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NORMAN and RISSA KORNBLITH

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income : Taxes under Article(*) 22 of the Tax Law for the Year (**) cox Person(**) 1972.:

State of New York County of Albany

John Huhn , being duly sworn, deposes and says that the is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 20th day of September , 1978, whe served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Norman and Rissa

Kornblith (representative cost) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed

as follows:

Norman and Rissa Kornblith 12 Roman Acres Drive Garnerville, New York 10923

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representatives effective) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

John Huhn

Sworn to before me this

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45 Acorn Lane Plainview, New York 11803

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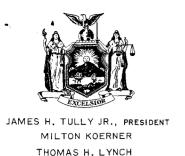
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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

September 20, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kornblith 12 Roman Acres Drive Garnerville, New York 10923

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kornblith:

Please take notice of the **Decision** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

Joseph Chyrywaty Hearing Examiner

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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of

NORMAN and RISSA KORNBLITH

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for : Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1972. :

Petitioners, Norman and Rissa Kornblith, 21 Roman Acres Drive, Garnerville, New York 10923, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1972 (File No. 10816).

A small claims hearing was held before Raymond Siegel, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on October 18, 1977 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner Norman Kornblith appeared prose and for his wife, petitioner Rissa Kornblith. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Irwin Levy, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the amounts reported on the 1972 New York State combined income tax return filed by petitioners as capital loss, employee business expense, medical and dental expenses and sales tax are correct.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioners, Norman and Rissa Kornblith, filed a New York State combined income tax return for 1972, on which Norman Kornblith reported a capital loss of \$1,000.00, employee business expenses of \$3,316.68, and itemized deductions for medical and dental expense and sales tax of \$1,345.92 and \$693.00, respectively.

- 2. On July 16, 1974, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against Norman and Rissa Kornblith, on which a loss on the sale of capital assets of \$1,000.00 was reduced to \$500.00, deductions claimed for employee business expense of \$3,316.68 and medical and dental expense of \$1,345.92 were disallowed, and a deduction for sales tax of \$693.00 was reduced to \$400.00, on the grounds that they were not substantiated. On October 27, 1975, the Income Tax Bureau accordingly issued a Notice of Deficiency against petitioners, asserting additional personal income tax of \$479.69, plus interest of \$101.68, for a total due of \$581.37.
- 3. Norman Kornblith submitted documentation showing that he was the sole owner of the common stock, the sale of which generated the long-term capital loss shown on petitioners' return.
- 4. Records submitted by Norman Kornblith to support the claimed employee business expense consisted of restaurant guest checks or receipts which indicated a total expense of \$223.04. These records did not indicate the business purpose of the expenditures.
- 5. Petitioners submitted documentary evidence to substantiate a medical and dental expense deduction of \$384.27 (after the application of the percentage limitation pursuant to section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code).
- 6. Based on petitioner Norman Kornblith's corrected adjusted gross income and the optional state sales tax table, petitioner's corrected sales tax deduction is \$423.00.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That petitioner Norman Kornblith was the sole owner of stock, the sale of which generated the long-term capital loss claimed on his return. Since he filed a separate return, said loss is limited to a maximum capital loss deduction of \$500.00 within the meaning and intent of section 612(f) of the Tax Law.

- B. That petitioner Norman Kornblith has failed to sustain the burden of proof required (pursuant to section 689(e) of the Tax Law) to support the employee business expenses claimed on his return.
- C. That the deductions allowed for medical and dental expense and sales tax are \$384.27 and \$423.00, respectively, rather than zero and \$400.00 as allowed in the Notice of Deficiency. Therefore, the Income Tax Bureau is directed to reduce the Notice of Deficiency from \$479.69 (plus interest) to \$437.95 (plus interest).
- D. That petitioners, Norman and Rissa Kornblith, filed separate returns on a combined form and none of the items adjusted were used in computing the personal income tax of Rissa Kornblith. Therefore, the Income Tax Bureau is directed to modify the Notice of Deficiency by eliminating Rissa Kornblith's name from the deficiency.
- E. That the petition of Norman and Rissa Kornblith is granted to the extent provided in Conclusion of Law "C" and "D," above, but that it is in all other respects denied. The Notice of Deficiency (as modified) is sustained, together with such additional interest as may be lawfully owing.

DATED: Albany, New York

September 20, 1978

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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