ALUMNI WEEKEND 2012:
SATURDAY NIGHT ALL STAR BBQ
Rabbi at White House for Chanukah

By Laura E. Franzini, Boston Globe (excerpted)

Rabbi Laurence Bazer got the chance of a lifetime when he participated in the White House Menorah lighting to celebrate the sixth night of Chanukah on Thursday, December 13, 2012.

Bazer, who has served Temple Beth Shalom in Framingham for 10 years and is the Joint Forces Chaplain for the Massachusetts National Guard, was asked to light candles at the Chanukah celebration, and flew down to Washington, D.C., with his daughter, Eliana, 13.

“It was amazing and beyond,” Bazer said of the experience. “I felt this was a wonderful way to honor our service members, especially our Jewish service members.”

Bazer’s wife, Leslie, and son, Oren, 15, represented the chaplain at the White House Chanukah celebration last year. Bazer had been unable to attend because he was serving a six-month deployment to Afghanistan with the 26th Yankee Brigade of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Bazer said he felt he was representing numerous communities as he lit the White House menorah. As the first Jewish chaplain of the state’s National Guard in 350 years, he said he was not only representing the Guard (and on its 376th birthday, no less), but his congregation and the Massachusetts community as well.

“As I was lighting it, that’s what I was thinking about,” he said.

The 90-year-old menorah used in the ceremony came from the Temple Israel synagogue in Long Beach, New York, which was badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy, the White House wrote on its blog. The celebration served as a tribute to acts of resilience and optimism, tying in with the themes of the original Chanukah story, the blog says.

Bazer said the Chanukah message is as true today as ever.

“There’s a lot of darkness in the world,” Bazer said. “It’s really important that all people work together to bring light and hope to the world.”
Once upon a time, Camp Bauercrest had "The Maccabean Honor Society" aka "the Maccabeans" (Macs for short). If you have heard of them, you are either old, getting old, or consumed by Crest trivia. I don't know when it started, but I would guess it was initiated by Uncle Joe and/or counselors who were overzealous fraternity members. Bibs has reminded me that it ended after the 1970 season. Peter Harris was the last President, Steve Levine was VP, Steve Feldberg was Secretary and Ken Sorkin and I were the counselor advisors.

So, what was it? It was intended to recognize the "best" campers in the junior and senior groups--for whom, I guess, the honor roll was not enough. (The group leaders of the junior and senior groups were the advisors.) In the 1959 yearbook, the President of the Maccabeans, James Galkin, wrote: "The greatest honor a Junior or Senior is able to obtain at camp is admission to the Maccabean Honor Society. The society, based on sportsmanship, loyalty, leadership, character, spirit, and service, is the goal of every Bauercrest camper." As you can imagine, those criteria are difficult to apply. Inevitably, there were debates about why Aaron was selected and why Zeke was not. In fact, part in protest and part in fun, some campers formed an unofficial counter-group, called the "Dorks."

The official selection ceremony of Macs was a big deal. As I recall, the entire camp lined up in a circle, at the flagpole and a Maccabean ran around behind the circle of bent over campers until he was behind a new member, yelled out his name, and pushed him into the center. This ceremony was called a "Mac Tap." In other words, you were "tapped into" the Macs. In order to become a "permanent Mac" one had to accumulate 4 taps. The latter three involved having your name read in front of the camp, as having received your 2nd - 4th taps. Only the initial tap got you "pushed into the circle." The catch was, there were only 3 Mac taps each summer. Thus, to become a permanent Mac, a camper had to be at camp for at least 2 summers...longer if (like Adam Laipson... 60's guys will know who this is) you were a perennial 1 month camper. In any summer, approximately 20 campers were Maccabeans-about one in six. Every yearbook had a column written by the presidents, and a picture of the Maccabeans. The Macs were also issued Camp Bauercrest Maccabean Honor Society tee shirts with the Mac logo on it.

