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Listening and Hearing: Testimony and the History of the Holocaust

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The methods historians have developed over the years to reconstruct past events often fail in the case of the Holocaust. The traditional preference of historians for written sources in this instance means a preference—usually unintended—for the perpetrator's point of view. Often the only sources for presenting the victims' experiences are oral testimonies. Yet such sources raise genuine methodological problems. Pendas will examine the challenges and benefits of using oral testimony for reconstructing the history of the Holocaust.