

American Jewish History  
Handout - Lesson #10

1. Suburbanization of American Jews
2. Religious Return
3. Mid 1960's and Beyond

**Reading #1** – Anatoly (Natan) Sharansky

*In 1973, Anatoly Sharansky was denied an exit visa by the Soviet Union and subsequently became one of the best known Soviet Jewish refusniks. He was arrested on charges of spying for the United States in March 1977, and the following year was convicted and sentenced to 13 years of hard labor. The New York based Students Struggle for Soviet Jewry focused on bringing international pressure against the Soviet Union in its efforts to gain the release of Sharansky, who would later adopt the name Natan after emigrating to Israel.*

**Reading #2** – Jackson -Vanik Amendment - 1974

*To assure the continued dedication of the United States to fundamental human rights, and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, on or after January 3, 1975, products from any non-market economy country shall not be eligible to receive nondiscriminatory treatment; such country shall not participate in any program of the Government of the United States which extends credits or credit guarantees or investment guarantees, directly or indirectly, and the president of the United States shall not conclude any commercial agreement with any country, during the period beginning with the date on which the president determines that such country –*

- 1. denies its citizens the right of opportunity to emigrate;*
- 2. imposes more than a nominal tax on immigration were on the visas or other documents required for immigration, for any purpose or cause whatsoever; or*
- 3. imposes more than a nominal tax, levy, fine, or other charges on any citizen as a consequence of the desire of such citizen to emigrate to the country of his choice,*

*and ending on the date on which the president determines that such country is no longer in violation....*