Samuel Bak was born in Vilna, Lithuania in 1933. While living in the ghetto, Samuel's artistic talent was discovered and an exhibition of his work was held there. In 1943, he was sent with his family to a labor camp. Bak and his mother escaped and hid in a monastery for the remainder of the war. After many ordeals, they arrived at the displaced-persons camp in Landsberg, Germany. In 1948, Bak immigrated to Israel and studied art. He became a successful artist and lived in Paris, Rome, Switzerland, and the U.S. For a full timeline of his extraordinary life, please see here.

CITATION: Samuel Bak (1933-), Yellow, 1962-2006, 1962. Collage and tempera on paper. Collection of the Yad Vashem Art Museum, Jerusalem.

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