

ראש הממשלה
Prime Minister

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כ"ד אדר, תשס"א

Dear Rabbi Miller and Mr. Taylor,

I would like to take the opportunity of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Claims Conference, to pay tribute to its remarkable achievements on behalf of the Holocaust survivors and the Jewish People.

For 50 years the Claims Conference has been at the forefront of the struggle for justice for Holocaust survivors in Israel and around the world. Through your efforts, almost three-quarters of a million survivors have received payments from Germany as recognition of their suffering during World War II. Many of these survivors have built new and productive lives in Israel.

The Claims Conference has also played a major role in the building of the State of Israel through the programs it has funded to help elderly Holocaust survivors. By disbursing allocations to senior centers, nursing homes, and programs providing home care and other emergency services, you have helped ensure that Holocaust survivors in the Jewish State are given some assistance, enabling them to live their lives with a measure of dignity. Your grants to institutions that document the Holocaust, such as the Archives at Yad Vashem, also ensure that future generations will be able to learn from the lessons of the past.

Congratulations on your achievements, and I look forward to the continuing relationship between the Claims Conference and the State of Israel. May you go from strength to strength.

Sincerely,



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