

Mighty Mike A Friend In Deed

Sometime three, often five mornings a week, Mike Malkin drives to the Armstrong House and climbs the stairs to the Federation offices.

"What do you have today?" he asks with his perpetual soft, pleasant smile. The answer can be anything from phone calling to mailing 2000 copies of something. Mike is a volunteer of incredible dedication. He first walked into the Federation some 2½ years ago. He explained that he had been volunteering with a number of organizations since his retirement several years before. "Now," he said, "I want to give as much time as possible to my own Jewish community, and I've picked the Federation. So, let's get to work; I'm game for anything."

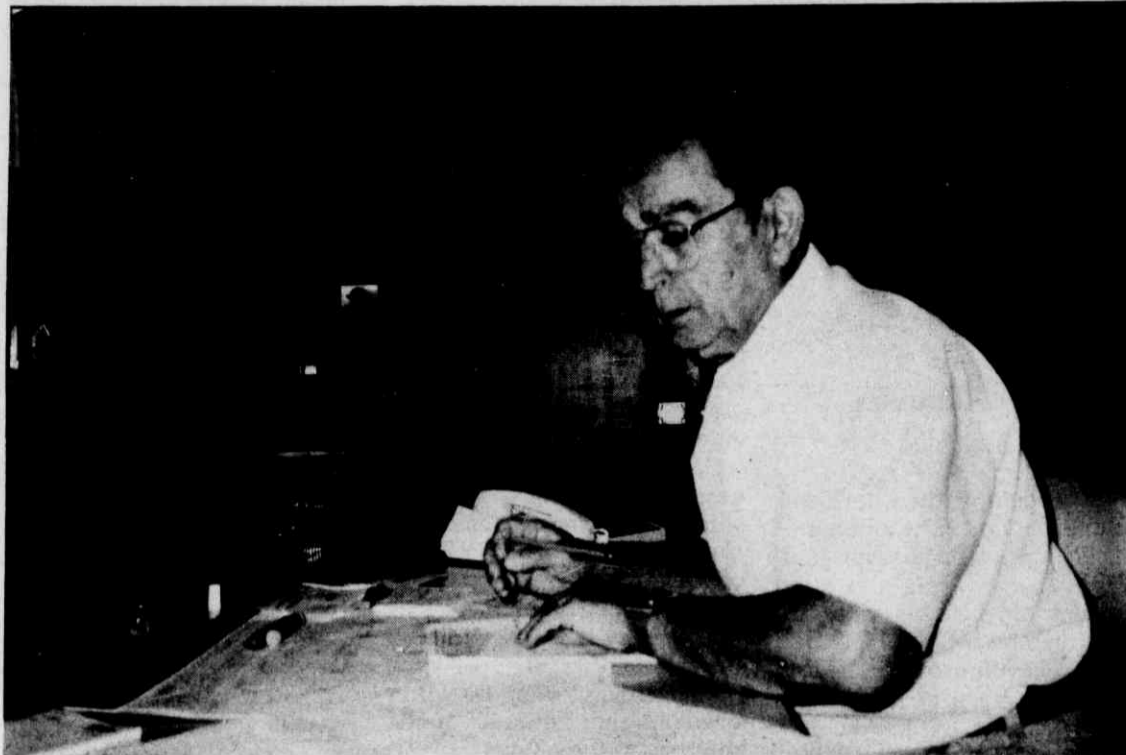
Mike Malkin is no newcomer to Jewish communal work. His background in North Carolina goes back to the days after World War II when he directed the USO program in the state for the Jewish Welfare Board (JWB is also the national organization for JCCs).

As good as his first words,

Yiddish Vinkl

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute's Yiddish Vinkl will meet on Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Beth El. It is open to anyone interested in learning Yiddish. There are five classes offered: Two classes for beginners (onfeingers) with Baila Pransky and Sholom Goozner; two for intermediates (mittel) with Raizel Luski and Gedalia Ackerman; and one for the advanced (go kenners) with Avram Luski.

The group meets monthly; for more information call Baila Pransky, 366-5564.



Mike Malkin working diligently at the Federation office.

Mike is willing to tackle any task. Members of the Board or committees have heard his voice reminding them of meetings and events. Cam-

paign workers, with long lists of prospects to call, have breathed a sigh of relief because Mike spent hours looking up and writing down

phone numbers. Getting out the *Charlotte Jewish News* or a community mailing used to take up to two hours longer before Mike. Recently he ac-

cepted the job of correcting, by hand, 2000 copies of an upcoming mailer. It means crossing out three sets of figures and writing in three correct figures on each copy. That's 6000 cross-outs and 6000 numbers to write in.

"I feel a little like a schoolboy who is being punished," said Mike. "You know, being told by the teacher to write 500 times 'I won't pull Susy's pigtails any more'."

Mike and his lovely wife, Lil, live quite a distance from the Federation, and he has had to get used to three different commutes as the offices moved from the old JCC to H&S Lumber to the Armstrong House, but when he says 9:30 a.m., you can set your watch by his arrival. Mike keeps a close eye on the Project work going on beneath the windows of the Armstrong House. If he's wondering about a spot for him in the new building, he need wonder no more. There will always be a place in the office and in our hearts for Mike Malkin.

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