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Being already renowned, R. Israel attracted a number of students to himself within a very short time. Among them were a number of married young men, accomplished Torah scholars in their own right. The number swelled to 150,¹ and included R. Eliezer Gordon of Teishe, whom R. Israel later appointed Rosh Yeshivah in his Bet Midrash ; R. Dov Lifschitz, later rabbi of Vindava and Seredzis ; R. Jacob Joseph ("Reb Yankele Charif"), future Maggid of Vilna and later Chief Rabbi of New York; R. Isaac Blazer who became rabbi of St. Petersburg; R. Yerucham Leib Pearlman (the Gadol of Minsk) ; R. Meir Michel Rabinowitz, later rabbi of Shotai and in Vilna; R. Mattisyahu Mednitzky, rabbi in Butin; R. Nachum Shapira (the ilui [prodigy] of Dokshitzy), rabbi in Shatoi; R. Naftali Amsterdam, future rabbi of Helsinki and Aleksot; R. Solomon Dov Grodzensky (father of R. Chaim Ozer), rabbi of Ivye; R. Simchah Zisel Ziv, Rosh Yeshivah of Kelm, and others.

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