

# LITERACY MITZVAH PROJECT OPTIONS



The literacy mitzvah project is for students who are preparing for their b'nai mitzvah to participate in service and advocacy through literacy. There are a variety of options from which to choose. Options can also be combined!

## A Program of the Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy

### DIRECT SERVICE

#### SCHOOL VISITS

With GBJCL support, visit students in a public school classroom; visits can include tutoring, helping the teacher, or any other support the school needs.

#### LIBRARY SUPPORT

Many school libraries have had to close due to lack of resources and support. Another project a b'nai mitzvah student can participate in is cataloging and re-shelving books in local school libraries that are being revived.

#### AFTERSCHOOL VOLUNTEER

We can recommend organizations to contact for afterschool volunteer opportunities.

#### PEN PALS

Become a pen pal with a student at a public school to share words of encouragement in literacy learning and/or read a book together to build relationships across communities.

### RESOURCE SUPPORT

#### AUTHOR VISIT

Engage with Wondermore Boston to select an author/illustrator to share with students. This option requires the b'nai mitzvah student to fundraise a minimum of \$500 for an author to visit.

#### BOOK DRIVES

The b'nai mitzvah student can organize a book drive or donate books to benefit a classroom, school or community library.

#### AMAZON WISH LIST

Partner with a local school library and create an Amazon wish list that meets the needs of the school. Send out the Amazon wish list to your community to make purchases and support the school.

#### GET INVOLVED WITH GBJCL

Develop a project with your synagogue's GBJCL Team Leader to support the local public school; help the JCRC staff with GBJCL projects including book donation organizing and other needs.

Please contact **GBJCL Director Becca Shimshak** at [rshimshak@jrcrboston.org](mailto:rshimshak@jrcrboston.org) or 646-872-6113 if you are interested or have any questions.

