New Pittsburgh Kollel names two directors

As the physical facilities of the new Pittsburgh Kollel Beth Yitzchok begin to take formation, the Kollel has announced the selection of its leadership of the newly established Institute for advanced Torah research.

Directing the Kollel are Rabbi Abraham Pessin and Rabbi Shaul Kagan, two Torah scholars.

Rabbi Pessin is a New York native. Following his studies at the Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva, he continued at the Mirrer Yeshiva Central Institute and then became part of the Kollel L'Torah V'horaah headed by Rabbi Moses Feinstein in New York.

For seven years, he has conducted the Torah discourse at the Mirrer Yeshiva Central Institute and led the daily study session at the Kollel Beer Shmuel in Brooklyn. He has also served as the Menahel (director) of the Chevra Shas in Monsey, N.Y. He and his wife, Rochel, the daughter of the late Rabbi Meir Pinsky of Boro Park, N.Y., are the parents of three children.

Rabbi Kagan is a native of Antwerp. He studied at the Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva in New York and at the Yeshiva Beth Hatamid in New York. He has been part of the Beth Medrash Govoha

in Lakewood, N.J. for several years.

He was designated as the Rosh Yeshiva of the Torah Umesorah (Society of Day Schools) Project SEED that was undertaken in Mexico City.

He and his wife, Esther, daughter of Rabbi L. Lopian, Rosh Hayeshiva of the Yeshiva of Gateshead, England, are the parents of five children.

The office of the Pittsburgh Kollel, Beth Yitzchok, is presently in the Kether Torah Congregation's building, 5706 Bartlett St.

Area residents interested in the development of the Pittsburgh Kollel, should direct inquiries to Dr. Arthur Rosenthal, 5711 Munhall Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217, telephone, 521-2203.

