

Bickur Cholim makes \$45,000 in grants

The Bickur Cholim Society of Pittsburgh and the Bickur Cholim Convalescent and Nursing Home awarded grants totaling \$45,000 to two local social agencies recently, in keeping with the organization's long-standing tradition of helping to serve the infirm and aged of the community.

Rose Bovitch, president of the Society, and Ronald Kottler, board president of the Convalescent and Nursing Home Board, explain that Jewish Residential Services Inc. was awarded a grant of \$20,000 to aid in the development of a supervised apartments program, for those suffering from chronic mental illness and mental retardation.

Jewish Residential Services was designed to provide a safe supervised living experience for individuals who have been residents of the Pittsburgh, and Squirrel Hill community, who because of disabilities can no longer reside with family.

A grant of \$25,000 to Jewish Family and Children's Service will be presented by Ronald Kottler, former executive director of Jewish Family and Children's Service, at their Annual Board meeting on May 21

to aid the Agency in its effort to relocate its facilities in Squirrel Hill to be closer to the clients they serve. In addition, another grant of \$25,000 will be designated to the Agency, once a site or a facility is acquired.

This will bring to \$100,000 monies awarded Jewish Family and Children's Service by the Bickur Cholim's over the past four years in accordance with the agreement established at that time.

The Bickur Cholim Service to the Aged Program of Jewish Family and Children's Service will perpetuate the name of the organization as one of the city's oldest social service agencies providing care to the ill, infirm and the medically indigent.

The Bickur Cholim Society continues to assist the medically indigent obtain medications and services and has helped many thousands of individuals and families over the past century. The Society has helped such agencies as Riverview Center for Jewish Seniors, Riverview Apartments, the Jewish Community Center, and a host of organ transplant patients who came to this city.