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2016 –  
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Discover the story of how Jewish ceramicists transformed British studio pottery and influenced successive generations of ceramic artists.

In the mid 20th century Jewish émigré ceramicists revolutionised British studio pottery, importing modernist ideas from central Europe and creating work that was sleek, sophisticated and cosmopolitan. **Lucie Rie**, **Hans Coper**, **Ruth Duckworth** and **Grete Marks** produced simple and imaginative designs that were avant-garde for their time.



Left: Antonia Salmon, *Wind Rush*, 2016,  
courtesy of Antonia Salmon



Left: Lucie Rie, Bowl, 1977, courtesy of Tyne & Wear Archives & Museum and Estate of the Artist  
Below: Ruth Duckworth, Pot, 1972, courtesy of York Museums Trust and Estate of the Artist

*Shaping Ceramics* explores the work of these pioneering ceramicists and traces their influence on subsequent generations of ceramic artists whose Jewish heritage has shaped their work. Highlights include the work of **Ray Silverman**, who studied under Rie and Coper, including a selection of his distinctive stoneware and porcelain pots, among them the first piece of his that Rie approved.

This exhibition also presents a selection of contemporary ceramic artworks which explore ideas of history and identity. **Edmund de Waal** is probably the best known ceramicist working in Britain today. See his work *Arcady* in which 18 thrown porcelain pots stacked in a steel case are exhibited so they can be seen but not touched, reflecting de Waal's interest in the history of collecting and displaying porcelain.

Don't miss this opportunity to discover the work of 13 ceramicists in an exhibition spanning over 80 years of ceramic art.

**Featured artists:**

Dan Arbeid	Janet Haig
David Breuer-Weil	Grete Marks
David Cohen	Lucie Rie
Hans Coper	Antonia Salmon
Edmund de Waal	Ray Silverman
Ruth Duckworth	Jenny Stolzenberg
David Jones	

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# Exhibition Events

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Discover more about the exhibition with our programme of talks, workshops and live pottery demonstrations.

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## Talks, Workshops and Late Opening

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### Curator's Talks

Wednesday 16 November, 14 December 2016,  
18 January and 15 February 2017, 2 – 2.30pm

Discover more about the themes, stories and objects in the exhibition with the curator.

*Free with museum entry*

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### Ray Silverman in Conversation

Wednesday 7 December 2016, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Ray Silverman talks about his life in ceramics, including learning from Lucie Rie and Hans Coper.

*Free with museum entry*

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### Ceramics Workshop for Beginners

Sunday 29 January 2017, 11am – 4pm

Learn how to throw and use the wheel to make a pot. Your pot will be fired and returned to the museum for you to collect. The teacher of the class is Nam Tran, one of our Potters-in-Residence. He is a Raku specialist and his work has appeared in a number of exhibitions.

£40

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### Late Opening

Thursday 2 February 2017, 6 – 9pm

Unwind with a drink and explore the museum after hours in this event programmed by students from UCL's MA in Museum Studies. Enjoy live music, clay workshops, fun activities and more.

*£10/£5 for students*

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## Live Pottery

Watch ceramicists working live at a potter's wheel in the exhibition.

*Free with museum entry*

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### Artist Demonstrations

Ceramicists featured in the exhibition demonstrate their process.

#### Antonia Salmon

Monday 14 November 2016, 10.30am – 12pm

Enjoy an introductory talk followed by a brief demonstration.

#### David Jones

Sunday 11 December 2016, 2 – 4pm

David will be demonstrating and discussing 'A Language of Ceramics to Express Jewish Identity'.

#### Janet Haig: Hand Building

Monday 23 January 2017, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Watch Janet demonstrate this ancient pottery-making technique.

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### Potters-in-Residence

Visit on a Tuesday or Saturday and watch one of our Potters-in-Residence in action.

#### Nam Tran

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 12 November –  
3 December 2016, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Born in Vietnam and raised in London since the age of three, Nam uses his surroundings to influence his work; he is a Raku specialist.

## Lesley McShea

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 6 December 2016 – 28 January 2017, 10.30am – 12.30pm (excluding 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 and 31 December 2016, 3 and 10 January 2017)

Lesley McShea has been teaching ceramics for 25 years and will be demonstrating Lucie Rie's techniques including sgraffito.

