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While in Kovno, R. Israel forged an agreement between his co-workers and those concentrated about R. Isaac Elchanan. The two groups were to combine their efforts and proceed under the direction of R. Isaac Elchanan. To implement this plan of action, R. Elijah Levinsohn and R. Hillel of Mtsislavl came to Kovno, and from 1883 onwards all worked in unison and were able to accomplish great things for the benefit of Russian Jewry.

From the beginning of 1883 onwards, R. Israel remained in Koenigsberg. There he suddenly took ill, and on Shevat 25 of that year (Feb. 2, 1883), the "bright sun that had illuminated the house of Israel for more than fifty years finally set.

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