

# Jewish community splits on parade

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special writer

The Jewish Community Center has withdrawn its parade-permit application to commemorate Israel Independence Day, after the Jewish Defense League (JDL) last week applied for a parade permit on the same date, time and Maple-Road route between Henry Ford Hospital and the JCC.

The Sunday, May 1, parade now will take place on the Jewish Community Center's private grounds and will exclude the Jewish Defense League.

Dr. Morton Plotnick, community center executive director, asked West Bloomfield Township to withdraw the center's permit application two days after the JDL applied. The Jewish Community Center was granted the parade permit earlier this month.

Plotnick denied the withdrawal is connected to the Jewish Defense League application. The change in plans was due to projected muddy conditions along Maple Road, he said.

"Anyway, most people are going to

stand and watch on our property," he said.

**THE WEST BLOOMFIELD** township board granted the JDL permit Monday night on a 5-1 vote. Trustee Raymond Holland voted against it. Supervisor John Doherty was on vacation.

The township shouldn't be involved in what appears to be a political dispute between Jewish organizational factions, Holland said.

As far as the township is concerned, the Jewish Defense League has complied (with permit requirements), clerk Betty Sue Dupree said. "We have their certificate of insurance, and everything is okay."

"All we do is recommend," she said. "It is the Oakland County Road Commission which issues the permit."

Jeffrey Sherman, JDL attorney, said the JDL was the only organization not invited to participate in the parade this year. The group was invited last year, he said.

"We've also requested access to their (the Jewish Community Center's) build-

ing, Sherman said. "Their parade is on their property. Ours is on Maple Road. If we're not permitted on their property as a group, we can't go," Sherman said.

**THE JEWISH** Defense League has participated in the parade at the Southfield Civic Center for the past two years.

In 1980, the parade was disrupted by a demonstration from 30 members of the Security Services Action Group — an affiliate of the National Socialist Party of America. About 130 JDL members attended. There was no confrontation.

Last year, the parade went off smoothly, according to published reports.

Plotnick agreed the JDL participated last year.

"Democracy is democracy, but we're a private organization," Plotnick said. "We don't really invite anybody. We just haven't sent them an application."

But Sherman said other Jewish groups were invited.

**TRUSTEE WELDON** Yeager wanted to know more about the JDL.

"It's a branch of a political party in Israel, somewhat conservative," said Sherman.

Jewish Defense League literature describes the JDL as "a Jewish list attached to a Jewish head."

According to the 1983 edition of the Encyclopedia of Associations, published by Gale Research of Detroit, the JDL was founded in 1988 in New York City. It now claims 40,000 members with 18 local chapters.

It was formed to combat anti-semitism after a series of fires and vandalism in New York-area synagogues.

"The league uses dramatic and sometimes violent measures to implement its motto 'Never Again,' a reference to the Holocaust, according to the encyclopedia."

It opposes assimilation and intermarriage and trains members in karate and weapons, the reference book states.

## YMCA highlights

The Farmington Area YMCA provides a variety of services for youth and adults in the community. Further information may be obtained by calling 553-4020 between 9 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. daily.

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