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Born 1951, Germany.

Married + 3 daughters.

M.A. in Clinical Psychology, 1974.

Certified Clinical Psychologist, 1982.

Ceramic artist with own studio since 1986.

I work mainly in a free-style technique, making abstract sculptural objects. Occasionally I still make vessels on the wheel.

Member of the Israel Ceramics Association. Executive board member of the Benyamini Contemporary Ceramics Centre, Tel-Aviv. (Director of the Benyamini Library and the Archive of Israeli Ceramics).

Founding member (member till 2012) of the ceramics cooperative gallery "Shlush Shloshim", Tel-Aviv, since 1992.

Since October 2011 member of the IAC, the International Academy of Ceramics.

Solo Shows:

1994: Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

1998: "The way of the clay", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv.

2000: "Carriers", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv.

2004: "Vessel-Non-Vessel", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv.

2006: "Erosion", Ceramics Museum Aharon Kahana, Ramat-Gan, Israel.

2009: "Un-Ruhe", Gallery Periscope, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

2009: HI TOUCH Gallery, Herzliya Pituach, Israel.

2010: Poggenpohl, Herzliya Pituach, Israel

2014: "Black and Beyond"- "שחור ומעבר", Periscope Gallery, Tel-Aviv.

2017: *Another Layer*- עוד שכבה : Gallery8BeYaffo, Jaffa.

Group Shows:

1990: "Vessels", Ceramics Museum Beit-Kahana, Ramat-Gan, Israel.

1992: "Containers", Shlush Shloshim Gallery, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

- 1993: Exhibition for the opening of the new Gallery Shlush Shloshim.
- 1998: "The way of Clay", 50 years of Israeli Ceramics, Ceramics Museum Aharon Kahana, Ramat-Gan, Israel.
- 1998: "Israeli and International Ceramics of the 20th Century", Sotheby's, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 1999: "14 together", Performing Arts Center, Rishon Letzion, Israel.
- 1999: "The Bowl", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2000: "Potters set the Table", Ceramics Museum Aharon Kahana, Ramat-Gan, Israel.
- 2000: "Mugs", Khankin Gallery, Holon, Israel.
- 2000: "The Vase- whereto?", Khankin Gallery, Holon, Israel.
- 2000: "Lipton Tea in an artistic mirror", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2000: "The first Israel Ceramics Biennale", Eretz Israel Museum, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2001: "Plates", Khankin Gallery, Holon, Israel.
- 2001: "Line, Form, Colour", Gallery Beit-Weill, Kfar-Shmaryahu, Israel.
- 2002: "The Second Israel Ceramics Biennale", Eretz-Israel Museum, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2002: "22 Hands", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2003: "Line, Form, Colour", Gallery Beit-Weill, Kfar-Shmaryahu.
- 2003: "13/20/20", Ceramics Design Gallery Tirtza Yallon-Kolton, Shoeva, Israel.
- 2003: "Al-Fakhura", Art Gallery Um-El-Fakhem, Israel.
- 2003: "T-Pots", Tel-Hai Gallery, Tel-Hai, Israel.
- 2004: "Makom", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2004: "The Third Israel Ceramics Biennale", Eretz-Israel Museum, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2005: "Homage to Palestinian Pottery", Museum Ein-Harod, Ein-Harod, Israel.
- 2005: "Red", Khankin Gallery, Holon, Israel.
- 2005: "The Stand and its Vessel", Municipal Gallery, Metulla, Israel.
- 2006: "CUP", Ceramics Gallery Tirtza Yallon-Kolton, Shoeva, I
- 2005: "Stilitus", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv, Israel.srael.
- 2006: "Sachaff-Erosion", Museum Beit Aharon Kahana, Ramat-Gan, Israel.
- 2006: "The Fourth Israel Ceramics Biennale", Museum Eretz Israel, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2006: "In- Box", Gallery Shlush Shloshim", Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2007: "Motion", Gallery Shlush Shloshim, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2007: "On the Shelf", Municipal Gallery, Metulla, Israel.
- 2008: "In the Steps of the Philistines", Museum Ashdod, Ashdod, Israel.

2008: "The pottery of Chado", Tea bowls and Teacups from the David Glueck Collection, Yechiel Nahari Museum of Far Eastern Art, Israel.

2008: "The Fifth Israel Ceramics Biennale", Museum Eretz-Israel, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

2008: Show of International Ceramics, Fuping, China.

2009: Participant in exhibition at 2009 CEBIKO- International Ceramics Biennale Korea. Honourable Mention.

