



## CHIUNE “SEMPO” SUGIHARA

DURING WWII, THIS JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO SERVED AS VICE CONSUL FOR THE JAPANESE EMPIRE IN LITHUANIA HELPED SOME SIX THOUSAND JEWS FLEE EUROPE BY ISSUING TRANSIT VISAS TO THEM TO TRAVEL THROUGH JAPANESE TERRITORY, RISKING HIS JOB AND HIS FAMILY'S LIVES.

THE FLEEING JEWS WERE REFUGEES FROM GERMAN-OCCUPIED WESTERN POLAND AND SOVIET-OCCUPIED EASTERN POLAND, AS WELL AS RESIDENTS OF LITHUANIA. A FEW DECADES AFTER THE WAR, IN 1985, THE STATE OF ISRAEL HONORED SUGIHARA AS ONE OF THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS FOR HIS ACTIONS. HE IS THE ONLY JAPANESE NATIONAL TO HAVE BEEN SO HONORED.

**“DO WHAT IS RIGHT BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT; AND LEAVE IT ALONE.”**

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MODERN LANGUAGES AT  
FIU  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US  
IN A TALK BY OUR GUEST  
SPEAKER



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