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> our overwhelming inadequacy in the aftermath of the irreparable. If there is anything unique (in a non-trivial sense) about the Holocaust, surely it is the imperious moral urgency that compels those who

contemplate it to revise their view of what it means to be human, and to bear witness to such an event.