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DR ROBERT LEVY
DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday
Oct. 3, 1943

Dear Herbert,

We are told not to be too
enthusiastic in our compliments
for it would not be fair to you; it
might make you careless.

I'll risk it ^{and} take a chance
for I don't think you are easily
spoiled.

This morning's service
was beautiful. It really got
under my skin; it was not
cold rhetoric but spiritually
uplifting. There were many
moist eyes, mine among the
wettest.

With all that was most
informative, instructive.

I knew nothing of this "Day of Prayer," this Fast Day.

I have never been a Zionist; listening to you I might be.

The way in which you handled the recent battle of Warsaw was graphic & most touching. It must have meant more to our soldiers than any blunt statement of their patriotism, their sacrifices so often made in speaking to such a group.

Your translation of the Torah meant more to us, as I have said before, than ever.

I wished the entire

congregation could have heard you.

1. I grew in stature and form
in years ^{but} the entire atmos-
phere was one of piety and
reverence, ^{but} was most
sacred.

Thank you. God bless
you and your dear Elaine.
Your well wisher
Robert Leary

Enclosed clipping sent by
Mrs Mathews, Bahaiist.

D^r ROBERT LEVY
DENVER, COLORADO

Monday
Sept 11, 1945

dear Herbert,

As I think of our conversation
last Saturday after Mil's dinner
I am reminded of what Bertrand
Russell once said "Of all Repi-
titions Reminiscences those of old
fogies are the worst and most
boring" but I don't wonder, nor
did I at the time, that I was
making you or Elaine, perhaps,
pretty gawny (?).

Physiologically yawning is the
effect of a deficiency of Oxygen
in the atmosphere! I was not
aware that my reminiscences
were so bad as to consume all the
O. in the room. When this occurs
yawning becomes contagious.

As you may have observed!

So when you see this involuntary
act in your congregation lay it to
a lack of oxygen. Poor ventilation,
and not to ——— ——— ———

Forgive an old man, the talk-
ative, garrulous octogenarian
whose wordy chatter may be
excused because of his frailty
which prevents him from
taking part in the general
conversation. So he makes a
conversation of his own.

Yours objectly apologetic

Robert L. Lundy

G. Bernard Shaw, replying to an
invitation to attend the fiftieth anniversary conference
of the Labor Party "I'm too damn old. And being an-
cient pioneers & speakers from the past - should be
thrown out if they haven't enough sense to stay
away".

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DR ROBERT LEVY
DENVER, COLORADO

March 12, 1945

Dear Herbert,

There's a delusion - not *à la*; its
undignified coming from a Rabbi - not
Robert; H.A.F. objects.

Coming from medical friends & stu-
dents for many years because ~~was~~
holding Executive office in many or-
ganizations, "the old man" from whom
a chronological misnomer; or "Dad"
Especially by children, grandchildren,
as soon by grandparents and close
friends. Therefore from you now
what say to "Dad"?

The above paragraph was not
the *raison d'être* of this letter but
it has a bearing on how I feel.

Do you realize how you have
endowed yourself to the people in
general, to our family & especially
to myself? You could be a son.

So let's say "Dad."

I hope you'll achieve the pur-
pose for which you are in New York.
Much as we hate the thought of your
leaving us even for the duration.
Love to Elaine.

Dad



*Our spiritual leader and
inspiration Rabbi
Robert Levy to his
charming wife
Robert Levy
7/30/44*

EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY DINNER

honoring

DR. ROBERT LEVY

MAY 30, 1944

DENVER

Message from Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

I learn to my delight and surprise that youthful and invulnerable you are to celebrate your eightieth birthday on Decoration Day, or, rather, all who love you and have been served by you are to do the celebrating. I wish I could be with you on the night of the 29th. I have paid Denver so many visits within the year after nearly seventy years of abstinence therefrom that I should be glad to make a third journey in order to be with you on the night of the 29th but, alas, I cannot, because of the Shavuoth Festival.

I send you my heartfelt congratulations. They are sincere and well-meant because I know what you have made of your life with respect to service to humankind. May you and I go on together for some years longer, each of us serving as he can, each of us finding the way lighted up by mellow memories and friendly hopes.

I am, dear Robert Levy, with heartfelt congratulations,

Faithfully yours,
Stephen S. Wise

*We do not count a man's years,
until he has nothing else to count . . .*

—EMERSON.

WE HAVE gathered tonight to pay tribute to Dr. Robert Levy, dean of medicine and benefactor of mankind. In the words of the philosopher, we count not his 80 years, which are the occasion for this celebration, but count instead the deeds he yet performs with every passing hour. Still servant of the sick, still active leader in the affairs of his people, he displays to the world a portrait of life unceasing and uncountable. We do not stop to count his years.

The ancient Book of the Zohar says: "A man should so live that at the close of every day he can repeat, 'I have not wasted my day.' " Our Dr. Levy has not wasted many days in his long and productive life, but has brought glory and fame to this community and to the reputation of his people, through the exercise of his unusual talents and his genuine humility.

We toast his life — we honor his name: to Robert Levy is extended the thanks of Temple Emanuel for his years of devotion; to Robert Levy goes the wish of people everywhere for health and happiness in the time to come.

Congregation Emanuel

PARK LANE HOTEL



Menu

FRESH CRABMEAT COCKTAIL

WAFERS

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HALF BAKED CHICKEN

DRESSING AND GRAVY

SCALLOPED CORN

FRESH ASPARAGUS

LETTUCE AND TOMATO SALAD

FRENCH DRESSING

RED RASPBERRY SHERBET

BIRTHDAY CAKE A LA DR. ROBERT LEVY

LONG HORN ROLLS

BEVERAGES

MINTS

COFFEE

To Dr. Robert Levy on his Eightieth Birthday

*A friend he is of all mankind,
A leader dignified, refined.
God smiled on him and blessed his hand,
To help him heal and understand
The ills that trouble suffering men,
And bring them back to health again.
On this Temple Board his cherished place,
He fills with honor, charm and grace.
A gentleman born, a spiritual soul,
With ideals lofty as his goal.
Long be his years to live and be
A blessing to this community!*

Libbie Grauman

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