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Ahead of the approaching holidays, thousands of Holocaust survivors will receive increased compensation at a total cost of NIS 52 million.

The benefit for each survivor will be an amount between NIS 750 and NIS 1,300. Minister of Finance: "Increasing the compensation before the holidays will help Holocaust survivors deal with the heavy burden of expenses during the holiday season."

Ahead of the approaching holidays, Minister of Finance **Dr. Yuval Steinitz** has signed orders increasing the amount of compensation to disabled veterans of the war against the Nazis and victims of Nazi persecution, retroactively from October 2009. The cost of the compensation adjustment amounts to NIS 52 million. The benefit for each needy Holocaust survivor will be an amount between NIS 750 and NIS 1,300.

To expedite the process so that it is implemented before the holidays, Minister Steinitz has requested the Knesset Finance Committee and the Knesset Labor, Welfare and Health Committee to convene a special meeting during the current Knesset recess to approve the increase in compensation.

The minister noted that "increasing the amount of compensation before the holidays will help Holocaust survivors deal with the heavy burden of expenses during the holiday season. The Ministry of Finance takes this occasion to send the community of Holocaust survivors and disabled war veterans New Year's greetings and wish them a happy holiday."

Ms. Ofra Ross, general manager of the Holocaust Survivors Authority at the Ministry of Finance, thanked all those who worked to further the process and noted that "the mobilization of everyone to promote the process, and the cooperation between them, is testimony to the high priority given by the government of Israel to the interests of the Holocaust survivors."