Judd Nissanov Virtual Book

Yudah (Judd) Nissanov was born in Poland in 1924, the youngest of 5 children. He saw very quickly what the Nazis were capable of when they shot hundreds of Jews in the first two weeks they occupied his area of Poland in 1939.

The Soviet Union took over his region and stayed until 1941. Prior to the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union, Yehuda saw German tanks massing at the border. When the Nazis came back he left and started walking east.

While walking he flagged down a Soviet truck. The driver did not yet know about the German invasion but he took Yudah back to his unit. The Russians adopted him and Yudah went with them.
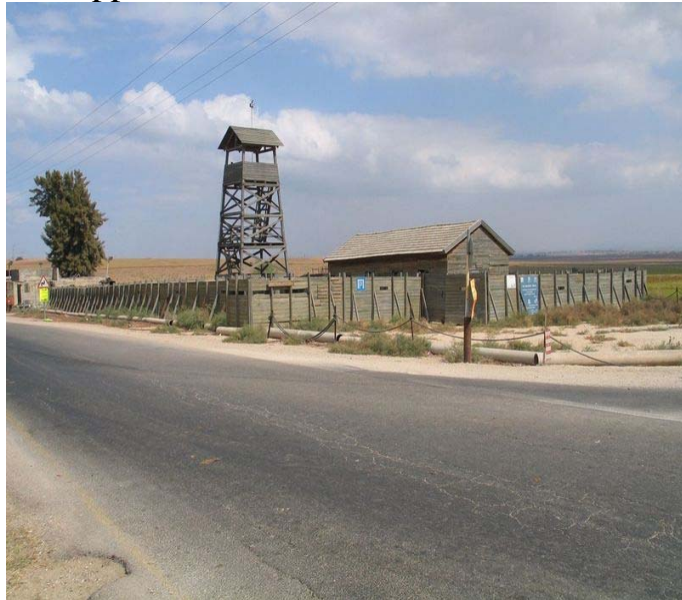
He later changed his name, said he was a Catholic and joined the Polish army to fight the Nazis.

He was sent through Persia (Iran) en route to Africa. He was part of the honor

guard that stood at the gate for the Shah's 22nd birthday.

After Persia he went to Jordan and Palestine en route to Egypt. When he crossed into Palestine and saw signs in Hebrew, he decided to desert. Again, he just left. He hopped on a bus and went where it took him: to kibbutz Negba.

He stayed there to avoid British MPs who were looking for Polish deserters in the cities.

By 1943 he knew, from another Polish refugee, what was happening to the Jews in Poland under the Nazis.