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Dear Birzeitis and Friends:

We are excited and honored to hold the 14th National Birzeit Society Convention this summer from **July 4th through July 8rd, 2018** in Long Island, New York! It has been 18 years since we have held a Convention in New York and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you!

This year's theme is **"Unlock Our Future"** and we have tailored our program to reflect fun-filled activities that revolve around music and also provide you a taste of New York ranging from Eastern Long Island to Manhattan. Our program starts on Wednesday, July 4th with a day full of hospitality and a trip for our adventurous members who would like to climb trees and zip line. We are also trying very hard to have you watch fireworks in this special Independence Day. On Thursday, July 5th we kick-off our weekend with a two part trip to our own East End tailored for all ages, one for those who would like to sip on wine and others who prefer to go wet themselves at the best water park in the United States, followed by our traditional Birzeiti Sahra Night (**don't forget your thob!**). On Friday, July 6st, we will have a picnic for all ages filled with music, games and fun followed by our Birzeit Society "Unlock Our Future" Celebration Dinner. Saturday will be a city that never sleeps experience with a chance of taking pictures with lady liberty and walking the fast lane at Times Square known as the home of the New Year's Eve ball drop and the crossroads of the World; we will conclude the day with Gala Banquet with our special guest and Keynote Speaker Nadia Hijab, co-founder and President of Al-Shabaka, the Palestinian Policy Network.

Our program is filled with activities for all age groups, including craft sessions, swimming activities, paint, and casino night. Our discussion panels will focus on the development of Birzeit, Land Rights and Economic Development.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the Convention brochure and the following forms that we would like you to return as soon as possible, but no later than **Thursday, May 31, 2018**:

1. **Registration Form:** Special Early Registration Package pricing for members who complete their registration by May 31st. Register by mail or online at www.birzeitconvention.com.
2. **Sponsorship Form:** We look forward to your generous Convention Sponsorship contributions.
3. **Ad-Book Form:** We look forward to seeing your support, tributes, and ad messages in our Convention Ad-Book this year!

Birzeit Society has locked in the unbeatable rate of **\$129.00 per night** at the Long Island Marriott from *July 1st – July 11th, 2018*. The hotel is offering the same rate 3 days pre/post-convention, based on availability. After May 1st, a late fee may be applied to each room. **The cut-off date to reserve a room is Wednesday, June 20, 2018.** *Discounted room rates are limited.* There will be no room availability at this rate anywhere after this cut-off date as hotel resides next to Nassau Coliseum home to many famous concerts and sports teams. (To give you an idea of the room situation, non-discounted room rates at the same Marriott for that week are booking at almost \$300 a night on Hotels.com, so book early!!)

You can also register for the Convention and hotel rooms on-line at www.birzeitconvention.com. Also, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BirzeitConvention2018 for up-to-date Convention information.

We are so excited to see you in New York!

Sincerely,

Samer Rabie
2018 Convention Chair

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الأعضاء أبناء بيرزيت وأصدقائهم،

نرجوا من الله تعالى أن تصلكم رسالتنا هذه وأنتم في تمام الصحة والسعادة.

نود أن نحثكم جميعاً بأن تخططوا من الآن لحضور مؤتمر جمعية بيرزيت الرابع عشر، حيث سيسعدنا حضوركم في تجمعنا العائلي في نيويورك.

سيعقد المؤتمر رقم ١٤ في الفترة ما بين يوم الأربعاء ٤ تموز ويوم الأحد ٨ تموز، ٢٠١٨ في مركز مدينة نيويورك بولاية نيويورك وذلك بفندق «ماريوت لونج آيلند». ستشمل فعاليات المؤتمر رحلات إلى مانهتن المدينة التي لا تنام، سنبحر فيها الا تمثال الحرية، ويوم كامل في منتزه مائي المليء بالإثارة لجميع الأعمار، وغير ذلك الكثير.

سيسعد الجالية البيرزيتية في نيويورك أن تستضيف أهلنا وأصدقائهم. كما ويسعدنا أن تكون فعالياتنا في فندق فاخر يقع بمسافة قريبا من مدينة نيويورك المليئة بالإثارة، حيث الكثير من ناطحات السحاب و المطاعم الفاخرة المختلفة.

جميع المعلومات موجودة داخل هذا المغلف. بمكنكم التسجيل عن طريق ارسال أوراق للفعاليات التي ترغبون بالبريد او عن طريق الكمبيوتر.

إسحبوا معكم جميع أفراد العائلة والأصدقاء لحضور مؤتمر بمثابة الإجازة العمر.

يسعدنا دائما أن نكون بمعيتكم.

المخلص،

سامر ربيع - رئيس لجنة المؤتمر