

Dear Don, Gail and Kathy and the entire Goldstein Mishpacha

Your darling mother Shirley was a five star general in the army of students and housewives who defeated the KGB and brought us freedom. She was one of the most unrelenting five star general, for twenty years she traveled together with Leonard as a tourist to secret places in the FSU but never wasted a minute as a fighter

When we met for the first time in a hotel in Moscow she immediately gave me a taperecorder and directed me to the bathroom so I could dictate the names of the refusniks and their individual stories of persecution.

Of course she didn't hesitate even for a minute to smuggle this tape to freedom and then to make sure that it was disseminated to tens and thousands of people all over the world.

With the KGB she was immovable and for us she was a soft and wise sister in a close knit family. She was a Jewish fighter and a yiddeshe momma at the same time

She was the true embodiment of this unique struggle when we Jews became one loving and fighting family.

So it's not surprising at all that she and my mother Ida became such close friends.

Avital and I and my brother Leonid and Raya will *always* cherish her friendship.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

Natan and Avital Sharansky

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