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The Fall of a Sparrow recounts the life and times of Abba Kovner, partisan, poet, patriot, an unsung and largely unknown hero of the Second World War and Israel's War of Independence.