What did they do? Not very much. They provided some service to the camp, such as running a "carnival" to raise money for a charitable cause. There was also "Mac Day" during the last week of camp when the Macs acted as counselors so that the counselors could get the camp ready for closing. Finally, and perhaps the best part of being a Mac was the Mac trip. Over the years there were trips to Boston, Ogunquit, and Brunswick. (The Dorks threatened trips to Chelsea and the Amesbury cemetery!) The latter two included going to the beach, eating out, and attending a play. In those days, trips of this magnitude were big deals. Maccabeans---R.I.P.

Bauercrest Alumnus Len Glick is still a professor in the newly named D'Amore-McKim School of Business at Northeastern University. He invites alums, children of alums, etc. to contact him if they are considering Northeastern. Over the summer, Barry Izenstein, Gerry Green, David Hirschhorn, and Len, who were waiters in 1962, had a “50th reunion” over dinner at Max's in Springfield.
**EVENING ACTIVITY MEMORIES**

**Ed Rotmer** recalls: Back in the innocent 1950’s, I remember walking down to Raymonds for snacks, etc., if we won Honor Bunk for the week. Socials with Camp Naomi and Camp Speedwell and who could forget rehearsing for plays during Color War?

**Mike “Lebo” Levine** recalls: “Let’s do the Warp Again!” from the Talent Shows.

**Rick “Alpo” Alpern** recalls: As a camper, I always loved watching those “scary” Vincent Price movies upstairs in the New Building. These types of movies seem so lame by today’s standards, but back in the day, we were taken in pretty easily. Winning inspection and getting to go to Salisbury was right up there too. We had no idea how cheesy the place was. It was just fun to go there.

**Jim “Shimmy” Shaw** recalls: No evening activity can top when Lips, myself, and the rest of the Soph B counselors and campers were sleeping in tents on the “B” Diamond - only to have the tents knocked over by counselors from other groups (all of whom, as it turned out, were our closest friends)!

**Dave “Lips” Lipof** recalls: On our day off, Steve “Bergs” Berger and I worked at his house in Randolph (at the time) planning what promised to be THE MOST SENSATIONAL Treasure Hunt in the history of Bauercrest Evening Activities. We poured every bit of Bauercrest trivia and ingenuity into writing up all the treasure maps and clues. The next day, after Free Play, Bergs and I left the campers with the rest of the Staff in the Rec Hall, while we set about to hide all the clues and maps. As we started off, having painstakingly organized everything, Bergs turned to face me and said “OK, these go on THIS SIDE (pointing toward the Sophmore Bunks) and these go on THAT SIDE (pointing toward the Junior Bunks)” and then he turned and ran up the hill. I hid my clues in various locations in the lower campus. After 10 minutes of setting this up, Bergs and I went to the Rec Hall and went over the rules and then released the kids. We figured that it would take them about 20 minutes to round up all the clues. As it turned out, after only about 2 minutes, League Captains were running back to us, all confused. I looked over the clues that they had found, and asked them, “Where did you find this one”?..... Well, it became obvious that Bergs had fallen victim to the same pitfall as did the Three Stooges, by placing his clues on the opposite sides. We laughed so hard that we were crying....and the kids had no idea why it was so funny!

Uncle Saul Nechtem and members of the 1970’s infamous 5%: Barry “Moby” Chait, Steve “Fly Trap” Levine, Mark “Bibs” Smoller, Bob “Dunky” Dunkless
Mike “Newbs” Newberg writes: Crest looks great! Keep up the spirit! Robbie is doing a great job.

Sam Schoolman writes: I am looking forward to a 6 month work transfer to Dublin, Ireland. If my fellow Crest Alums have plans to be there, please contact me for a beer!

David “Aussie” Auslander writes: All is well here in Hopkinton. Kids were B’nai Mitzvahed together, earlier this year. Stephen is psyched for his 7th summer on the Hill - Man how time flies!

Mark “Skeebawl” Sklar writes: Still representing out here for Boston and The Crest. My folks continue to roll up in Santa Rosa (Albie is 87 and Selma is 84). I’m very lucky to have them close by. These days I’m still playing tennis, shooting hoops, riding my bike, roller blading, and generally causing minimal mayhem. This city is kind of a “poor man’s Boston”, and of course, all those upon moving to California from the East Coast, immediately drop 25 IQ points..... But alas, I’m still reading books at leisure. I recently finished “House of Seven Gables” by Hawthorne. My nieces and nephews are starting careers and it’s great to see them on occasion. Two of my nieces are living in San Francisco, and the other is in Berkeley. Wishing a good year to the entire Crest Family.

