

GALLERY ACTIVITY SHEET

**Modeling the Synagogue: from Dura to Touro**

What designs or ornaments are used to beautify a synagogue? (*Please be careful not to touch the models.*) **Find:**



Two synagogues with menorahs.



Two synagogues with a *magen david* somewhere inside.



Three synagogues with לוחות (Ten Commandments) on the outside or inside the building.



A synagogue with a man's portrait inside. (Who is he?)

Synagogues are sometimes decorated with Hebrew phrases.

**Find** the synagogue with the phrase:  
נאני פרב תקקדן

And the one with the phrase:

אשרי ילשבי ביתך

**What else** can we learn from the models?

- Identify one of the scenes inside the Dura Europos synagogue. What story does it tell?
- Which is the oldest still-active synagogue?
- Which synagogue buildings no longer exist?
- Which synagogue suffered serious damage from a flood in 1966, but is now in use?

**Other objects in the exhibition:**

Who insisted that the mystical teachings of the "Ari" could only be copied by hand (not mass produced by printing)?

What was the yearly salary of a *shochet* in 1787?  
(*Hint: in the US*)

Which two synagogues are most similar to each other? Why?

How are they different?

Why do you think some of the models do not show the inside of the building?