

Lease of a Piece of Land Belonging to the Holy Shrine of Dumūh
for a Nominal Rent

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Text in ATaS, p. 158-9

In (Your name, oh) Me(rciful)

We, the undersigned, trusted, and approved elders, declare here-by
with that we have decided and agreed to lease the piece of land in
which there is the well of perennial water^{a)} of Dumūh. It is situated
on the read bordering on the synagogue, opposite the watchtower^{b)} and
the orchard belonging to it. The lease is for the duration of thirty
years for a total of one hundred and eighty dirhams - six dirhams per
year - to anyone prepared to revive^{c)} it with the means given him by
God's grace and bounty. The piece of land will be held by him, and
his children after him, for the length of this period, and will then
revert to the pious foundation governed by the original conditions,
under which...our elder and notable Isaiah ha-Levi...son of...our
eminent grandee Mīshā'ēl^{d)}... - may the memory of the righteous be
blessed - donated it. We have agreed to this lease, because it is
to the benefit of the holy shrine that its neighborhood be under cul-
tivation.^{e)}

Then we all consented to lease the place to the noble elder R.
Abraham ha-Levi...the Crown of the Levites, the Delight of the
grantees, the Friend of the heads of the Academies, those far away
and those near...the man whose advice is sought by them and by us,