

Michael Singer Studio

Memorial Garden

Stuttgart, Germany, 1992

The city of Stuttgart commissioned Michael Singer to design and construct a one-acre garden within a large city park. At the selected site two small streams converge, augmented by three wells designed by Singer. Two distinct spaces define a shaded area and one opening to the light. Water can be heard moving through both spaces in concealed troughs. The water collects in quiet pools, revealing forms and containers below the surface. Materials for the sculptural elements and garden include granite, stone, precast concrete, bronze and indigenous planting. The site is surrounded by an old apple orchard that was restored as part of the garden design. A poem found in 1945 among messages on a ghetto wall in Warsaw and written by Nachman of Breslow, circa 1800, is inscribed in a granite tablet in the memorial garden: "The world in its entirety is a narrow bridge, the main thing is not to be afraid."

