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R. Abraham Shenker, also known as R. Avramchik Tannes, played an active part in the founding of the Kovno Kolel. A local resident, he devoted himself to the welfare of the institution from its very inception. Without any remuneration, he helped it grow and flourish. He travelled to Germany several times, and influenced Baron Simon Wolf Rothschild and other generous donors to contribute towards the institution.

The internal management and supervision were entrusted to R. Abraham Shenker together with R. Nathan Zvi Finkel. R. Zvi Rabinowitz, preoccupied with his business affairs, was too busy to attend to the Kolel. The others, therefore, took charge and they molded the form and content of the entire institution. Both had been trained in the school of Musar — R. Abraham had been a disciple of R. Israel from the time the latter had settled in Kovno and R. Nathan Zvi had absorbed the influence of R. Simchah Zisel of Kelm. Through their influence, the Musar spirit permeated the entire institution.

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