People say they love our Events, I like to provide the best running event on Long Island; I am so appreciative of your participation, and it is like I am inviting you to my home. You are my guest for the day; let me introduce you to my great uncle, Dr. Morton Berson, he painted the image for the t-shirt about 75-80 years ago in Piraeus, Greece. He was restoring faces of children damaged from World War ll and the Greek Civil War. He received citations from the Greek government for his work. He was a pioneer in plastic surgery and wrote the book, *Atlas of Plastic Surgery*. He traveled all over the world with his wife, Sarah Evelyn Cooper Berson, Miss Kentucky 1938, giving lectures on reconstructive surgery. There are very few links for his work as an artist. Dr. Berson did receive an award and certificate for his painting in San Francisco at the 1972 American Physicians Art Association.

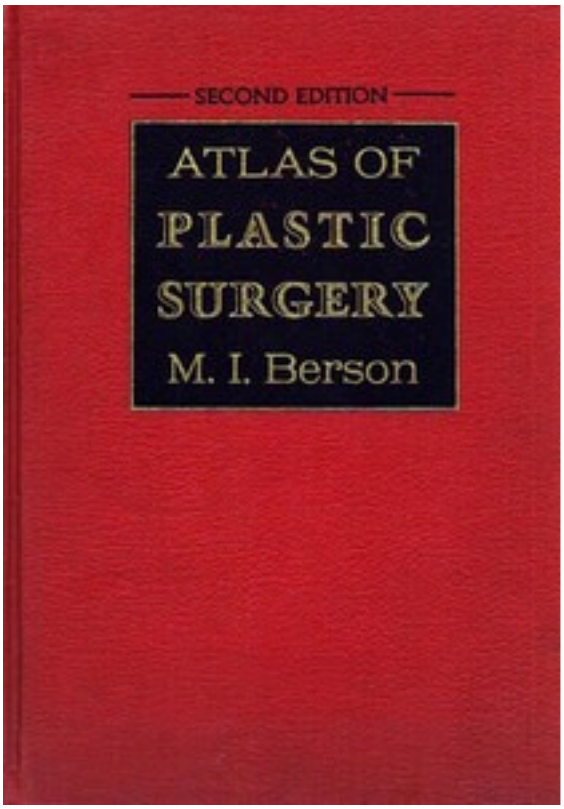
Links about Dr. Morton Berson, Morton I. Berson, Morton Berezein, Morton Irwin Berson or any combination of these names.

https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/york-medical-dr-morton-berson-mid-4661271559
this link confirms that Dr. Morton Berson was an artist, originally GPT chat had no proof that he was an artist

New York Medical Dr. Morton Berson Mid Century Bull Mosaic Art Framed - C074



"Courageous Bull" mid century art glass mosaic, New York Academy of Medicine charity art exhibit piece by renown surgeon, Morton I. Berson, MD. Signed lower right and detailed on verso, dated 1973. Berson authored the 'Atlas of Plastic Surgery' text in 1948.Measures 18.5 x 20.25 x 1.25 inches. Several tiles are missing and a few with small chips. Tape residue, surface scuffs, and soiling to metal frame. Please see images.



http://www.columbiamagazine.com/index.php?sid=87121
Dr. Berson's wife, Sarah Evelyn Cooper Berson, Miss Kentucky 1938, obituary

Evelyn Sarah (Cooper) Berson, 98, Russell Co., KY (1918-2016)

She was crowned Miss Kentucky in 1938 and represented Miss Kentucky in the Miss America Pageant in 1938. She was a member of the Art Students League in New York for many years. She was a native of Russell County, KY, the daughter of the late Giles Leslie & Mary Elizabeth Leach Cooper. She was the widow of the late Dr. Morton T. Berson. She spent 77 years of her life in New York before joining her sister in North Carolina for the last two years of her life. Her final resting place will be in her native Russell County, KY.

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Evelyn Sarah (Cooper) Berson, 98, of Boone, NC, (formerly of Russell County) died Monday, November 21, 2106 at the home of her sister in Boone, NC.

