

**Ambassador Toolkit – Reporting Summary** Host name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Group stats: Number of attendees: 12 Number born and raised in Edmonton 10

Number who moved to Edmonton 2 Average length of time in the city (years) 16

**Review the discussion notes and highlight points/themes of the discussion.**

**1. What brought you to Edmonton? How long have you been here?**

1. parents

**2. How do you find Jewish community life generally in Edmonton?**

1. Lots happening – NCSY, March of Living, BBYO
2. BBYO membership/program suffering because there is no common space to gather (parents don't always want to host)
  - a. Some people not comfortable going to other's house – maybe they don't know them very well; for new members it's more intimidating
  - b. Inconsistency of program space makes it hard – people don't always know where to go
3. Convention attendance suffering since we can only hold hotel conventions here

**3. Thinking of your aspirations/expectations of community life, what would you like to see the community offer that would enrich your Jewish life? Do you see any challenges/barriers to realizing those aspirations?**

1. A gathering place for teens
2. A gathering place for all community members – take classes
3. Meeting space, gym for sports programs, library, “a place to create memories”, fitness class/dance studio

**4. What value might there be in having a central gathering place for the Jewish community, and what purpose(s) might it serve?**

1. Value – can interact with others; target group for facility should be young families
2. Share space with another westend institution
3. Put a coffee shop (Starbucks, Second Cup) in facility and it will draw people

**HOST FEEDBACK:** Members were very engaged and passionate about what the loss of the JCC has meant to the program (negative impact). Predominate feeling was that a neutral central gathering space would help BBYO reach more members; location consistency for programming would improve involvement