Barry “Rodent” Rodenstein writes: Thank you for all the support from the Crest Family on my Dad’s passing. Great to have Craig, my son, at his first Alumni Weekend. Hopefully the stories Gor and Wish told him did not blow my cover as a responsible parent.

Steven “Flytrap” Levine wishes all the best for the new year. Son Jake was a full season camper in 2012. He loved Color War!

Steven “Fabes” Faberman writes: My son Adam had his first taste of Color War as he enjoyed his first full summer at The Crest. While his team was not victorious, he did manage to take home some hardware at The Banquet, winning all-around athlete for the Soph A's. This was the first camp award won by a Faberman, so needless to say, I was a very proud Dad. It’s so great being part of camp once again, as I live vicariously through Adam. All of the wonderful memories of camp keep coming back when I drop him off, get letters from him, and visit him at Alumni Day/Visiting Day. He really gets it, and understands that Camp is one of the most special places on Earth. I feel very fortunate that he gets to experience it for many summers to come. My daughter Lauren finished her first summer at Pembroke, and next year will be going for the full summer. Seven weeks with no kids next summer is almost as good as getting to go to Camp!

David “Gor” Gorlick writes: As usual, the highlight of the year was Alumni Weekend. First time I had seen the pool. It is AWESOME! General Swim and Swim Instruction will never be the same. It was great seeing all of the boys at the Weekend. Looking forward to our annual March Madness Vegas Soire.

Jeff Berenson writes: Wishing Bean all the best as our new Camp President. Thanks to Bibs for 13 great years.

Mark “Stymie” Simons writes: 2012 was a big year. After 10 years of dating I got married in May. So never say never again. Son Craig is still living in Somerville and working for Rain Group. My daughter Stephanie moved to Colorado, just outside of Boulder and Denver.
**CREST ALUMNI NEWS NOTES**

**Rick “Alpo” Alpern** writes: All is well in Beverly, MA. Ben, our son and Crest Alum, just finished his senior soccer season at St. John’s Prep. It was a great season. They went deep into the state playoff. Ben had 12 shutouts, a .433 GAA and was selected to several All-Star teams. Very proud.

**Josh Bard** writes: I hope the entire Bauercrest Family has a great holiday season. Thanks again for getting us into the Red Sox game in September. I look forward to hearing how everyone else is doing.

**Mark “Spoon” Silverstein** writes: I’m glad that they still have “Honor Roll”, “Honor Bunks” (and Bunk Night trips), and “Camp Cups”. Best regards to the Bauecrest Family. Thanks for doing this newsletter.

**Ken “Wags” Wagner** writes: Thank you Stims, for organizing the “77” Waiters fundraising effort to construct and furnish a Counselor Lounge. Thank you to my fellow Waiters for coming together to raise the funds needed to make this happen.

**Ralph Posner** writes: I am turning 75 this month (December). My 10 years at Bauercrest (1946 - 1955) seem like yesterday! I had a party for old school friends, and 5 of the guests were also Bauercrest Alumni - Ken Abelson, Larry Grebstein, Eddie Rotmer, Steve Salk and Irving Waldman.

**Phil Sinrich** writes: Evan was married to Nicole Miller in July. He works as a supervisor for Siemans in New Jersey. Debbie has retired from teaching Special Education for the Milton Public Schools, and is currently a Supervisor/Teacher of student teachers at Curry College. I am in my 42nd year working for the Sharon Public Schools, currently the Director of Community Education.

**Jeff “McAdoo” Miller** writes: Family doing great. Acquired a new obsession in 2012.... have become a certified BBQ judge, and drove 10 times to Oklahoma (each round trip averaging 700 miles) to judge BBQ events. Have had a tough year with back and neck pain, and have had 8 steroid injections, including on my 50th birthday and New Year’s Eve.

