

The Rissman Kol Ami Collection is a unique collection of Jewish art, artifacts and ritual objects. In addition to preserving significant objects for posterity, the museum seeks to develop programs and exhibitions that are designed to educate the congregation and promote an appreciation for works of Judaica.

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VISUAL MIDRASH JUDAICA BY AMY REICHERT



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**The Rissman Kol Ami Collection at
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El**

About the Artist



Amy Reichert is an award winning architect, exhibition designer, and designer of Judaica. Since 1996, when she won second place in the Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Prize for her seder plate, she has participated in invited juried exhibitions in museums around

the world. Her work can be seen on display at the Jewish Museum (New York), the Jewish Museum Vienna, the Yale University Art Gallery, and the San Francisco Contemporary Jewish Museum. She received her B.A. and M.Arch from Yale University, and combines her studio work with teaching at the School of the Art Institute, Chicago.

Recent work includes the new Ark, *shulchan*, and *ner tamid* for the Sager Chapel, as well as work for synagogues across the country.

Artist Statement

My creative process begins with Jewish texts, old and new, and ends in ritual objects that express Jewish values through modern designs. Central to my work is an interpretation of *hiddur mitzvah* (enhancing the *mitzvah*) which explores how *kiddush* cups, menorahs, *mezuzot*, and other Judaica can help us engage more deeply with our tradition.

This exhibit features many of my designs, along with models and sketches revealing the process behind the work.

MIRIAM'S CUP I

MIRIAM'S CUP III

SEDER PLATE I

SEDER PLATE II

TZEDAKAH BOX

SAIL CANDLESTICKS

SHABBAT GLOW CANDLESTICKS

KIDDUSH CUP

MEZUZAHS - GLOBE AND OVAL

MEZUZAHS - SEVEN SPECIES - OLIVE LEAF AND GRAPE VINE

LARGE + SMALL MEZZUZAHS

Yahrzeit Candle Holders

JERUSALEM MODERN LIGHTS MENORAH

WATER BLOSSOM MENORAH

NIGHT BLOSSOM MENORAH

SAGER CHAPEL FURNITURE

BIMAH ARTWORK

CHAPEL DESIGN

NER TAMID

DONOR WALL