

## Ruth Gikow

### Biographical/Historical Note

Painter, mural painter, illustrator, serigrapher. Died 1982. Gikow was born in the Russian Ukraine, emigrating to New York City with her parents in 1920. She studied under John Steuart Curry at the Cooper Union Art School from 1932-1935. She also studied with Louis Ross, **Louis Schanker** and Raphael Soyer. After working as an assistant mural painter on the Federal Art Project, Gikow was awarded a commission to paint a mural for the Bronx Hospital. Her book illustrations include *Crime and Punishment*, and *History of the Jews in America*. Gikow was married to painter Jack Levine.

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