

# BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH SERVICE



TELEM volunteers making banana bread for local shelters



## TEEN AND PRE-TEEN SERVICE-LEARNING

**TELEM continues to engage pre-teens and teens in service learning – 741 this past year alone. This year, we offered additional opportunities for participants to join our efforts, through six service day projects.**

One of these projects took place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when TELEM partnered with Jewish Teen Initiative (JTI) for a lasagna and banana bread making activity, benefiting shelters across the MetroWest. TELEM also updated its service learning curricula to respond to changing educational needs and to forge a compelling connection between social action and Judaism.



GBJCL partnered with a JCDs middle school student to host an author visit with Brighton students

## EXPANDING LITERACY ACCESS AND RESOURCES

GBJCL continues to expand its volunteer engagement options to best serve under-resourced elementary schools throughout Greater Boston. This fall, GBJCL distributed thousands of new books from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, with literacy activity kits, into the hands of students throughout Greater Boston. The program also developed a new partnership with Epstein Hillel Day School to support the Lynn Public Schools and partnered with Temple Israel of Boston to serve the pre-school at the Children's Services of Roxbury. Building upon our B'nai Mitzvah book drive project, GBJCL supported a middle school student to raise over \$1,100 for books and, with the help of Wondermore Boston, brought an author visit to Brighton students.



ReachOut! volunteers celebrating Hanukkah with Hebrew Senior Life residents.

## YOUNG ADULTS ENGAGING IN SERVICE FOR THE BROADER COMMUNITY

In response to a call from our young professionals who crave more opportunities to volunteer and build their own Jewish community, ReachOut!'s "Drop-in" young adult service programs enable participants to volunteer in ways that fit their busy schedules and join other volunteers for Shabbat dinners and socials. This inclusive model invites a wider swath of volunteers into the ReachOut! community and provides opportunities for them to act on their Jewish values, with like-minded peers. This year, the model has taken off with 40% of our fall cycle volunteers taking advantage of the flexible structure.