

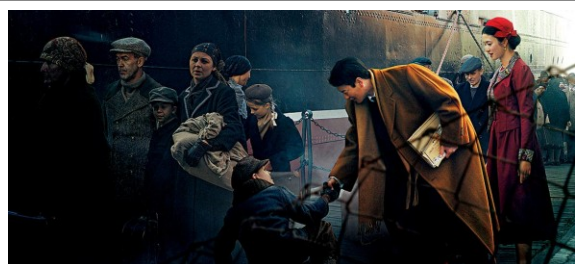
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Free Film Screening of “Persona Non Grata” on March 30 at Temple Beth El
The screening will be accompanied by special remarks by Deputy Consul General of Japan to Florida Takahiro Ogihara about the film’s real-life protagonist, Chiune Sugihara

PENSACOLA, Fla. (March 3, 2017) – Guests are invited to join the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami, Temple Beth El, the Pensacola Jewish Federation and the Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida for a free film screening of “Persona Non Grata” on Thursday, March 30 at Temple Beth El, located at 800 N. Palafox Street in Pensacola.

A pre-screening reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by welcoming remarks at 6 p.m. by Deputy Consul General of Japan to Florida Takahiro Ogihara, who will speak about the film’s real-life protagonist, Chiune Sugihara, commonly referred to as “Japan’s Schindler.” The screening will begin at 6:15 p.m.



A still from “Persona Non Grata,” which tells the true story of Chiune Sugihara, known as “Japan’s Schindler.”

Sugihara served as a Japanese Consul in Lithuania during World War II. “Persona Non Grata” depicts Sugihara’s role in saving the lives of thousands of Jews by issuing them transit visas, helping them flee the from danger.

Sugihara is the only Japanese person accorded the designation of Righteous Among the Nations by the Israeli government and honored at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem.

The screening of the film is organized by the Consulate of Japan to coincide with a visit by a delegation of junior high school students from Gifu Prefecture.

“Gero, which is located in close proximity to the birthplace of Chiune Sugihara, has maintained a sister city relationship with Pensacola since 1993, making Pensacola an ideal place to screen the film and convey its larger theme of uniting people across borders and cultures,” Ogihara said.

“Persona Non Grata” is 139 minutes in length. The film is in Japanese with English subtitles. For more information, contact info@jasnwfl.org.

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