



# NATAN SHARANSKY

**LEGENDARY ADVOCATE FOR SOVIET JEWRY  
FORMER ISRAELI MINISTER AND POLITICAL LEADER  
CHAIRMAN, JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL**

*Israel and Its Relationship to the World Jewish Community*

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

**7:30PM / Dahan Sanctuary**



**BETH TFILOH**

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*Complimentary Admission, Open Seating*

**NATAN SHARANSKY** is a genuine Jewish legend and hero. He became involved in the struggle of Soviet Jewry when he was denied an exit visa to Israel. The Soviet government alleged that Mr. Sharansky was collaborating with the CIA. He was found guilty and sentenced to thirteen years in prison including solitary confinement and hard labor.



Mr. Sharansky was released on February 11, 1986, flown to Israel and met by huge crowds. In Israel Mr. Sharansky continued the struggle for Soviet Jews, becoming the driving force behind a momentous rally of over 250,000 people on December 7, 1987, which dramatically coincided with Soviet President Gorbachev's first visit in Washington. The rally had a significant impact on the plight of Soviet Jews. Turning to politics, human rights work, and Israel absorption issues, he made an indelible mark on Israeli and Jewish life. As founder of national political parties and organizations, Mr. Sharansky served as Minister as well as Deputy Prime Minister in four successive Israeli governments. In 2006 he resigned from the Israeli Knesset and assumed a number of chairmanships at prominent Israeli institutions. Since June 2009, Natan Sharansky has served as Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1986, Mr. Sharansky received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2006. Natan Sharansky is married to Avital, who raised the world's consciousness of her husband's imprisonment which eventually led to his freedom. They reside in Jerusalem and have two daughters, Rachel and Hanna, and two grandchildren.

## DAHAN LECTURE



**NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE PASSIONATE** about securing the continuity of Jewish education to both children and adults than Beth Tfiloh's most generous benefactor **Haron Dahan**, of blessed memory, and his beloved wife **Rachel**, of blessed memory. To help perpetuate all that the Dahans have stood for, a Dahan Lecture will take place annually to commemorate their yahrzeits.