

Bickur Cholim aids JFCS

The Bickur Cholim Society of Pittsburgh and the Bickur Cholim Convalescent and Nursing Home presented \$25,000, the first of four equal installments totaling \$100,000, to Jewish Family and Children's Service to aid the agency in the acquisition of a site or facility in Squirrel Hill where it can consolidate its services and be closer to its clients.

The check was presented by Ronald Kottler, president of the Convalescent and Nursing Home Board, to Donald B. Butler, president of JF&CS, at its 51st Annual Meeting held at Rodef Shalom on May 4.

The Bickur Cholim is one of the Jewish community's oldest volunteer organizations. In past years it provided skilled nursing care in its own facility. It also assisted indigent Jewish individuals with medicine, food, medical assistance and financial aid.

More recently, the organization has provided grants to the United Jewish Federation for its Crisis Fund



AT the Bickur Cholim check presenting ceremony were, from left: Dorothy Buncher, treasurer; Frances Sharpe, vice president; Rose G. Bovitch, president, and Ronald Kottler.

and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Caring Fund; to the Jewish Community Center to enable elderly residents of Riverview Apartments and Murray Towers to become members of the JCC; to Riverview Center for its building program and to Council Care to help subsidize the cost of low income elderly handicapped individuals in day care.

Additionally, the Bickur Cholim Convalescent and Nursing Home provided seed money to Allegheny

County Area Agency on Aging for a three-year period to help underwrite bringing the Senior Companion Program to Squirrel Hill, Point Breeze and Greenfield. This program has provided many thousands of hours of help to shut-in elderly individuals in these areas.

The Bickur Cholim name will, in perpetuity, become synonymous with Jewish Family & Children's Service when the Service to the Aged department adopts the Bickur Cholim name.