

## Chabad comes to Central Oregon

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Rabbi Yitzchok and Mimi Feldman, and their two sons Mendel, two-years-old, and Avremi, two-months, have recently arrived in Bend in order to establish the Chabad-Lubavitch Center of Central Oregon, serving the entire Jewish community.

Rabbi Feldman is a graduate of the Central Lubavitch Yeshivah in Brooklyn, NY and Mrs. Feldman graduated from the Beth Chana Teachers'™ Seminary in Safed, Israel.

Both Rabbi & Mrs. Feldman have been involved in community outreach around the globe, from Europe to South America, before choosing Central Oregon as their new home. They both have extensive experience in educational and religious activities.

Guided by the leadership, teachings, and inspiration of the Lubavitcher Rebbe of blessed memory, Chabad Lubavitch has come to embody the motto of "Love thy fellow as thyself" by reaching out to every Jew with Ahavat Yisrael - an unconditional love and concern regardless of affiliation or background-reviving the sparks of Jewish consciousness embedded in every Jewish person.

While sharing and teaching the beauty of Judaism, every individual is encouraged to appreciate the depth of our heritage at their own comfortable pace.

As the world's largest Jewish educational and outreach organization and a vibrant force in global Jewish life, Chabad has touched the lives of millions of Jews. With close to 2,500 educational, social and religious institutions worldwide, there isn't a Jewish community in the world that has not been positively affected by the work of Lubavitch.

Recognizing the unique challenge of the Bend area, Rabbi Yitzchok & Mimi have been entrusted by Chabad Lubavitch of Oregon to meet the needs of this growing Jewish Community.

"The Bend community seemed like the perfect place for a Chabad," Feldman said. "People may see themselves as unaffiliated, Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox. At Chabad, we see you as Jewish. No labels. No differences. Chabad is a home for every kind of Jew."

Chabad of Central Oregon will mark its opening by hosting a Chanukah Family Celebration on Monday, December 10th at 4:30pm at the Feldman home, 19747 Dartmouth Ave. The event will feature a Menorah lighting, Latke bar, Chanukah game, and crafts for children.

The Feldmans will also be celebrating the Festival of Chanukah by lighting up the Bend area with a Menorah mounted on their car.

The Feldmans can be reached at 541-633-7991, via e-mail or via their web site.

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