



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Warsaw, 11-12 June 2015

Memory in Poland of the rescuers and the rescued from the Holocaust.

On the 30th anniversary of granting the title of the Righteous Among The Nations to Sugihara Chiune, Japanese Consul in Lithuania

Venue:

Schuman Hall of Auditorium Maximumum,

Wóycickiego Street 1/3,

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw

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9:00 Registration

9:30-10:30 Welcome and Opening Address:

Representative of the Embassy of Japan in Poland

Her Excellency Vice-Ambassador of Israel in Poland, Mrs. Ruth Cohen-Dar

Olga Barbasiewicz (Warsaw, Poland), Aleksandra Hadzelek (Sydney, Australia), *In Search of Sugihara in Poland*

10:30-12:35 [SESSION 1] Rescuing Jews in Japan and Asia

Rotem Kowner (Haifa, Israel), *Reflections on the Righteous Among The Nations: Sugihara Chiune as a Case Study*

Chiharu Inaba (Nagoya, Japan), *Japanese rescuers other than Sugihara in Vladivostok and in Kobe*

Ewa Pałasz-Rutkowska (Warsaw, Poland), *The rescued in Japan. The role of Polish Ambassador Tadeusz Romer*

Mikhail Mitsel (New York, USA), *JDC's Major Rescue Operations During WWII*

Teruji Suzuki (Kanagawa, Japan), *Japanese government and military leaders measures toward Jews*

12:35-13:45 Lunch break

13:45 -15:40[SESSION 2] Jews in Asia

Joanna Guzik (Cracow, Poland), *Japan's Policy toward Jews*

Andrew Jakubowicz (Sydney, Australia) *Suspended between... : the Polish Jewish community of Shanghai 1941-1946*

Barbara Abraham (Oxford, UK/Shanghai, China), *Jewish literary contribution to the cultural life of Polish community in Shanghai. Involvement of Stefan Gołab and A. Swislocki in publication of Echo Szanghajskie and "Wiadomosci" – the special supplement for the Polish refugees in China*

Emilia Rydel (Poznan, Poland), *The identity discourse in "Zachráněna v šanghajském ghettu". Anka Votická's testimony*

18:00 - 20:30 Memories and recollections: personal testimonies of Sugihara survivors and their descendants

(this event will be held at the Synagogue on Twarda St.)

Meeting with Mrs Nina Admoni (nee Wertans) who will present her personal recollections of the journey

Stefans Golab's poetry from Japan and Shanghai

Marcel Weyland's pre-recorded reading of a chapter of his unpublished memoir

Second generations' personal testimonies: Andrew Jakubowicz, Erica Mitsidis (nee Hechtkopf)

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9:00-10:15 [SESSION 3] Memory and commemorations of Sugihara and Zwartendijk in Poland and Lithuania

Linus Venclauskas (Kaunas, Lithuania), *Memorialization of Chiune Sugihara and Jan Zwartendijk in Lithuania*

Simonas Strelcovas (Šiauliai, Lithuania), *Footprints of Sugihara and Zwartendijk in Lithuanian historiography. The perspectives for future research*

Aleksandra Hadzelek (Sydney, Australia), *Silence or amnesia: the non-memory of Sugihara in Poland*

10:15-10:40 Coffee Break

11:40-12:00 [SESSION 4] The Righteous Among the Nations: Contemporary dilemmas and problems associated with the award.

Miriam David (Tel Aviv, Israel), *The righteous among the nations in the Jewish Tradition*

Jan Grosfeld (Warsaw, Poland), *Instrumentalisation of the memory. The case of the <Righteous Among The Nations>*

Jakub Greloff (Warsaw, Poland), *Recent Issues in Polish Historiography of the Shoah, commemoration, public and scientific discourse*

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-13:40 [SESSION 5] The perspectives of those rescued by The Righteous, and their descendants

Leora Tec (Boston, USA), *Kryzia Bloch, Hela Bawnik, Nechama Tec - the labels of victim, survivor and rescuer*

Adam Raszewski (Warsaw, Poland), *Destroyed innocence. The experience of children of the Holocaust in terms of Bogdan Wojdowski and Joanna Iwaszkiewicz*

13:40-14:10 Coffee Break

14:10 -16:15 [SESSION 6] The rescuers and the rescued from the Holocaust. Activities of Polish Institutions

Anna Wencel, Kamila Czerkawska (Cracow, Poland), *Working with Survivors and Witnesses – Educators' Perspective*

Tomasz Sudoł (Warsaw, Poland), *Komitet dla Upamiętnienia Polaków Ratujących Żydów (Committee for the Commemoration of Poles who Rescued Jews during the Holocaust) and its collecting data activity of testimonies of Poles who rescued Jews in years 1939-1945.*

(tbc) *From Oblivion to Remembrance: the memory of Henryk Slawik* (initiative of the Australian Institute for Polish Affairs)

Weronika Czyżewska-Poncyłjusz (Sejny, Poland) *Memory, education, coexistence - cultural practices of Borderland Foundation*

Klara Jackl (Warsaw, Poland), *Project "The Polish Righteous – Recalling Forgotten History" by the Polin Museum*

16:30 Screening of *Ocaleni (Rescued)* , the documentary film by Joanna Król and Karolina Dzieciołowska (English Subtitles) with the introduction by Joanna Król and followed by a Questions & Answers session

An exhibition from the Galicia Museum from Krakow will be held during the conference:

“Wszystkie drogi...” – historie Żydów ocalonych z Zagłady

["All the ways ..." - stories of Jewish Holocaust survivors]

Participants are invited to join a free tour of the Polin Museum of Polish Jews that has been organized for:

Wednesday, June 10th, at 6 pm

RSVP will be required, details to follow.