## Irina Razumovskaya

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 31 January – 25 February 2017, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Irina Razumovskaya is a Russian Jewish ceramicist whose work is inspired by antique culture and archaeology.

## Pop-up Potters

Thursdays, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Ceramicists and ceramics students from Central St Martin's, the Royal College of Art and London studios will be taking to the wheel in the exhibition. Check the website before your visit.

*Free with museum entry*



Left: Hans Coper, Form, 1974, courtesy of Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums

## Family Events

### Curious Explorers Morning

Saturday 26 November 2016, 10am – 12pm

This session is for children with autism or other social communication conditions, their siblings, parents and carers. Activities include a clay-based arts session and self-directed trails. Some galleries will have reduced noise levels for this event and a chill-out zone will be available. *Ages 0-15. Free with museum entry*  
*Questions? Call Karen in our Learning team on 020 7284 7388 or visit our website*

### Hanukah Ceramics Family Day

Sunday 11 December 2016, 10am – 2pm

Create a clay Hanukah lamp or bowl for your Hanukah gelt. Other activities will include storytelling, singing, object handling and playing dreidel to get your family in the spirit of Hanukah.

*Ages 0-99*

*Free with museum entry*

### Access For All Family Day

Sunday 12 February 2017, 10am – 2pm

A family ceramics day with a range of clay-based sensory activities and object handling. Children will have the opportunity to have a go on the potter's wheel and to create their own bowl. There will be a BSL interpreted storytelling session and family tour, with sensory object handling available for all.

*Ages 0-99*

*Free with museum entry*



### Children's Clay Workshop

Monday 13 and Thursday 16 February 2017, 10.30am – 1pm

Working with one of our resident potters, children will design and create a piece of pottery. This will then be taken away and fired, and on the second day of the course the pottery will be painted and glazed.

*Ages 7-14*

*£20 (cost covers both days)*

The Family Programme is made possible thanks to the generous support of Lord and Lady Levene.

# Visitor information

**10 November 2016 – 26 February 2017**  
**Open daily 10am – 5pm (Fridays 10am – 2pm)**  
Last admission 30 minutes before closing.  
Closed 25 and 26 December 2016, 1 January 2017. Check website for full details of opening hours.  
[jewishmuseum.org.uk/ceramics](http://jewishmuseum.org.uk/ceramics)

**Admission** (includes permanent galleries and temporary exhibitions)

**Adult** £7.50\*

**Concession** £6.50\*

**Child** (5-16) £3.50

**Family ticket** £18 (two adults and up to four children)

**Free for Museum Friends and National Art Pass holders**

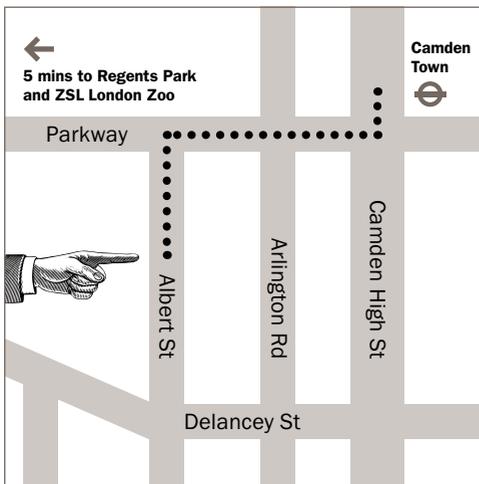
\* Prices include £1 voluntary donation for Gift Aid purposes

## Getting here

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3 minutes walk from Camden Town Underground



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## Access

The museum has step-free access throughout and accessible toilets. Large print texts are available. Guide and assistance dogs are welcome. Carers are admitted free.

## Shop

Browse our range of exhibition merchandise including gifts, books and souvenirs.

## Eat

Take a break during your visit and enjoy fresh sandwiches, delicious drinks and sweet treats.

## Coming soon

### **Amy Winehouse: A Family Portrait** **16 March – 17 September 2017**

This personal and intimate exhibition, co-curated by Amy's brother Alex and sister-in-law Riva, returns to the museum following an international tour.

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