

Jewish Community Center to Suddenly Shut Down

Preschool and senior citizen programs cancelled on short notice.

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CCJCC doesn't have enough money to stay open.

A struggling Jewish community center in Walnut Creek is closing its doors Friday.

All activities at the [Jewish Community Center Contra Costa](#), including a preschool and senior citizen program, were canceled on short notice.

In a letter addressed to parents Wednesday, JCC President Robert Rich said the decision to close the community center at 2071 Tice Valley Boulevard was made during a board meeting last week.

"The only course to take was, and is, to suspend the activities of the Millman Adult Day Program, the JCC Preschool and all other on-site programming," Rich said. "We deeply regret that this action has become necessary, there were simply no other alternatives that were affordable at this time."

Rich blamed the closure on poor membership growth and insufficient fundraising. The letter also said all employees at the center will be let go and the property will be sold.

The center had previously welcomed people of all ages and faiths, according to its website. It was open every day of the week except for Sundays and offered a variety of activities and programs.

Rich said JCC hopes to work with members at the Tice Valley campus to build a stronger location somewhere else. It is also trying to help students transfer to other schools.