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Vos tut zich in Minneapolis?

The Ninth International Association of Yiddish Clubs (IAYC) Conference will be held here in Minneapolis on Thursday, June 2nd to Sunday, June 5th, 2005. The conference closes at noon on Sunday, but we shall offer an optional tour of Minneapolis, and St. Paul with a visit to the Sabes JCC to see the Jewish Historical Society. One tour will stop at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts to see the Judaica Collection. Come early or stay a few days after the conference. The Doubletree Hotel will honor the convention rates.

Minnesota has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida, and Hawaii combined. We are called the *State of 10,000 Lakes*. We have a beautiful chain of lakes and parkways right here in the city. Free nightly concerts are offered at the Lake Harriet bandshell during the summer.

The Mississippi River winds its way through the city. Learn about the early days of *The Flour Capital of the World* at the Mill City Museum which opened in 2003. Also located near the river on the University of Minnesota campus is the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum. This stainless steel building, designed by internationally acclaimed architect Frank Gehry, presents contemporary issues in art and cultures and admission is free.

The Minneapolis Institute of Art houses more than 100,000 works of art spanning 5000 years of world history. The Walker Art Gallery is currently adding more space for its collections of 20th Century American and international art. Right across the street from the Walker is the largest sculpture garden in the country and worth a visit and leisurely stroll.

Are you a shopper? There's no sales tax on clothing in Minnesota. We have a pedestrian friendly Nicollet Mall downtown. There is upscale shopping in Edina or at the wonderful shops at the Galleria near the Southdale Mall. Our hotel is located near the

Ridgedale Mall in St. Louis Park. The complimentary shuttle at the hotel will drive you to any spot within a five-mile radius of the hotel. We have the Uptown area in south Minneapolis with funky boutiques, nightlife, restaurants, and great people watching. Oh, don't forget, the Mall of America in Bloomington. It has hundreds of shops, an inside amusement park, and many eateries. If you wish to attend a Friday night service at a Shul—no problem, the shuttle will take you and pick you up.

The hotel is minutes away from the nation's largest award winning regional theatre, The Guthrie. The Hennepin Avenue Theatre District downtown stages Broadway shows and other performances at the Historic State Theatre, the Orpheum, and the Pantages Theatres. The Twin Cities is home of the nations largest and most distinguished theater for youth and family—The Children's Theater Company.

These are just a few of the attractions in Minneapolis. Our sister city and state capitol, St. Paul, also has the very fine Ordway Theatre and an excellent science and children's museum.

Bring your bathing suit. The Doubletree Hotel has an indoor pool and exercise room. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the conference. For lunch breaks, there is a restaurant at the hotel, or for Asian or Indian food, a Dairy Queen, a light subway sandwich, bagels or burgers, they are within walking distance—half block to a block from the hotel.

If you have any questions or special needs that we can address, please let us know ahead of time and we'll try to accommodate you. Next month you'll learn about our exciting theme and tribute publication.

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