Funeral service for Evelyn Sarah Cooper Berson will be 12pmNoonCT, Saturday, November 26, 2016 at the Bernard Funeral Home Chapel, 367 N Main Street, Russell Springs, KY. Visitation will be after 10:30 am CT, Saturday. Interment will be in the New Friendship Cemetery in Russell County, KY.

Evelyn Sarah (Cooper) Berson, 98, Russell Co., KY (1918-2016)

Evelyn Sarah (Cooper)Berson was born March 26, 1918 in Russell County, KY. She was the daughter of the late Giles Leslie & Mary Elizabeth Leach Cooper. She died died Monday, November 21, 2106, in Boone, Wautaugua County, NC, at the age of 98 years, seven months, and 26 days.

She lived in New York for 77 years and spent the last 2 years of her life with her sister, Pauline, in Boone, NC.

She was a member of the Art Students League in New York for many years. She was crowned Miss Kentucky in 1938 and represented Miss Kentucky in the Miss America Pageant in 1938.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Morton I. Berson; six siblings, Frederick E. Cooper, James E. Cooper, Norman E. Cooper, Virginia Lee Cooper Cravens, Donald S. Cooper, and Giles E. Cooper.

Survivors include:

- A sister: Pauline Alimanestiano, Boone, NC

Send condolences to the family of Evelyn Sarah Cooper Berson

Bernard Funeral Home, 367 N Main Street, Russell Springs, KY, in charge of arrangements.

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https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0610489/trivia/
Dr. Berson was engaged to Catherine Moylan, a Ziegfeld dancer and he either sued her or threatened to sue her because she did not tell him she was relocating to Hollywood. He did get the $18,000 in engagement jewelry back.

- Before becoming an actress she was a Ziegfeld Follies showgirl. She was known for wearing revealing costumes on stage.
- Many sources say she was born in Texas however her death certificate confirmed she was actually born in Rochester, NY in 1904.
- She was named as one of the other women in realtor Miles Rabinowitz's divorce.
- Her family moved to Dallas, Texas where she started competing in beauty contests. Catherine won the title of "Miss Dallas" in 1926 and then was named "Beauty Queen of the Universe".
- She was signed by MGM in 1930 and appeared in the musical Our Blushing Brides with Joan Crawford. Catherine also had small roles in Love In Rough and Way Out West (she was sometimes billed as Katherine Moylan).
- In 1928 she starred on Broadway in the musicals Rosalie and Whoopee.
- She appeared in ads for lingerie and Lucky Strike cigarettes.
- The beautiful blonde often posed fully nude for photographer Alfred Cheney Johnston.
- By 1936 Catherine's career had stalled and she was separated from her husband. She filed for divorce in 1938 claiming John had abandoned her. In their settlement she received more than

$40,000. She moved back to Texas to raise her daughter. Unfortunately she became an alcoholic and was eventually diagnosed with psychopathic personality disorder.

- Catherine made headlines when her former fiance, Dr. Morton Berson, sued her for the return of $18,000 worth of jewelry.

https://www.nytimes.com/1973/08/17/archives/morton-i-berson-plastic-surgeon-wickersham-unit-chief-who-aided-war.html

Dr. Berson, obituary Dr. Berson, who retired last year, had been chief of the(plastic surgery department at Wickersham Hospital. He had also served on the staffs of Lenox Hill, Downtown and Manhattan General hospitals.

At the invitation of the Greek Government, Dr. Berson held surgical clinics and lectured in 1950-51 at the military and university hospitals in Athens, where he performed plastic surgery on servicemen and children maimed during World War II and other fighting. He was twice decorated by the Greek Government for his service.

Dr. Berson performed similar operations in Turkey, at the quests of the Minister of Defense, in 1950-51.

He was the author of the textbook “Atlas of Plastic Surgery” and 23 monographs published in surgical journals. He also produced nine films illustrating his innovative techniques in reconstructive and cosmetic surgery.

In 1954, he lectured and held clinics in many countries in Latin America. In 1956 he made an international lecture tour under the auspices of the World Medical Association.

