

14 the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven sponsored a Welcome Olympian celebration for Steven.

I have known Steven for many years and am a close friend of his parents, Barbara and Jim Segaloff. It gives me great pleasure to be able to recognize Steven's achievements. As a member of the Olympic crew team, Steven has embodied all that we have come to expect and admire in Olympic athletes. Originally introduced to the sport by his father, Steven has truly made it his own.

Crew is a sport which requires exceptional teamwork. The coxswain must coordinate the eight men rowing, guide the boat, and motivate the team. It is the role of the coxswain to pull the team together to function as a cohesive unit. This role demands keen judgment and extraordinary skill as a tactician. Throughout his rowing career, Steven has proven himself to be a master of these skills and an invaluable member of the team.

Steven first began to row at the Yale Boat-house on the Housatonic River in Derby, where he filled in for regular varsity coxes when they missed practice. He continued to cox for Cornell University's Varsity crew team. Upon graduation from Cornell, Steven went to work for Senator JOSEPH BIDEN as a staff assistant to the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1993. However, his plans to continue in politics and law were put on hold indefinitely when he was asked to cox for the national team. In the past 3 years of preparation for the Olympics, Steven has coxed the national team to first place finishes at the 1994 World Rowing Championships, the 1994 Henley Royal Regatta in London, the 1994 Goodwill Games, and the 1995 Pan American Games in Argentina.

Steven came to the Olympic games with the same drive and determination that he brought to those competitions. The U.S. team qualified for the finals with a win in the first heat and finished in fifth place. Although Steven is disappointed to have missed the gold medal, New Haven is nothing but proud. Steven has shown all of us the beauty of an athlete pursuing a dream with extraordinary commitment, dedication, and passion. He has truly embodied the spirit of the Olympic games.

I am very pleased to join Steven's parents and friends as they welcome him back from the Olympics. I offer my heartfelt congratulations on a job well done. The United States has everything to be proud of in this great athlete.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGREGATION
TIFEREETH ISRAEL

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Congregation Tifereth Israel in Greenport, Long Island, NY, a focal point of Jewish religious and cultural life on Long Island's North Fork since it was founded 95 years ago.

Founded in 1901 by a few trail-blazing Jewish families, many of them merchants that settled near the North Fork's easternmost point, this sanctuary has flourished into a cornerstone of the Greenport community. On Sep-

tember 8, 1996, the Congregation Tifereth Israel, known to many as the Greenport Jewish Center, will celebrate its 95th anniversary.

The temple's origins date back to the late 1800's, when these Jewish families came to this bucolic fishing village seeking an improved economic lifestyle in the countryside 100 miles east of New York City. The orthodox believers among them founded Tifereth Israel in October of 1901 with the desire to build a synagogue to feed their spiritual hunger and to encourage development of a larger Jewish community.

While the founders worked to raise the \$1,430 needed to build the original temple, congregation members opened their homes for Sabbath and Holy Day services. By May of 1903 enough was raised to build a modest New England-style cottage that served as the synagogue. A devout Orthodox congregation, the synagogue was constructed with a balcony for female worshippers, a bina or dais in the sanctuary's center, and a ritual pool called a Mikvah in the basement. The Torah Ark was built against the rear wall and faced east, symbolizing the hope that Jerusalem would be restored as the capitol of Judaism and the sacred temple rebuilt to replace the one destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

When a rabbi was hired, the synagogue's board of directors required that he devote 3 hours each day to religious education. Education remains a vital component of the temple's activities that include a Hebrew school, Bar and Bat Mitzvah instruction, adult classes, lectures and intercongregational activities. To accommodate its membership, the synagogue was enlarged in the 1920's though the sanctuary was left intact. During the temple's life span a more ritual centrist Jewish population settled in the area affecting an ideological change in the synagogue's practices, including no longer segregating the genders during services and allowing women to become full participants in all rituals.

Throughout its 95 years, Tifereth Israel has been deservedly known for its benevolent efforts, raising money for charities and offering assistance to needy members of the congregation and community at large. The synagogue's members are vital contributors to the Greenport Ecumenical Council, raising funds and aiding the needy of all faiths. Tifereth Israel congregants are also active supporters of the Patish Outreach effort at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church.

Just as importantly, the congregation has strived to preserve its Jewish heritage and offer its members spiritual sustenance. In that steadfast commitment to its own religious and cultural heritage, the synagogue has enriched the entire east end of Long Island. Congratulations, Tifereth Israel. Mazel Tov.

IN TRIBUTE TO W. FERRELL
SHUCK, PUBLISHER OF THE
LEE'S SUMMIT JOURNAL

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Missouri's great newsmen, W. Ferrell Shuck, publisher of the Lee's Summit Journal. On October 18, Mr. Shuck

will be formally inducted into the Missouri Press Association Newspaper Hall of Fame in honor of his exemplary contributions to journalism, his leadership in the industry, and his commitment to the community.

Mr. Shuck started in the newspaper business 45 years ago as a young newspaper carrier. As his interest in newspapers developed, Mr. Shuck began writing and worked his way to sports editor for the Daily Gazette in McCook, NE. He later worked in advertising sales and management at the Daily Star in Miles City, MT, and the Omaha World Herald. Mr. Shuck has served as publisher for the Bates County Democrat in Butler, MO, Townsend Communications and the Lee's Summit Journal where he has published papers for 28 years. He also is a longtime member and the current secretary of the Missouri Press Association.

Those who work with him at the Journal say his intense love and knowledge of the newspaper business grows each and every day. Always striving for excellence, Mr. Shuck continues to oversee every aspect of the newspaper's production. His wisdom and experience ensures depth and substance in news coverage. Mr. Shuck also is known for his attention to detail, often catching the smallest typo before the paper goes to print.

Having served communities throughout the heartland, Mr. Shuck has developed a deep understanding and appreciation of the American experience. He has been described as the "conscience of Lee's Summit" for his role as a community watchdog and for his efforts to improve the quality of life for area residents.

Mr. Shuck does not simply report on events and life in Lee's Summit. He is an integral part of the community, one of the fastest growing areas in the State. In his efforts to promote economic development and contribute as a community partner, he serves as a member of the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce, the Lee's Summit Downtown Main Street, Inc., Lee's Summit Economic Development Council and Lee's Summit Rotary.

Mr. Shuck is being recognized in Lee's Summit today by his friends, family, staff, and neighbors. We salute his commitment to solid journalism, uncompromising integrity, and community enhancement. I send my sincere congratulations to Mr. Shuck, his family, and all at the Lee's Summit Journal who contribute to his success and help fulfill his vision.

INTRODUCING A BILL TO REDUCE
MEDICARE PAYMENTS TO
TRANSPLANT CENTERS FOR
GENERAL OVERHEAD COSTS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill which will save Medicare millions of dollars each year. This savings will not involve a decrease in coverage for Medicare beneficiaries. It simply allows us to stop paying someone else's laundry bill, and I mean that literally.

Medicare was established to provide basic protection against the costs of health care while providing quality services. As organ transplants became a medical reality, Medicare became a full insurer for kidney, heart,