



Organizers Japan America Society of Southern California and Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in Los Angeles

Chiune Sugihara's Legacy: Japanese-Jewish Bonds and the Film "Persona Non Grata"

Thursday, June 23rd, 2016 3:00 PM — 6:30 PM (Doors open 2:30 PM)

Venue: JACCC Aratani Theatre

Chiune Sugihara (1900–1986) was a Japanese diplomat who served as the Vice-Consul for the Empire of Japan in Kaunas, Lithuania. By issuing 2,139 transit visas to Japan during World War II, he is believed to have saved the lives of more than 6,000 Jews. Sugihara risked his life and career to issue these "Visas for Life", but by doing so, he created a strong and lasting bond between the Japanese and Jewish people. In memory of his legacy, the film "Persona Non Grata" was released last December. We will be holding a unique screening of the movie, with a number of esteemed guests including: Akira Kitade, the author of "Visas of Life and the Epic Journey"; Nathan Lewin, who was 4 years old when he received one of Sugihara's visas; and Oriha Sugihara, Chiune's great grand-daughter. We hope you can join us for this very special event.

Panel session

3:00 PM—3:45 PM

Moderator



Jake Wachtel
Award-Winning Journalist/
Producer

Panelists

Akira Kitade

Author of "Visas of Life
and the Epic Journey"



Nathan Lewin

Columbia Law School



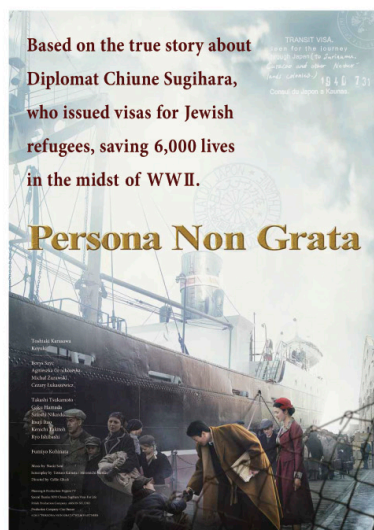
Oriha Sugihara

Chiune's
great grand-daughter



Film screening

4:00 PM—6:30 PM



"Persona Non Grata"

Toshiaki Karasawa as Chiune Sugihara
Koyuki as Yukiko Sugihara

Directed by Cellin Gluck

Planning & Production: Nippon TV

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Free admissions. No reservations necessary.

Please note that this event will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided.