

1931 April 19 Azuz Ghanam Azuz to Suleiman and Katherine – send \$ or lose the land

Ramallah, Palestine

Happy Easter, etc.

My dear cousins. I had told you earlier to send money urgently for the house. Until this moment I've seen nothing. Why are you keeping me waiting all this time? It's only 1,000 reals [dollars], cousins, and if you are not careful you will lose the house entirely because there is a new survey team in town. Our cousin Elias Issac had the house surveyed in his name, and if you move immediately you will be able to undo the damage. But, cousins, soon you will not be able to do that. Because after the survey comes registration in the tapu [land registry] after which he will extract the title deed in his name. And when that happens, he can actually sell the land in auction. I say and repeat today is your day, you champions, send the money immediately because everyone in town is saying, "These two folks are in America and are unable to resolve the issue of the house." Send the money immediately if you really want the house. (Repeated) Finally, my warmest greetings to you and your wife and the young ones. From this end, all your uncles and cousins send you 1,000 greetings. All our relatives, the Jaghab clan, send their greetings and may God protect you.

Your cousin,
Azuz Ghanam Azuz

P.S. Please forgive the speed with which I wrote this letter. Next time I will tell you about the conditions in this country.

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