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The Jesselson Prize for Contemporary Judaica

The Jesselson Prize for Contemporary Judaica Design, 1992,
is awarded to Arie Ofir.

The prize is awarded to Arie Ofir for his life's work on the design of Jewish ceremonial items. Over the years, he has created many innovative objects, using unconventional materials, bold, complex forms, and color, resulting in a breakthrough in contemporary Judaica design. He never tires in his search for new ways of expression. Recently, he has directed his attention to the design of industrial products.

Arie Ofir was for many years the director of the Department of Gold and Silversmithing of the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, a role to which he brought an awareness of the ever-evolving design trends in Israel and abroad. He has educated a new generation of designers who continue to work in the field of contemporary Judaica design.

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