to Slonim, already married and father of two children. In 1941 the Germans entered Slonim, and he became the doctor of the ghetto. Founded a Jewish hospital in the ghetto, and when the ghetto was liquidated escaped with his little daughter and several other relatives to Volkovysk. Being a doctor in the area of Volkovysk he enjoyed some freedom for a little while but was imprisoned in a concentration camp, waiting with the rest of the Jews to be transported to Auschwitz. He managed to escape with the help of a local Jewish doctor who had connections with Poles and hid during the rest of the war. His little daughter and her grandmother left behind, were both exterminated at Auschwitz. After the war he met his wife and his son, who survived.