

## Esther Gentle



- **Born:** Brooklyn, New York, in 1899
- Based in New York City
- Studied at the Art Students League, New York
- **Known for:** Metal sculpture, printmaking

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Esther Gentle was a sculptor, painter, printmaker and gallery owner. Her business, Esther Gentle Reproductions, included print reproductions of artwork

by Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Joan Miró and many other notable artists. Gentle studied at the Art Students League, New York City, and was the first American woman sculptor given a one-person exhibition at the Musée d'Art Moderne in Paris, France. Gentle married Abraham Rattner in 1949 and was the mother of Dr. Allen Leepa. In 1921, prior to her marriage to Rattner, she gave birth to twins Herbert (1921-2008) and Bernard Zipkin (1921-2016), by Harry Zipkin, a Brooklyn painter.