

1792, 25 Outubro, Nova Iorque. Carta de Gershom Mendes Seixas para os administradores da Shearith Israel sobre o seu salário.

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To the Trustees of K. K. Shearith Israel

Gentlemen

At the time I consented to lessen the salary allowed me for performing the Duties of Hazan of the Congregation, I was assured by every Member of the Board of Trustees (as well as by several of the Yehidim) that whenever the Funds of the Society were enabled to augment the salary they would use their influence in my behalf – This assurance with the then improverish'd state of the Funds induced me to accept of the Termo contracted for, which were fixed by the Electors agreeably to the Rule laid down in the Charter and consequently the Trustees can not with any propriety make an alteration the Termo specified in the Contract are to furnish the Hazan with a Dwelling-house & one hundred & forty pounds p^r annum &c. &c..

As I find by a late resolve of the Trustees that the Hazan be allowed £40 for house rent p^r an. when I am obliged to pay £65 is not fullfilling the Contract. I must therefore beg you will be pleased to take this matter under your consideration, & let me know whether or not you look upon the Contract to be obligatory – if the Contract is binding on the one side it must certainly be so on the other – and if is not obligatory on either side, I shall deem myself at liberty to demand such compensation for my services as may be adequate and satisfactory to.

Gentlemen

Your most Obdt Serv.^r

Gershom Seixas

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