

Scavenger hunt in our museum

The questions in this hunt are mostly based on the portions of our exhibitions which have been renewed in recent years. It will be updated frequently as our displays evolve.

Start in the patio of the museum:

1. There are seven candles in the Death Rituals exhibit. What were they used for?

2. What year was the first Jewish cemetery in Curaçao founded?

- a. 1632
- b. 1753
- c. 1659

3. True or False: The current Jewish cemetery is located in Otrobanda: _____

4. Look for the oldest tombstone on the wall. Who was it made for and in what year?

5. Look for the sign of the priestly blessing.

Try to imitate it.

Draw it here →

6. What is the name of the tank you see in the patio, surrounded by chains? _____

What was it used for?

- a. to swim
- b. a well
- c. a ritual bath

Enter the museum. You will see that it is rather small. Calmly walk by the cabinets in room 1.

7. In our museum history exhibit you will find several prominent persons mentioned. What is the name of the gentleman who received a decoration from the Queen on behalf of the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds? What is the decoration called?

8. Who was the first president of the museum foundation? _____

9. When did the Jewish Cultural Historical Museum open to the public?

- a. January 15, 1980
- b. November 15, 1970
- c. December 15, 1990

10. The Sephardic Jews originated from _____ and they had settled where before arriving in Curaçao?

- a. Lisbon
- b. Paris
- c. Amsterdam

11. True or False: the Jewish quarter in Curaçao was near the Isla oil refinery _____

12. In what year did the first Jew arrive on Curaçao?

- a. 1634
- b. 1750
- c. 1578

13. In the exhibit featuring houses of worship there are several pointers displayed. They resemble a hand. What is the pointer called in Hebrew? _____

14. There is a former house of worship near Wilhelmina Park. What was it called?

15. There is a seven branched lamp displayed. What holiday is it used for?

- a. Passover
- b. Yom Kippur
- c. Chanukah

Walk up the UP stairs. There will find a table set for the Pesach Seder.

16. What do Jews celebrate during Pesach?

17. The oldest Torah scroll in this room is from 1920 or 1320? _____

Continue walking, in room 4 you see a typical Curaçao kitchen of a Jewish family in the early days.

18. When a person does not mix milk products with meat, what is that called?

19. We see a few baby dresses, when are they worn?

20. Who is the large painting in this room portraying?

21. Why was he so important? Can you tell us anything else about him?

22. Name the person who helped raise the children in Sephardic Jewish families:

Walk downstairs to the RITUALS room:

23. There are two similar chairs. What are they used for?

- a. Circumcisions
- b. to be blessed
- c. to rest

24. There is a silver tray in the Wedding exhibit. When was it made and why is it dented?

25. True or False: the ceremonial horns are called Trumpets _____

26. Every year an ancient oil lamp is lit for the Festival of Lights. What year does it date back to and what is the name of the festival in Hebrew?

27. In the low cabinet you will find (medical) instruments. What were they used for?

28. Look for an object called: Tefillin. What is it used for?

Bonus question: Why is the Museum called a 'Living Museum'?

**Thanks for participating in our Scavenger Hunt,
we hope you had fun and learned a lot**