

Congregation Emanu-El

Corner Pandora and Blanchard Sts.

VICTORIA, B. C.

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The Revd Dr. F. Friedlaender

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Reverend Sir

In reply to your favour of the 1st inst. I am instructed to state that our Committee fancy you have harshly misunderstood the import of my last letter. There was not the slightest intention of suggesting that the Congregation desired that you should curtail of the period of your present engagement. In fact when we offered you the months vacation it was on the assumption that you would naturally continue to give us your services till the end of your present term which I understand terminates on November 7th next.

A Reverend Sir, you are probably aware before we can offer an engagement or reengagement to a minister a fund has to be raised and the Congregation consulted as to their wishes in the matter and our reason for obtaining the decision of the Congregation thus early and ascertaining if we would or would not be in a position to offer you a reengagement was solely in your personal interest.

It was thought only right that you should be advised in the matter at as early a date as possible so as to enable you to look around and take advantage of any call you might obtain after the termination of your engagement to us.

It was thought that, whilst on your vacation you might hear of something. If you had only advised us, as you first intended, of your intention of not offering yourself as a candidate it would have greatly facilitated matters and made any action on our part unnecessary.

I am further instructed to state that we regret we cannot see our way to accept your proposition repaying you July salary should you resign before the expiration of your term.

We would consequently be glad to know your intention in the matter on the earliest possible date so I trust you will advise me by return.

Yours Respy

M. H. Plattner
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However should you as reflection still desire to accept
at me we will not stand in your way, therefore
we would respect your decision but without case
your salary being paid at 1000 than we
could not allow you any salary for this