Can the Holocaust have an aesthetic dimension? “Aesthetics after the Holocaust” will explore this difficult and frequently painful question. Despite famous proscriptions by Theodor Adorno, Elie Wiesel, and others, numerous depictions of the Shoah in literature, film, and other media have insisted that artistic representation is itself a form of testimony. For post-Holocaust generations, moreover, the ways in which memory of the Holocaust is created and preserved have become an essential part of its history. Have second- and third-generation modes of witnessing created a new aesthetic of memory? How have advances in media and technology transformed the problem of representation? How do debates that occurred during and soon after the war relate to those that emerged in subsequent decades?

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2. Detail of Samuel Bak’s painting, Ghetto.
3. George Segal’s art exhibition of The Holocaust.
4. “Zugzwang” by Rudolf Herz, shown at the “Mirroring Evil: Nazi Imagery/Recent Art” exhibition at the Jewish Museum (2002).
5. Cover image from Art Spiegelman’s Maus: A Survivor’s Tale.
6. Treblinka Memorial Stones at the Treblinka Memorial in Poland.