2010: "Half-Half: the project", Szombathely Museum, Hungary.

2010: "Israeli Design Today", Holon Municipal Museum, Israel.

2010: "Vase-now", Artist House, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

2010: "Masters show", Cudgegong Gallery, Gulgong, Australia.

2010: "27th Gold Coast Ceramics Award Competition", Gold Coast City Gallery, Australia.

2010: "Design following the Chinese elements", Raanana City Gallery, Israel.

2011: "6th Israel Ceramics Biennale", Museum Haaretz, Tel-Aviv.

2011: "Move", Opera House, Tel-Aviv.

2011: "Whose Earth is it anyway?", opening exhibition of the Benyamini Contemporary Ceramics Centre Gallery.

2012: "Earth Echoes", Museum Wilfried Israel, Hazorea, Israel.

2012: "UNICUM" 2d Ceramics Triennale 2012, Maribor, Slovenia.

2012: "Ceramika Multiplex", Varazdin, Croatia.

2012: "Member's exhibition" of the INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF CERAMICS, IAC, Santa Fe, U.S.A.

2013: "Cluj International Ceramics Biennale", Cluj-Napoca Museum of Art, Romania.

2013: "Ceramica- International exhibition", Galatea Gallery, Bucharest, Romania.

2014-15: "וויזיה-אגרטל", Israel Ceramics Association, Tel-Hai Symposium, Gallery Kibbutz Amir.

2015: Permanent collection of Israeli Contemporary Ceramics at Knesset Israel.

2016: "DESIRE", Belger Art Center, (part of NCECA exhibitions), Kansas City.

2016: The 8th Israel Ceramics Biennale. (Video: "Matter is a Center of Dreaming", 20min.)

2018: First Indian Ceramics Biennale, Jaipur, Invited guest Artist.

2018: ISRAEL-70 YEARS OF CRAFT AND DESIGN, Mingei International Museum, San Diego.

2018: "Keramik der Welt": 40. Jubilaem Galerie Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany.

2018: "New Orientalia", IAC Members' exhibition, Yingge Museum, Taipei, Taiwan.

Guest Demonstrator:

"Clay Energy", Gulgong, Australia, 2010.

Tbilisi Art Academy and Clay Office, Georgia, 2012.

DACORUM Potters Open Day 2018, Saint Albans, England.

Anglian Potters Dany Demo, Munden- Suffolk, England, 2018.

Curatorial Work:

1999: "14 Together", Rishon Letzion Performing Arts Center, Israel.

2004-2006: 6 shows of Painting, Mixed Media, Photography, Ceramics at Bet-Weill Theatre, Kfar-Shmaryahu, Israel.

2012: "SUPERBOWL", (Isr. Ceramics Association), Opera House Foyer, Tel-Aviv.

2015: "IN-HOUSE", Staff of the Benyamini Center, Benyamini Contemporary Ceramics Center, Tel-Aviv.

Guest editor of the Nr. 14 issue of "1280c", the Israel Ceramics Magazine, on "Collecting-Collections-Collectors".

Member of the Exhibitions Committee of the Israel Ceramics Association and member of the Executive Committee (past 8 years till 2006).

Member of the steering committee of the new "Benyamini Contemporary Ceramics Centre". Founder and Director of the Benyamini Ceramics Library and the Benyamini Israeli Ceramics Archive.

Author of articles in "Ceramics: Art and Perception" on Israeli ceramics.

Articles:

- "Pushing from within: new works by Ester Beck", Ceramics Art and Perception, Nr.71, 2008.

- "Lebensstrudel: Keramik von Ester Beck", KeramikMagazinEuropa, Nr.6/2009.

- "Ester Beck: Movement in Matter", Ceramics: Art and Perception, Nr.79/2010.

- "Abstracting the Vessel", Ceramics Ireland, Nr.26, 2010.

2015: "Black and Beyond", Ceramics Art and Perception

2015: Interview article in Ceramics Now, Romania.

2015: Interview, Neue Keramik Magazine, Germany.

Residencies :

-Gallery at Um-El-Fachem, 2003, Jewish and Arab Ceramists working together.

-IWCAT 2007, Tokoname, Japan.

-Watershed, 2009, Maine, USA. (Grant from AIDA.)

- Symposium “Half-Half”, ICCA, Kecskemet, Hungary, 2009.
- AIDASHED 2012, Givat Haviva, Israel.
- 2016: Barcelona ElTorn.

Works in Museum Collections:

America, Australia, Israel, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Ireland, Korea, China, Taiwan.