

Classes begin at new center

By LINDA TAYLOR

Classes begin next week at the new \$12.5 million Jewish Community Center at Drake and Maple roads, West Bloomfield. Located on 32 acres, the new 300,000 square foot center recently opened its doors to the Jewish community from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. The former center site at Curtis and Meyers in Detroit has been sold.

While the center is intended primarily to meet the needs of the Jewish community, many of its classes—which range from ballet to Hebrew—are open to non-Jews as well. Membership in the center is limited to the Jewish population.

Openings remain in some classes. For information, call the center at 861-7300.

FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP. In addition to an almost daily schedule of classes, the center offers numerous athletic facilities. These include a main and an exercise gym; an elevated indoor track; indoor and outdoor pools; racquetball, squash, tennis and platform tennis courts, and two baseball diamonds.

The new indoor tennis courts are located inside a "bubble," which may be removed in warm weather for outdoor play.

In addition, the center offers a men's health club and women's health club featuring sauna and steam rooms, whirlpool, massage and pro-shop.

The expanded complex also include a main hall, studio theater suitable for auditorium and cabaret-style seating, the Henry and Della Meyers Memorial Library, a children's library, nursery, arts and crafts room and an outdoor art court, dance studio and various lounges.

As yet, many of the facilities are not finished. But according to center associate director Dr. Morton Plotnick, much is to be completed in the next three to four weeks, including the gym and elevated track which creates it, and the tennis bubble.

Colors throughout the three-story center are bright-orange and yellow primarily—with lots of windows for watching the surrounding wooded scenery.

According to Plotnick, the center currently has about 12,000 members and hopes to add more. He said the center, while located farther away from the Detroit site for some members, is still within easy driving distance of most of its members. Bus service is also available.

Plotnick explained the purpose of

the center is to meet the needs of the Jewish community and to "continue to develop Jewish cultural activities."

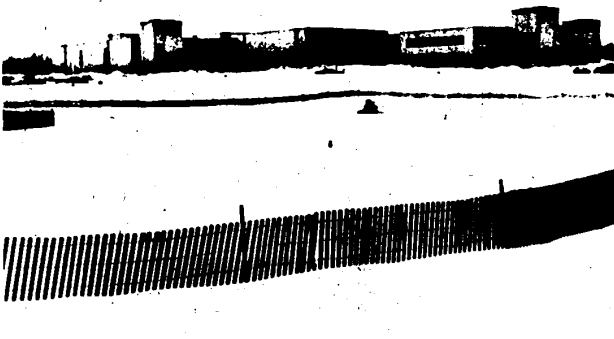
He said at least 300 people have signed up for Hebrew classes offered twice a week. In addition to Hebrew, the center also offers English for Soviet immigrants. Describing it as "one big family," Plotnick said the center tries to involve as

many volunteers as possible. Members teach each other in some areas and professionals are used in others.

"We are very family oriented," he said, adding the center includes activities for the leisure and educational benefit of its membership, including its own symphony orchestra, the secular Jewish Parents Institute and programs for the retarded.

He pointed out a statement in the center's catalog that membership dues can be adjusted for those families or individuals whose income or other circumstances preclude membership at prevailing rates.

The center, partially tax exempt, is a beneficiary of the Allied Jewish Campaign and United Foundation.



New Jewish Community Center is at 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

Oakland Republicans pass on recall move

By ALICE COLLINS

The Oakland County Republican Party will not move to recall County Commissioner Mary Mead Dearborn, whose Jan. 8 defection from the Republican Party led to a Democratic takeover of the county legislative body.

County Republican Chairman Arthur Elliott, in an interview Tuesday, called Mrs. Dearborn's switch in party affiliation "tremendously unfortunate" but said a recall movement now would not be in the best interest of the people.

A recall drive, Elliott said, could have a negative effect on the governmental process, be divisive to the community and the party and could re-

sult in special election expenses for the governmental units in the 22nd District.

Instead, he said, he was certain the overwhelmingly-Republican district, which includes sections of Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Southfield Township and the City of Southfield—will defeat her at the polls in November.

"A special recall election couldn't be held any sooner than June or July," said Elliott. "And the next primary election comes in August."

MRS. DEARBORN, a life-long Republican who has represented the 22nd district on the county commission for the past seven years, broke with her party "because of a disenchantment that has been growing for a long time."

She was one of two county commissioners who changed party affiliations at the commission's 1976 organizational meeting, giving the Democrats a majority on the county board and the necessary votes to elect Democrats Alex Perrinoff of Southfield and Bernard Lennon of Ferndale as chairman and vice chairman, respectively.

The Democrats gained control of the board for the first time since 1970. The defections by Mrs. Dearborn and Republican Robert A. Burton of Royal Oak turned the 14-12 party split from a Republican to a Democratic majority.

She has announced her intention to run for reelection as a Democrat. "Obviously, it isn't going to be easy," she said.

"I recognize there are always two sides to every story," said Elliott, "but the tragedy is that there wasn't more effort on her (Mrs. Dearborn's) part to try and work the problems out within the party structure."

"The tremendously unfortunate thing now is that because of her action, the political philosophies of the minority rather than the majority party will be expressed not only in her district, but in the entire county," he continued.

Mrs. Dearborn, mother of six children, said she found herself more and more in opposition to recommendations by the GOP caucus as the years went by.

"It is my belief and the Republican Party's official stand," said Elliott, "that an elected official's first duty is to the substantive problems of the office he holds, and his decisions should be predicated on what will be best for all the people he represents."

"But once that responsibility is met," he continued, "he has a responsibility to reflect the political philoso-

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