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off future parking expansion or other changes at the site that could affect nearby residents.

"It's very difficult to give you words to satisfy you," said Mayor Nancy Bates. "By law, we are not allowed to bind other councils," she said.

City Attorney John Donahue said, "We're trying to put this to bed and this is as strong as we can get."

The consent judgment calls for the property to be occupied and developed in accordance with the conceptual site plan, which includes specified landscaping and building elevations.

"The property shall be occupied and used as a museum and educational center located on the office parcel and an accessory memorial gardens with natural amphitheater and foot access drive on the residential parcel," the judgment reads.

But Butler also agreed with the sentiment stated by several council members, that the Holocaust Center would remain at the site long term.

Once completed, the center will draw schoolchildren and the general public to the site along Orchard Lake Road.

Rabbi Rosenzweig drew applause for his remarks to the council: "I want you all to be proud that Farmington Hills will have an institution that will be internationally renowned," he said.

Architect Ken Neumann placed a poster board on an easel before the council. Displayed on it were black, black and white photos taken in Europe during the Holocaust. One photo depicted criss-crossed railroad tracks. Another showed dead prisoners lined in a concentration camp ditch. One photo depicted the stark entrance to a camp.

"Everywhere there were walls and barbed wire.

Everywhere there were expressions of the loss of freedom," Neumann said.

The architect said these visual elements suggested a design for the new Holocaust Memorial Center. Neumann showed drawings of lines over brick, to symbolize train lines and a sense of disorientation, "just as people were disoriented get-

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*Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig
—Director, Holocaust Memorial Center*

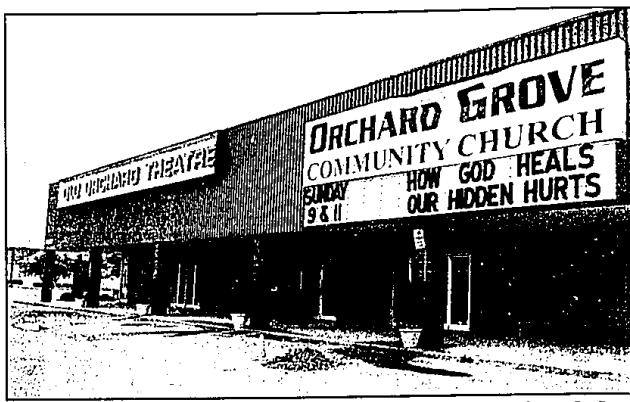
ting off the train at the concentration camp."

Striped prisoner's clothing is suggested in blue-gray brick material along the upper portion of the two-story center.

The center will also include a white circular section named the International Institute of the Righteous. This portion of the center will focus on altruism "and treating your fellow man properly," he said.

More trees are to be added to the west portion of the site. An outdoor amphitheater is planned for discussions and lectures. A circular path will ring a lake near a "garden of survivors." The redone theater will include break-out rooms.

The library is to be expanded to seven times the size of the library in West Bloomfield, Neumann said.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DREHNER

Moves: The Old Orchard Theater now houses the Oak Grove Community Church but will soon be the site of a new Holocaust Memorial Center.

Center must move due to space concerns

Holocaust Memorial Center administrator Solma Silverman said the move of the center from

West Bloomfield is necessary because the center is unable to add square footage to its existing building at the Jewish Community Center complex on Maple Road near Drake.

Farmington Hills officials approved a consent judgment Monday that will allow the center to move into the Old Orchard Theater at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

"We are all devastated," Silverman said. "We would all like to stay here but we need more space."

She said when Holocaust survivors come to talk to tour groups, they have to sit in the one vacant chair in the center's offices.

The new building will have a lounge where the survivors can

wait comfortably until their scheduled discussion time.

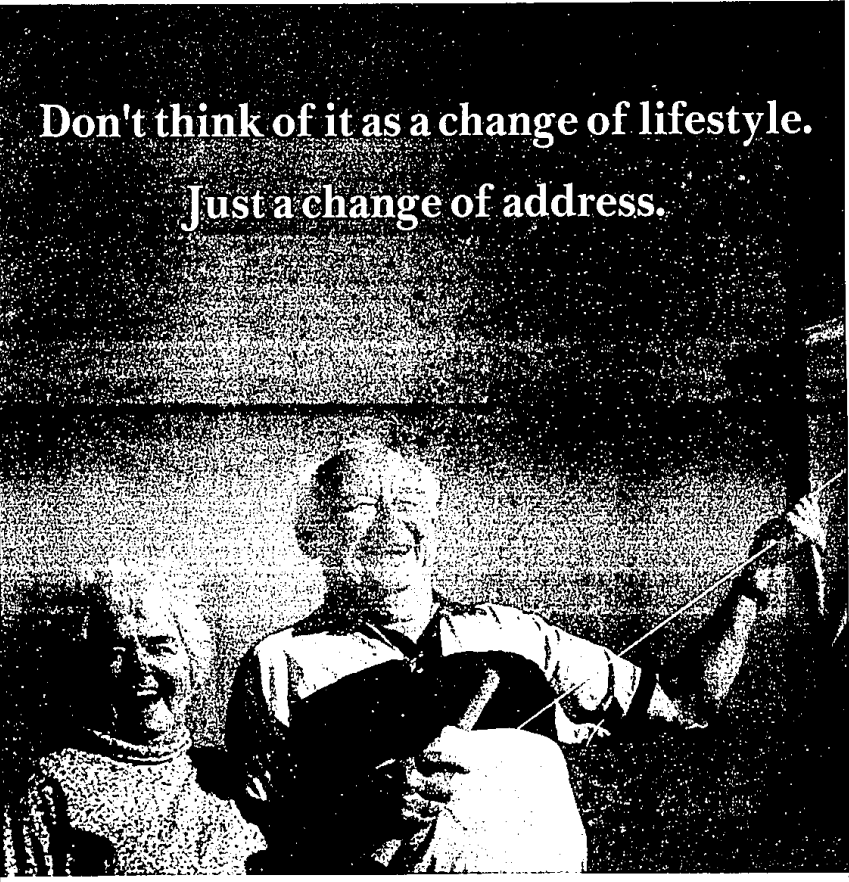
"We have no work space here. When we need to do a big mailing, we have to work in the conference room when there aren't talks given there," Silverman said.

The new plans also call for a room where tour groups coming from long distances can eat their lunch before boarding a bus for back home.

When completed, the Holocaust Memorial Center will be able to get all of its Holocaust-oriented books out of storage for the public to use.

"I've been told we will have the second largest Holocaust library next to the Library of Congress collection," she said.

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