

## Congratulations to our B'nai Mitzvah



### Jacob Linder

Jacob Linder, son of Craig and Michele Linder, will become a bar mitzvah on October 17. Jacob is in the eighth grade at Elysian Charter School in his hometown of Hoboken. He enjoys playing Dungeons & Dragons, soccer, tennis, and rugby. His favorite subject in school is history, as his membership in the debate club would suggest -- he could talk your ear off for hours!

Judaism is an important part of Jacob's life: He is an active member of the Temple Beth-El youth group, and he loves going on hikes and swimming in the lake with his friends during his summers at Camp Harlam. Jake has also been to Israel twice, each time with a different set of grandparents!

Jacob's favorite part of preparing for his bar mitzvah has been practicing his Torah portions to the tunes of different songs, including much of the Hamilton soundtrack. His three younger sisters particularly enjoy it when he sings his Torah portions in the style of "Let It Go" and "Into the Unknown" from the Frozen movies.

Despite the five-month-long Covid delay, Jacob is excited for his bar mitzvah to finally be here. Even though the service will be virtual, he is eager to share this important day with all of his family and friends! He'd love to thank his whole family, Rabbi Moritt, Cantor Wallach, and Morah Marian for helping him study and prepare!

Mazel tov, Jacob!

### Alex Ackman

Alexander Ackman will become a bar mitzvah on October 24. Alex is an Eighth Grader at MS 4 in Jersey City and his favorite subject in school is Social Studies. Outside of school, he is a winger for the Cedar Stars soccer team in Newark and an avid supporter of Liverpool in the English Premier League. He is also a creative chef and adventurous eater.

Alex's family joined Temple Beth-El in 2016 and he began Hebrew School that year. His favorite Jewish activities have included celebrating Jewish holidays with his family and Temple Beth-El community and learning with his friends at Hebrew School. He is also happy to have begun participating in Fun Club activities with Welcome Home, an organization devoted to supporting refugees, asylees and asylum-seekers in the Jersey City area, which he learned about through the Temple Beth-El community. After his Bar Mitzvah, Alex hopes to continue his participation in Jewish life by attending Temple Beth-El events and services and participating in its public service opportunities.

In preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, Alex particularly enjoyed writing his D'var Torah. He would like to thank Rabbi Moritt, Morah Marian, Cantor Wallach, and his parents for helping him along the way.

