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Several other Musar institutions came into existence at the time. The remarkable educational academy known as the Talmud Torah of Kelm was founded by R. Simchah Zisel Ziv, where Musar training, inculcating the fear of G-d and character refinement played a major role. A Musar Yeshivah was founded in the township of Vilon by its rabbi, R. Jacob Joseph. The great Telshe Yeshivah was established through the initiative of R. Nathan Zvi Finkel, as well as the great Slobodka Yeshivah, named "Knesset Israel" in tribute to R. Israel. Both were conducted in the spirit of Musar. In the already existing Yeshivot, the Musar exponents introduced their order and procedures and their Musar approach as well. So, to some extent, R. Israel's aspirations came to fruition in his own lifetime and through his influence the Lithuanian provinces became centers of Torah and Musar. There the outstanding Torah authorities and true examples of G-d fearing piety of the last generation received their education, and afterwards radiated their influence to the very extremities of the entire Jewish world.

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