

FROM: Yeshu'a b. Ismā'īl (Fustat)

TO: Nahray b. Nissīm (Alexandria)

DATE: Ca. 1080

- 1) In Your Name, O Merciful One
- 2) To his excellency, my lord, pre-eminent among
the havērīm, may God lengthen
- 3) his life and preserve his glory, support and
prosperity. I have already sent you several letters
expressing
- 4) the intensity of my loneliness for you,
and I pray that God, in His mercy, will bring close our meeting
in the most favorable
- 5) of circumstances and the happiest of purposes -- God willing.
I would like to inform you that I received
- 6) your letter on Sunday, the third of Kislēv, may
God show you its blessing
- 7) the happiness [of the months] that follow it, for
He is capable of realizing that which He wishes. [In your
letter] you mention your safe
- 8) arrival on Friday, praise and gratitude are due
to God, the Exalted, may He, in His mercy, not
deprive us
- 9) of his assistance both in spiritual and in worldly
affairs. [In your letter] you mentioned that
- 10) you have received the bag of coins and that the value
of each dinar is one qīrāt and 1/2 [plus one dinar] and
that the exchange rate is 46 and one-half.