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Mr. Hirsch Goodman, editor  
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Dear Mr. Goodman,

With all due respect for and best wishes to it the "new Jewish Peace Corps" is not as new as David Broden believes.

I started one, in agriculture, in about 1962. In reporting it the Associated Press dubbed it "Geese for Peace." My first project was with the Island of Saint Lucia, the second with Liberia and the last with Ghana - where American installations were then being torched!

The U.S. Peace Corps selected the countries to which I gave the fowl and the Heifer Project delivered them, except for Ghana and its fires. Kwame Nkrumah was so entranced by the ~~gift~~<sup>gift</sup> his government paid the shipping tab, and had its ambassador to the U.S. back in Ghana to greet the fowl. And they were kept at the presidential palace!

Aside from helping those in need I'd hoped to teach our government that the agricultural assistance we provided ~~was~~<sup>should be</sup> suitable to need and the possibilities of success, that the desperately poor lands could not begin with the most advanced agricultural education we provided and the most advanced agriculture.

The gift to Saint Lucia included incubators and a manual I wrote on goose husbandry. It made the front pages around the world but it failed for no followup.

I selected geese for the first project because they can be productive with agricultural waste- weeds. *And produce protein.*

Not long ~~after~~<sup>before</sup> I got the idea and got the project started geese were being used for weeding in the U.S. for strawberries and cotton farming.

Sergeant Shriver, first U.S. Peace Corps head, wanted me to go to work for him. I did get it its first good publicity break. But I had my own farm to run.

Good luck to the AJWS! It is a great idea- if I say so myself!

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Please excuse my typing. I'm 81, unwell  
and it cannot be any better.