Dr. Berson received the first award at the Scientific Exhibit of the International College of Surgeons in 1940.

https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/211939203

Feb 13, 1953, two Greek girls arrived in America in spring of 1952 and Dr. Berson performed reconstructive surgery at no cost.

American Physician Helps
Maimed Greek Children

Last spring two solemn
little Greek gilds arrived in

the United States. They were only seven years old, but their eyes! reflected the misery of years of pain and gunfire had seriously wound ed each of the children. One of them, Martha Stamatidou, couldn't close her lips be cause scar tissue had form ed around her injury. "No one wants to kiss me," she said tearfully. "Everyone calls' me Funny Face." The other little girl, Yanoula Mcntzas, or Mentzas hit by fragments of a hand grenade, had been unable to close her eyes not even while she slept.

This week, the two young- sters were on their way back home to Greece. But this time there was merriment in their eyes. Martha laughed hap pily with lips that opened and closed perfectly. Yanoula — who couldn't shut her eyes last March — winked gaily at the American friends who came to wish them well.

This miracle of modern surgery was performed by an American physician, Dr. Morton Berson, who donated his skill without charge. Transportation to and from the United States was prov ided by the Foundation for Orphans in Greece. Nine years from now, when Martha is 16, another operat ion will remove the last traces of her scars. In the meantime, b(?th Martha and Yanoula can expect the com pliments and flattery due to pretty young girls every

where.

https://www.nytimes.com/1951/09/08/archives/greek-girl-of-8-thanks-america-for-a-face-restored-from-ravage-of.html
September 8, 1951, a Greek child story is reported in New York Time, and clear connections are established between Dr. Morton Berson and Queen Frederika of Greece. The child traveled to America and Dr. Berson performed reconstructive surgery

Greek Girl of 8 Thanks America for a Face Restored From Ravage of Guerrilla Grenade

https://www.jacar.archives.go.jp/acv/contents/pub/pdf/B17/B17070056100.BAdash_0002.RAdash-0049.0176.pdf
Japanese newspaper stating that Dr. Berson is donating his services. The child is being sent for treatment. Queen Frederika arranged for transportation. All arrangements have been made through official channels. The case has attracted attention because of the nature of the injuries and the humanitarian aspect involved

A "face fit for a queen" was the verdict given yesterday on the plastic surgery performed here on the bomb-scarred features of Vassiliki Zanou, 8-year-old Greek victim of guerrilla warfare when she visited the Foundation for Orphans in Greece at 11 Broadway. The first thing that Vassiliki, called Vasso for short by her mother, Mrs. Anastase Zanou, plans to do when they return to Greece is to call on Queen Frederika, her sponsor, to show her the result of the five operations per- formed here by Dr. Morton I. Berson at Wickersham Hospital. Mother and daughter sail Mon- day on the American Export liner La Guardia. Yesterday marked the child's formal farewell and ex- pression of gratitude to this country. Besides visiting Miss Lillian Karika, executive director of the foundation that paid $2,000, in- cluding medical expenses, for Vasso's stay here since Palm Sun- day, the child broadcast to her people back home on the "Voice of America." Although Vasso, with her recon- structed mouth, was able to chew gum American-style during the visit and understand Miss Karika's English perfectly, it was Mrs. Zanou, speaking in Greek with Miss Karika serving as interpreter, who told how she appreciated the kind- ness of the American people. "America is very, very good," she said in English first. Then, reverting to her native tongue, she added: "I have tears in my eyes when I try to express my gratitude to all in this country." And tears did fill her eyes as she recounted that time back in 1944 when she found her baby ablaze from a Communist guerrilla's hand-grenade tossed into the crib. Again tears flowed as Mrs. Zanou recalled how the Queen fulfilled her promise of four

