

EDITORIAL

Saving lives in the XXI century - as the next COVID-19 wave hits Poland. Saving lives in the XX century - during World War II by Chiune Sugihara.

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Delta variant

As predicted, coronavirus infection data in Poland are once again on the rise. Recent days showed some disturbing figures with over 20 persons dying daily. Despite these facts, there are still some populations not willing to get vaccinated, with majority of the most severely ill falling in this group. According to the literature, vaccines significantly reduce the risk of hospitalization and death due to the circulating strains.

Many medical authorities are recommending the third vaccine dose to more and more patient groups.

Once again, I strongly recommend the Sanford Guide COVID-19 website to be found on: <https://webedition.sanfordguide.com/en/sanford-guide-online/disease-clinical-condition/coronavirus> with the Polish version available on: <http://www.sanfordguide.pl/covid19/>

The readers will find all the important coronavirus updates, all about vaccines, including a comparison table on efficacy, drugs and regimens as well as the link to many references and current epidemiological situation in Poland.

All crucial to save lives nowadays.

Report from Prof. Skotnicki author's evening

Prof. Aleksander B. Skotnicki, M.D., Ph.D. is a renowned haematologist from Cracow, former head of the University Hospital clinic and a hero medical doctor who saved many lives with innovative bone marrow transplants. Beyond medical field, Prof. Skotnicki is also an important cultural figure, with strong historical interests, who wrote many historical books. His most recent historical work is about Chiune Sugihara - a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania, who during World War II saved many Jews, including Cracow's citizens, from certain death by providing them with a ticket out of the war theatre - a transit Visa needed to travel outside war ridden Europe [1].

The State of Israel has in 1985 honoured Sugihara as one of the Righteous Among the Nations (Hebrew: *חסידים אומות העולם*), being the only Japanese national to have been so honoured.

Please see the recording from the evening of the author which took place in the MANGGHA Japanese Art and Technology Museum in Cracow on September 21, 2021 at 18.00, including a live transmission from one of the survivors (Figures 1 and 2).



Figure 1. Still shot from the recording of Prof. Skotnicki's book presentation on Chiune Sugihara and World War II survivors. The film may be seen on: <https://youtu.be/MkuScUbQHEA>

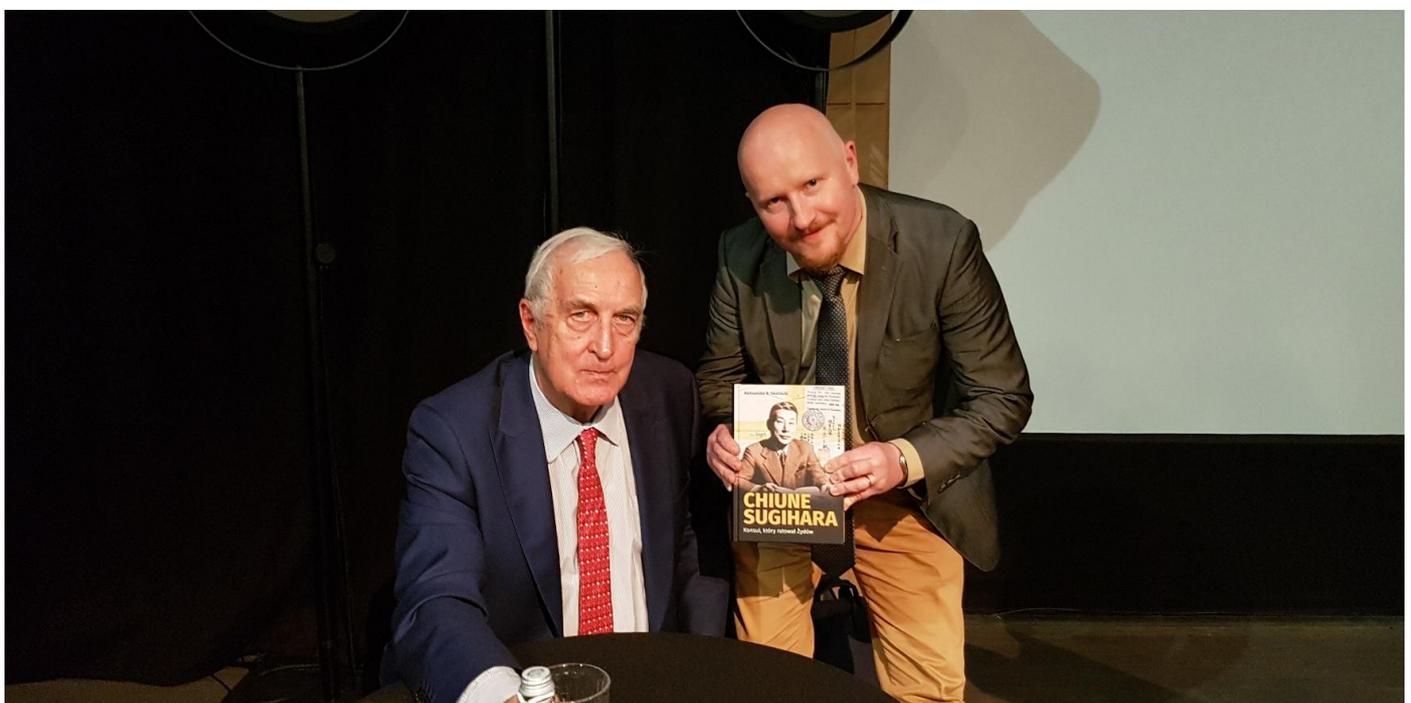


Figure 2. WJOMI Editor-in-Chief (right) with the book author - Prof. Skotnicki (left), who wrote the historical work "Chiune Sugihara. The Consul who saved Jews".

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