

City awards contracts to Island agencies

Staten Island based agencies providing the borough with mental health and retardation services were awarded contracts amounting to \$2.56 million to continue a wide range of programs through June 30, 1980 as the Board of Estimate yesterday approved eight contracts with the city's Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services.

St. Vincent's Medical Center was awarded three contracts to extend existing agreements. They are:

¶ \$851,000 to continue the hospital's North Richmond Community Mental Health Clinic. Through a combination of in-patient, out-patient and satellite services, the clinic unit serves some 5,000

people a year. It includes the Island's only emergency psychiatric service and, according to a spokesman, the entire program costs about \$4.5 million a year.

¶ \$112,000 to continue a relatively new program of post-hospital care for former patients of state psychiatric facilities on an out-patient basis.

¶ \$195,000 for the medical center's alcoholism program which serves about 700 persons at two clinics — the hospital and the South Beach Psychiatric Center, Ocean Breeze. The hospital reports the entire program costs \$350,000.

The Staten Island Mental Society, West Brighton, was awarded two contracts to continue existing programs. One, in the amount of \$849,139, provides community mental health services, mostly for children, throughout Staten Island. The program includes in-patient and out-patient services.

The second contract, in the amount of \$363,000, is for the society's developmental disabilities clinic, based on the Wagner College campus, Grymes Hill. Also geared toward children, the clinic provides diagnostic and treatment com-

ponents for learning disabilities.

Staten Island Aid for Retarded Children, West Brighton, was awarded two contract extensions. They are \$94,000 for a base learning facility in West Brighton and a rehabilitation workshop in Tompkinsville, and \$65,780 for maintenance of a sheltered workshop in Stapleton for 25 clients.

The Staten Island Multi-Service

Center, Stapleton, was granted \$98,182 to provide transportation services for the borough's elderly and handicapped residents, with a large portion of the clients coming from the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook.

Service set

A service to celebrate Simchas Torah will be conducted tomorrow night at 6:15 in Temple Eimanu-El in West Brighton. Simchas Torah celebrates the end of the year's reading of the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. Refreshments will be served after the service.