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To prevent such a disaster overtaking Jewry, he decided to apply the Lachmann funds to the creation of such an institution, "to provide support for those young Torah scholars who have dedicated themselves and their portion in life exclusively to the study of Torah — so as to be able to learn without any distraction, once they have what they need for themselves, and also something to send to their families."

A detailed description of R. Israel's purpose in founding the institution and of its curriculum is to be found in the writings of R. Naftali Amsterdam: "For students destined to become fully competent authorities in rendering Halachic rulings in Israel, important and high-level qualifications are required. They must be completely familiar with all the legal opinions of the Tannaim and Amoraim in the Babylonian Talmud, etc., with the works of the Earlier and Later Decisors. They must possess keen and incisive minds, and their souls must be imbued with all the virtues prescribed for Torah Sages. They must also attend upon the [existing] Talmide Chachamim, the great and outstanding rabbis of the generation, just as in every discipline the two qualifications of theory and practice are necessary."

The objective was also prominently expressed in the lengthy title of the institution: "Society of the founders of the permanent institution supported by the generous among our people, by the great rabbis of the time, to maintain Torah students and to lead them by the streams of Torah knowledge and the fear of G-d, to prepare them to be legal authorities in Israel."

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