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June 14, 1951.

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter of May 19.

I appreciate your comment as to the advisability of re-writing Chapter 11 in A HISTORY OF THE JEWS. We have written to London to inquire from the English publisher whether or not they will agree to our arranging for the changes in Chapter 11.

If we get their permission, would you then reconsider your decision in connection with the introduction? We would be most grateful if you would write the introduction and also re-write Chapter 11. For this we would suggest an honorarium of \$100.00.

I look forward to your reply and extend cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

Elliott B. Macrae

Elliott B. Macrae
President

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June 18, 1951

Mr. Elliott B. Macrae
E. P. Dutton & Co.
300 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Macrae:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 14th. If Chapter 11 of A HISTORY OF THE JEWS is re-written satisfactorily, I shall be very pleased to consider writing the introduction, but I cannot undertake to re-write Chapter 11. I could suggest one or two names of people who could write a competent historical account of the period and of the movement.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 9, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very glad to report that Mr. E. F. Bozman, who is in charge of the Editorial Department of J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd., London, has received favorable word from Cyril Goodman, executor of the Paul Goodman Estate.

I think it best to quote Mr. Bozman's letter of June 29 in full. Here it is:

"Your letter of June 15th. I have consulted Cyril Goodman, who is Paul Goodman's executor, and he has no objection to your proposal. I have also been in touch with Mr. Israel Cohen, who is very keen that any addition made should not be out of proportion to the book as a whole which is balanced very carefully.

"He suggests that the addition of one section, (No. 10), in chapter eleven, under the heading of the U.S.A., of about the same length as the other sections, should suffice, and would very much like to see a copy when it is ready.

"Will this meet your point? Mr. Cohen, who has the responsibility for the revised edition, is naturally most anxious that, after he has taken

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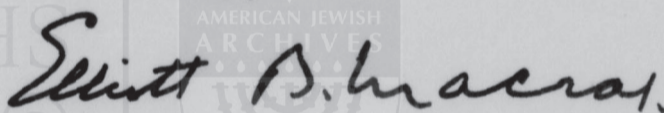
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"so much care to be concise and to balance the whole book within the limits imposed, the new material should not spread out into a long essay."

I would like your own personal opinion as to whether or not Chapter 11 can be adequately presented under the conditions suggested by Israel Cohen. My feeling is that our edition will be read by Americans, and it should fully present America's contribution to a Jewish State of Israel. I would very much appreciate your thoughts, and will be glad to return the proofs of A HISTORY OF THE JEWS if you would like to refresh your memory.

With kind regards, and many thanks for your help,

Sincerely,

The signature is written in a cursive, handwritten style. It appears to read "Elliott B. Macrae".

Elliott B. Macrae
President

EBM:DM

July 11, 1951

Mr. Elliott B. Macrae
E. P. Dutton and Co., Inc.
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Macrae:

Rabbi Silver is now in South Africa and is not expected back until the early part of September.

Your letter of July 9 will be called to his attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch
Secretary to Rabbi Stone

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Miss Ruth L. Hirsch
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Hirsch:

South Africa seems a long way off, and I hope that Rabbi Silver is safe there. I am sorry that he will not be here in August to advise us as to the new edition of Goodman's HISTORY OF THE JEWS, but there is nothing that can be done until he returns.

We would appreciate your showing him my letter of July 9th as soon after his return as possible. We are most anxious to arrange publication of the new edition early in 1952.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

Elliott B. Macrae
Elliott B. Macrae (Em)

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Dictated but not read.

September 10, 1951

Mr. Elliott B. Macrae
E. P. Dutton & Co.
286 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Macrae:

Upon my return from abroad I found your communications of July 9th and July 20th. I am pleased to know that my suggestion for including a proper account of the contribution of American Jewry and American Zionists to the establishment of the State of Israel has been received favorably. However, the suggestion of Mr. Israel Cohen that a section be added at the end of Chapter 11 does not carry out the intent of my suggestion. Coming at the end of the chapter, after the peroration, so to speak, contained in Section 9, it would look like an appendix - an afterthought, something put in for American consumption and to satisfy American readers. This section, if included, should come after Section 3.

A good deal, of course, will depend upon what is said in the section, and I should like to see a copy of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 13, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted to know that you are safely back, and hope that you had an interesting and enlightening trip abroad.

I think the best thing to do in relation to the revised edition of HISTORY OF THE JEWS is to send you the complete material as it now stands, and have you tell us quite frankly what additions should be made and where they should be included in order to present the position of the American Jew fairly and properly.

As this book will be published in America for consumption by American readers, we want it to be suitable for this country. And so I am sending you the material under separate cover, and look forward with much interest to your further word. I am still hoping that you will undertake the preparation of the extra material for the American edition.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Elliott B. Macrae
Elliott B. Macrae
President

EBM:DM

September 19, 1951

Mr. Elliott B. Macrae
E. P. Dutton & Co.
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Macrae:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 13th and for the revised edition of "The History of the Jews" which you sent me. I already have a copy of this revised edition and with that in view, I suggested to you in my letter of September 10th that a section on the contribution of American Jewry and American Zionists to the establishment of the State of Israel be included in Chapter 11 following Section 3 of that chapter. That would be a logical place for it. I also suggested to you the names of one or two people who are eminently qualified to write such a section.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 12, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know you will be pleased to learn that at your suggestion Mr. Harold Manson has prepared an excellent section on the part played by the American Zionist movement for the revised edition of Paul Goodman's HISTORY OF THE JEWS. It has also been approved by Mr. Israel Cohen, and it will go into the position of paragraph four which you suggested. We are very happy that this new material gives proper credit to the American Jewish contribution, and we hope that you will now be able to introduce the newly revised edition to the American public. This introduction can be as short as 750 words (two pages) or if you wish, up to 10,000 words. I believe Mr. Macrae suggested a fee of \$100.00. Would this be satisfactory? I shall be looking forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Sherman Baker
Associate Editor

SB:lw

February 29, 1952

Mr. Sherman Baker
E. P. Dutton & Co.
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Baker:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 12th. I am pleased to learn that Mr. Manson has prepared an additional section on the part played by the American Zionist movement for the revised edition of Mr. Goodman's HISTORY OF THE JEWS. I shall be pleased to write an introduction to the American edition. Please let me know the deadline for it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 25, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Knowing how very busy you must be, I am most reluctant to press you for the introduction to the American edition of the HISTORY OF THE JEWS, which you so kindly agreed to do in your letter of February 19. However, I should appreciate it if your secretary could drop me a line and let me know about when we could expect the introduction, as the book is only awaiting your good words to go into production.

Very sincerely,

Sherman Baker
Associate Editor

SB:lw

March 26, 1952

Mr. Sherman Baker
E. P. Dutton and Co., Inc.
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Baker:

I am enclosing herewith the Introduction to the American edition of Paul Goodman's HISTORY OF THE JEWS which you requested. I am sorry that I am a few days late. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
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April 22, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please accept our heartfelt apologies as I have just learned that our acknowledgement of your fine introduction was not made immediately on its receipt. We are most delighted with this illuminating and inspiring piece of work. Enclosed is our check for \$100.00. I do hope you will overlook our unintentional delay.

With best wishes,

Sherman Baker

Sherman Baker
Associate Editor

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