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He also continued working among university students, as had been his practice in the past. For them, he set up study circles and he would also hold lectures for their benefit as well. His activities in this field created a veritable revolution, as one of the students attested. The young man had come from Goldingen (Kuldiga, Latvia), and he wrote home to his parents, telling them of the spiritual inspiration infused in the students by R. Israel: "It has gone so far that they are not ashamed to walk in the streets with their Gemaras carried under their armpits."

Finally, in 1882, he succeeded in settling his disciple, R. Joshua Heschel Levin of Vilna (1814-1884), there as the local rabbi, and the latter carried on the spiritual endeavors R. Israel had initiated.

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