

A religious discourse delivered in the synagogue in this city, on Thursday the 26th November, 1789. Agreeable to the proclamation of the president of the United States of America, to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.

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In the 1700s, Philadelphia's Jewish community was not as established as in New York; nonetheless, its members developed strong cultural and commercial ties. In this document, Gershom Mendes Seixas emphasized the duty Jewish congregants had to follow the laws of both scripture and the U.S. government. See Toni Pitock, "Commerce and Community: Philadelphia's Early Jewish Settlers, 1736–76."

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