



Minister for Jerusalem &
Diaspora Affairs

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Mr. David Leshnick
Director
International Academic Friends of Israel

Dear David;

I write to thank you personally for participating in the recent plenary meeting in Jerusalem of the Global Forum Against Anti-Semitism.

Each of us involved in this daily work, no doubt, finds it hard to believe that the threat of anti-Semitism has returned with such dreadful force around the globe requiring our urgent, concentrated and coordinated response. I firmly believe that by our participating in, and contributing to the deliberations of the Global Forum we maximize the results of our efforts.

At the conclusion of this Global Forum, we resolved to advance a global human rights policy based on "linkage" so that anti-Semitism would become a more central issue in the bilateral relations between the West and the Arab-Moslem worlds. If we are to be effective it is very important that you follow-up on this initiative through contact with your local government officials. We will be in close contact so that we can share each other's progress in this regard.

Thank you again for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come to Jerusalem. You are a very important part of this struggle.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natan Sharansky', written on a light-colored background.

Natan Sharansky