

FRAGMENT OF A DRAFT OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Dated 1086

- 1) And they are to share it proportionately according to their investment
 - 2) in the partnership. That is, whatever
 - 3) God, may He be exalted, will grant between them,
 - 4) half will go to our teacher and master Yefeth b. R. Abraham, may his rest be in heaven,
 - 5) and to Solomon b. R. Abraham, may God preserve him.
 - 6) To Mansūr b. Khalaf As-Sūrī
 - 7) will go the other half, an exactly equal division.
- Their partnership will begin
- 8) on Tuesday, the first day of the month of Tevet
 - 9) of the year 1388 of the Era of Documents.
 - 10) The duration of their partnership will be
 - 11) one complete year of 12 months, beginning
 - 12) in Tevet of the year 1388 of the Era of Documents
 - 13) and ending [at the end] of Marḥeshvan of the year
 - 14) 1389 of the Era of Documents.
 - 15) It was [further] stipulated that Mansūr
 - 16) b. Khalaf would not [be allowed] to travel
 - 17) to any other place and would not
 - 18) interpret the contract in a sense unfavorable to them, nor argue

- 19) about his share [of the profits]. Nor is he to say that he wishes to see
- 20) his children, nor his wife; nor is he to mention
- 21) travel at all. In the event that he should mention
- 22) travel, or ask to travel, he is
- 23) subject to a penalty of twenty dinars to be paid to the poor,
- 24) All these stipulations were confirmed by a means of a symbolic purchase ^{that} was made from him
- 25) [And the witnesses] testified to the nullity of any court deposition (modda)