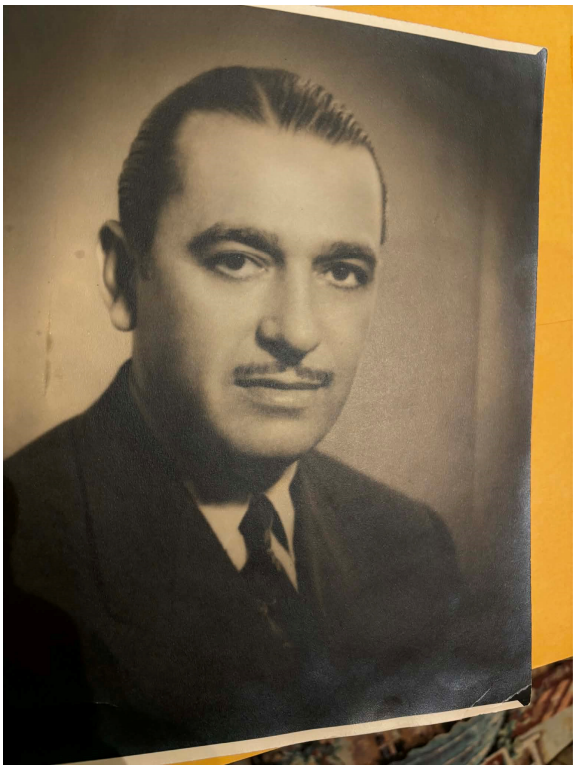
operations in Athens and agreed to donate $1,000 from her Queens' Fund for Children to let Mrs. Za- nou bring Vasso here for more operations. While in Greece Dr. Berson, since decorated twice by the Greek Government, agreed to take the case. He is now affiliated with the foundation, which has returned the Queen's check. A cable from Queen Fredericka expressing "heartfelt thanks" is at foundation headquarters. Vasso pointed to her new eye- brows and showed places where her own skin was removed for grafting on her face. When she returns to her home, a bombed ruin, she will again go to kiss the hand of the Queen. And on Mon- day, when she sails, she will blow a kiss of farewell to "all my wonderful friends in America."

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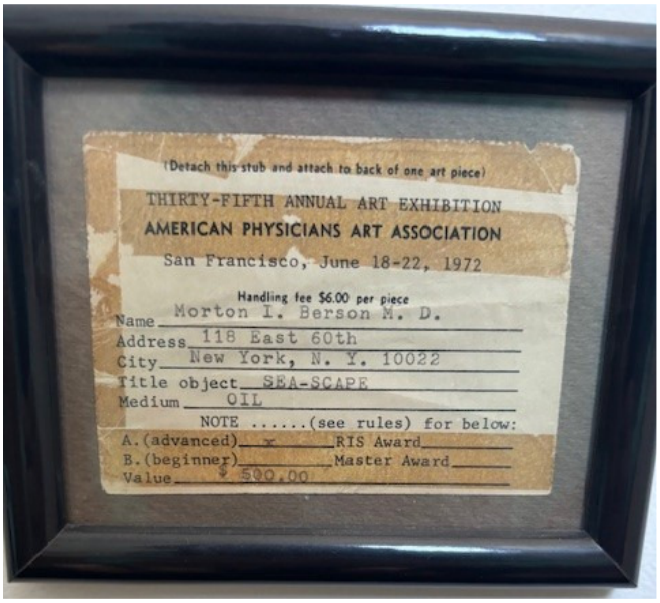
MORTON I. BERSON, M.D., by arrangement with the Greek Embassy in Washington, is in Greece to perform reconstructive surgery operations on maimed Greek war veterans and to demonstrate various technics in thLi surgery in the country. He is also lecturing on the subject at the University of Ankara in Turkey.

Picture of a very dashing Dr. Morton Berson




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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- VIDEO EDITOR to write a brief video... compile info about the following: a) children whose faces he restored in Greece, b) did he serve in the military c) any awards he

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- BASIC RESEARCH… compile info about the following: a) children whose faces he restored in Greece, b) did he serve in the military c) any awards he received the Greek government or other governments, honors he received from medical organizations, newspaper clippings about his life and paintings.

  If you are interested, please write me at richardm.brodsky@gmail.com