DANIEL PERSKY, 74, A HEBREW EXPERT

Editor, Author and Teacher Dies—Wrote on Philology

Daniel Persky of 243 East Fourteenth Street, an authority on the Hebrew language, died yesterday in Mount Sinai Hospital after a brief illness. His age was 74.

Mr. Persky wrote for and edited Hebrew newspapers here and in Israel. Since 1921 he had been a columnist for the Hebrew weekly Hadoar, printed in the United States.

He was also the author of several books, the most recent of which "Lashon Nikiah," about Hebrew philology, was published a month ago.

Born in Minsk, Russia, he came to the United States at 19.

In 1921 he joined the staff of the Herzliah Hebrew Teacher Institute, teaching grammar and syntax there until a few years ago, when he retired to devote more time to his writing.

Mr. Persky edited the monthly Hatorn from 1913 to 1915; the children's monthly magazine Eden in 1924-25 and the biweekly children's newspaper Hadoar Lanoar from 1934 to 1946. He was Friday columnist for the Israeli daily Haaretz from 1930 to 1933.

A lecturer in Hebrew and Yiddish on Zionism and Israel, he was a founder in 1916 and honorary president of the Histadruth Ivrith of America (Hebrew Language and Culture Association).

Mr. Persky was also a founder of the Hebrew organization Achiever in 1909 and a member of the Academy of Hebrew Language.
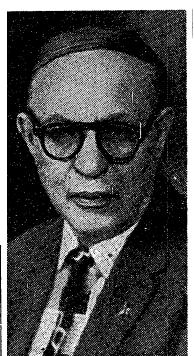
In addition to books on the Hebrew language, and a Hebrew translation of the United States Constitution, Mr. Persky wrote several books in the personal humorous style of his newspaper columns. One of these, "Ivri Anokhi" ("I Am a Hebrew"), won the Louis LaMed Prize for the best Hebrew book of 1948.

Mr. Persky had a motto that he inscribed on his calling cards and letterheads: "Eved L'Ivrith Anokhi"—"A slave unto Hebrew am I."

A brother, Eliah Persky of Brooklyn, survives.

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