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Dear Josh,

In the flood of mail that must be reaching your desk there should be room for congratulations from your old Bio teacher. As it relates in the Talmud, the teacher takes great joy in the accomplishments of his pupils. This is one of the rewards of teaching that few other jobs can offer. I take added pleasure in feeling that I may have had some small influence on your career by providing exposure to experimentation through your activity in the Bio Club and the projects there encouraged. It is not surprising that so many of the fellows who were active in the lab program of the Bio Club have gone on to high achievement in research. The John Jaquez that you mentioned in an earlier letter is, indeed, your predecessor as president of the Stuyvesant Bio Club. He is working at Sloan-Kettering on a chemical screening project involving tissue culture studies. In addition he is carrying on basic research on cellular permeability. I had a good time visiting him at his lab recently. Robert Kretschmer, whom you may recall as another member of that group, is doing research at New York Hospital in the area of hypertension, I believe. The Bader twins are top internists at Mt. Sinai Hospital and are co-editors of the American Journal of Internal Medicine. They had an interesting career in the Army during the war. They were sent north of Hudson's Bay with a research team which did extensive work on the effect of cold on the human. They duplicated many of the experiments that the Nazis had done on victims in their concentration camps. The difference was that the Bader group did the experiments on themselves. They published a stack of reports on this work.

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I wrote to your brother, Seymour, about a year ago, but I have not had an swer from him. One of your pupils, Rose Litwin, had worked with Seymour in California. Her young brother was a pupil in my class at Stuyvesant last fall and somehow your name came up, and he mentioned that his sister had studied under you and knew Seymour very well. I understand that Rose has gone to France to continue her work at the Pasteur Institute.

You may wonder about the letterhead. Well, after a lifetime, 31 years to be exact, spent teaching Bio at Stuyvesant my talents were called to other fields, and so I am associated now with this branch of the city education system. My work is with the "600" schools. You may have heard some faint echoes of these schools, even out in Wisconsin. They are special schools to deal with disturbed children. Many of the schools are located in psychiatric hospitals, such as Kings County and Bellevue. My job is to assist the teachers in these schools in using audio-visual methods in their teaching. Ultimately, I will devote my time to making films of the schools and how they help these children. In removing the pack-rat accumulation of the years at Stuyvesant I came across your report as leader of the Histology group of the Bio Club for the year 1941. I had planned to send it to you for your memorabilia, but now that you are famous, I am selfishly going to keep it as a memento, unless someone starts work on your biography and wants it for material on your early days.

I 've rambled on a good bit, but so much has happened that in justice I could hardly write less. There are two things that you could do in remembrance of the happy days (I assume they were) spent at Stuyvesant. First, try to put in a good word for your high school alma mater in the

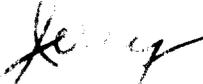
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many interviews that you no doubt will be subjected to. At least mention that you received your high school training there. The school could use the favorable publicity. Second, send me some of your reprints that you promised me long ago, but never got around to delivering. If you autograph them my own two boys, who are showing deep interest in science, will treasure them- and so will I. The younger one, 13, incidentally shows signs of being bitten by the bacteriology bug. He has launched a study of the bacterial content of the salt water canals of Long Beach, N.Y., where we now live, compared to the flora of the adjacent Atlantic Ocean and Reynold's Channel, separating Long Beach from the mainland. Even though he can't go to Stuyvesant because we live outside of the city, at least he'll get a chance to experiment in his own lab.

In closing, may I say how uplifted all of us at Stuyvesant have been by your honor. With my warm regards and good wishes for continued success in your work,

Sincerely yours,


Jerry A. Schur
A.V. Coordinator.