## Dual purpose

## Lubavitch students tour state

With the Farmington Hills-based Lubavitch Foundation as their starting point, 15 senior students from the Central Lubavitch Rabbinical College of New York Sunday kicked off a 12-day campaign trip to 35 Michigan cities.

These future rabbis and community leaders will contact Jewisto communities-as well as public schools, hospitals, prisons, nursian homes and other organizations with a dual message of the Jewish faith, the message is Judalsm—Ills—Ills—For the general public, the message is moral living and faith in God-regardless of religious affiliation.

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The goal of the trip is to renew interest in their heritage among Jews in Michigan's smaller towns,

particularly in light of the Passover season. The rabbinical college students will arrange evening concerts and programs — "Evenings with Chabad." Chabad is the formal name of the organization called "Lubavitch," which originated 250 years ago in Russia in the town of Lubavitch.

"OUR goal is to stir religious activity and build general awareness of our eustoms, traditions and observance among our co-religionists. Little or no Jewish activities are to be found within smaller towns of our state, and we feel that a 'shot in the arm' is needed in time for the Passover holiday," said Rabbi Yesef Shemtov.

The other goal of the campaign is to promulgate moral and ethical behavior. In the sepreal public

is to promulgate moral and ethical behavior in the general public, based on the belief in God, Creator

of the Universe.

Why would a Jewish organization concern itself with dissemination of morality in society as a
whole? The answer can be found in
the world leader of Lubavich.
Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneer-Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of Brooklyn, known as the "Lubavitcher Rabbi," two years ago launched a campaign for the observance of the universal moral principles called the "Seven Noahide Laws" — a campaign which received support and endorsement from President Reagan and Gov. James Blanchard.

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The "Seven Laws" open with the belief in one God, they contain prohibitions against Idolatry, stealing, murder and immorality. The Seventh Law calls for establishment of courts and governments to enforce moral discipline in society.

## Hills emphasizes fire training

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ment, it is worthy to note that the average member spends 55 days a year attending training programs," Shurtleff wrote in the 1986 Annual Farmington Hills Fire Department Report

Farmington Hills Fire Department Report Fills four fire stations situated throughout the city, Shertleff estimated that at any gives time, at least 0 firefighets would be available to distribute an energy cycali.

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Farmington Hills, that the response of both full-time and part-time staff would match or even surpass the manpower of most career fire departments.

Richard Powell, executive secretary for the Michigan Firefighters Training Council, said that with the numbers of paid part-time or volunteer firefighters more than triple the numbers of career firefighters (24,700 to 5,203), the majority of departments are obviously happy with their combination force. The council establishes minimum guidelines for fire departments.

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POWELL SAID that it's all a matter of how the community anticipates the need for training. Since a majority of the departments are staffed by part-timers, it's safe to say that the community must feel reasonably comfortable with the arrangement.

"In a career department, you are literally paying people to sit until a fire occurs," Shurtleff said. "With a \$1.5 million operating budget, that would mean we'd be paying 35 fire-flighters full-time pay where in 95 percent of the time, they'd only be in some level of preparedness."

In small communities like Farmington Hills, only 5 percent of the time is spent by full-time members responding to actual fire calls, he said.

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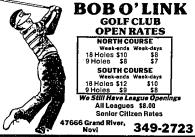
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