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R. Israel would spend days on end in libraries, searching among scientific source-books in order to determine a single point of Halachah. Or else, he would travel long distances to submit the problem to some specialist in the field and obtain the requisite information. Once he needed to clarify some technical point in anatomy or gynecology, so as to deal with an Halachic issue affecting women. He put the problem to the physicians in Memel, but was not able to elicit the relevant information from them. But he would not leave the matter there. He travelled tens of miles away to the town of Gargzdai to consult the local doctor, Judah Aaronson, who had once been a Yeshivah student.

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