

Bickur Cholim To Establish Convalescent Home

The Bickur Cholim Society is negotiating for the purchase of a Shadyside building to be used as a convalescent home for members and non-members, Mrs. Bertha Zeidenstein, president, has announced.

According to Mrs. Zeidenstein, the fireproof, three-story house at 4906 Baum Boulevard will be ready for occupancy this month. The purchase price was not disclosed.

The Rest Home will be financed with funds drawn from within the Bickur Cholim and through solicitation of outside contributions. Mrs. Zeidenstein added, however, that patients who are financially able will be requested to pay for their stay at the home. Admission to the nursing home, which will be for adults only, will rest upon the advice of a prospective patient's doctor, or one appointed by the society, and the approval of a directorial committee which has yet to be formed.

The home will include beds for sixteen patients, a strictly Kosher kitchen, recreational facilities and quarters for a nursing staff which will provide twenty-four hour care. A physician will be on call at all times.

The Ladies' Society, which also includes a daughter's group, will attempt to increase the possibilities of obtaining financial aid for the Home by forming a men's group at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Ben Cutler, December 5. Members' husbands and a group of prominent Pittsburghers have been invited to attend the meeting. Dr. Rabbi Shapiro will be guest speaker.

Mrs. Zeidenstein pointed out that her forty year old group, besides planning for the establishment of a badly needed convalescent home since 1938, now hopes to someday expand facilities by purchasing the adjoining building. She emphasized, too, that operation of the new home will not affect other Bickur Cholim philanthropic projects.