

GRAND RABBI SHAPIRO DIES; ORTHODOX JEWISH LEADER

Grand Rabbi Mordecai Shapiro of Congregation Degel Mordecai, 831 Linden Boulevard, a leader of the Chassidic movement of orthodox Jewry, died yesterday in Beth El Hospital after an illness of several weeks. He was 57.

A native of Russia, Rabbi Shapiro was made chief rabbi of Burshivke at an early age, inheriting the title from his father. He came to the United States 24 years ago and since then had been the spiritual director of Degel Mordecai Congregation.

Rabbi Shapiro was honorary president of the Burshivke Society and a member of the Union of Grand Rabbis of the United States and Canada. He was the father of Rabbi Solomon B. Shapiro of Congregation Azaritz, this borough.

Two services for Rabbi Shapiro were to be conducted today, one at Congregation Degel Mordecai and the other at Congregation Meyer Simche Hachohen, E. 53d St., near Linden Boulevard.

Besides his son, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Malke Shapiro, and a daughter, Gertrude.