Dear Ruthie –

This is an interesting and substantial thesis and, I believe, will become a major source among psychological studies of the kibbutz.

I have gone over virtually the entire manuscript from an editorial point of view, especially, as you will see, the discussion section (which is excellent substantively) you need to clarify two kinds of things before the typist can go to work:

1. The whole thesis, including bibliography and appendix, needs to be proofread, especially for completeness and correctness of references (page numbers, dates, and spelling). The items in the appendix need to be labeled. Finally, and especially important, the first two labels (now labeled 2 & 3) need to be made clearer (including elimination of confusing kibbutz numbers).

2. The discussion section needs a final section indicating where you stand with respect to the hypothesis presented, and this assessment needs to be incorporated in summary from both in the conclusions and in the abstract.

I think you know that I fully sensed and regretted the misery you experienced in the last month of work on your thesis. I sense also that you think some of my demands for clarity and completeness were excessive and motivated by psychodynamics rather than reasonable standards of scholarship. One cannot of course, rule out such a possibility,

All I can say is that I have tried to deal with this possibility as honestly as I can and come out clearly with the view that, whatever my psychodynamics may be, the standards I asked of your work in the final phases were simply those implied by scholarly as against non-scholarly treatment of a subject. Moreover, the quality of your connection and executions in the beginning phases of the thesis deserved no less at the end.

I believe, and I hope I am not wrong, that at some future time you will no longer regret the difficulties I gave you as your friend mentor in research and scholarly writing.

As ever,

Urie