

Leifer Torah Center Spurs Drive

By Chronicle Staff Writer

Kolel Pittsburgh — Tzidkas Yosef, a Torah study center established as a "living memorial" for Hassidic Rabbi Joseph Leifer who died nearly two years ago, is entering the intensive phase of a scholarship and building fund drive, according to an announcement here.

For the past year, the Kolel Pittsburgh has been operating in a rented synagogue in Botei Verner, Jerusalem. Twelve Torah students study there in a six-hour shift, under the tutelage of one teacher and a supervisor.

Friends of the "living memorial" Torah study center have expressed the need for a permanent building for the center (estimated cost: \$100,000) plus scholarship and endowment fund.

In the public announcement in last week's Chronicle (Jan. 18) the telephone number for Kolel Pittsburgh - Tzidkas Yosef was incorrect. The correct number is 421-5513.

"It is important that this Torah study center be a fitting memorial for this great rabbi, a nationwide figure, who made Pittsburgh a known Torah center," one associate of the late Rabbi Joseph Leifer said.

"Torah should be studied 24

hours a day. That is why our goal is at least 50 students, four shifts of 12. And, of course there will be a need for four teachers. Cost per student runs 100 IP per month," said Rabbi Abraham Leifer, son of the late Hassidic Grand Rabbi.

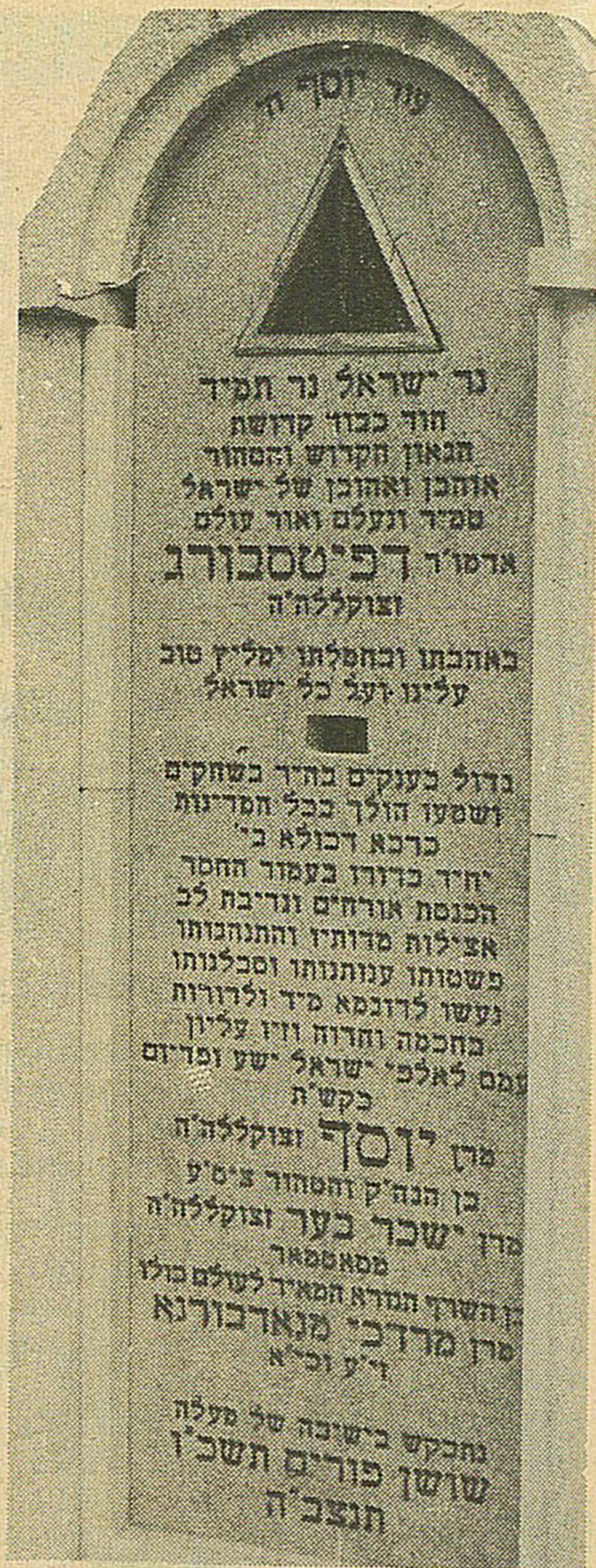
Another associate of the late rabbi said: "He himself (Rabbi Joseph Leifer) was an original genius; he didn't copy others. He wasn't active in the streets, but he beamed so strongly in Torah throughout the world as an example of righteousness over the world."

On Rabbi Leifer's tomb in Jerusalem, it is written, "Unique in his generation for giving hospitality to wayfarers."

For further information about the Torah study center, contact Kolel Pittsburgh-Tzidkas Yosef, 5807 Bartlett St., Pittsburgh 17, or phone 421-5513.

TOMB of Rabbi Joseph Leifer in Jerusalem carries inscription: "Unique in his generation ..."

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