Rabbi Jacob Twersky

NEW YORK — Rabbi Jacob Isaac Twersky, 88, a Talmudist and Bible scholar, Hebrew grammarian, educator and linguist, died Dec. 29 in the Daughters of Jacob Home in the Bronx.

Born in Makarov, Russia, he was a son of the late Rabbi Shmuel Abba Twersky. He was a direct descendant of the famous Hasidic dynasty of Chernobyl, Russia, and of Belz, Poland. He spent many years in Canada.

He leaves a daughter, Rickel Twersky of New York, and a son, Moses Mordecai Twersky of Providence. His former wife, Rebecca (Herson) Twersky of Providence, is a visiting lecturer in religion at Providence College.

Burial was in the United Hebrew Cemetery, Staten Island, N.Y.

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