**Peter “Scratch” Harris** writes: Greetings to my fellow Alums. Not much new to report from Marblehead. Kept the golf clubs out until mid-November this season, so no complaints about that. Had a chance to do some traveling this year. Spent a week in Bar Harbor with extended family to celebrate my folks 60th wedding anniversary. Then, in the fall, visited Paris and Amsterdam with Connie.... Our first time to both cities.... Had a great trip.

**Larry Uman** writes: Greetings to all campers from the 1960’s. Was anyone else ALWAYS on the White Team?

**Haskell Jaffe** writes: At a recent JCC Reunion I was thrilled to see Stanley and Paul Sachar, Ken Sorkin, Steve Brenner, Lenny Glick, Fred Millman, etc. Also, happy to reconnect with Richie Segal by phone and Dave Barron via email. “Butch” Selby where are you?

**George Gordon** writes: After 4 decades practicing Periodontics in Portland, ME, my wife and I retired to our lake home, where our four sons (now grown) spent their summers. It is a glorious location on Sebago Lake. Hello to all who were at Camp during the summers of 1949 - 1955.
Ed Rotmer writes: Returning to Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic for a week of golf and beach with Mickey Rabinovitz and Ralph Posner, at Ralph’s beautiful home. This is a repeat trip for the 3 of us, as we went last year as well. Dave “Schpindle” Wilson was supposed to join us but had to cancel. Got together with Ed Schwartz this summer. Also celebrated Ralph’s 75th birthday with several Bauercrest Alums in October.... included were Irving Waldman, Larry Grebstein, Steve Salk and Sam Brickle.

Don Grohman writes: Over 50 years of Crest memories.... They do last a lifetime!

Barry “Mildew” Milberg writes: All is well. Hope all is well with everyone.... Great being back as a “1 monther” at Alumni Weekend this past year. Loved the pool!

Darin “Tadpole” Goldberg writes: My son participated in the Camp’s “Prospective Camper Overnight” last August. Hoping he liked it enough to attend this summer.

Mike Reiss writes: We welcomed our son Nathan in April. A future Bauercrest prospect for sure. Regards to all and a happy and healthy New Year.

Barry “Scrappy Nick” Shopnick writes: It’s always great getting together with Crest guys (Jaff, TL, Bento, Bisqua, etc.) to watch Pats games at Gor’s condo.

Mike “MVD” Van Dam writes: All is well with myself and my family here in Needham.

Gregg “Wally” Brackman writes: I would love to see any local Alums at my restaurant in Swampscott, come say hello!

Joel “Burner” Bernstein writes: I am getting ready for the Vegas Trip. Looking forward to another great trip, as usual.

Jim “Shimmy” Shaw writes: As a news director, I’m glad the election is over, and I can re-introduce myself to my family. Alumni Weekend was excellent, as usual. Nice not to have to leave early because of a hurricane. Congrats to Bibs on a very successful reign as Camp President.

Jeff “Monsieur” Saitow writes: Hope all are well and prepping for a big 2013 Camp season! Best in the New Year..... Go Waiters!

Mark Ross writes: I see alumnus Ralph Posner quite often as well as Ed Rotmer. Where did the years go? I have been retired from our business, Ross Simons Jewelers, for 10 years now, and have one grandson, Noah.... age 3.

Ron Sklar writes: Last week had dinner and birthday (60th) with my brothers Mark (camper 1971 - 1976) and David (camper 1960 - 1965). We all loved our time at Bauercrest. (I was a camper from 1962 - 1966).

Steve Rothenberg writes: Hello to all! Got married to Kimberly Hannan this summer. All is good.

Marc Nevins writes: My boys love The Crest. Keep up the good work!
Dave “Lips” Lipof writes: Many have sacrificed for the success of Camp Bauercrest over the years..... but I must single out one individual whose sacrifice of time, effort and love, through good times and bad, have resulted in a revitalized campus which remains second-to-none in New England (and perhaps the world). NO.... I’m not talking about Joe Kybo..... I am referring to our recent past President Mark Smoller. On behalf of the Bauercrest Alumni organization I join in thanking “Bibs” for “giving it the Bibsy” at just the right time when The Crest needed it most!


2013 BAUERCREST ALUMNI EVENTS

ALUMNI DAY AT CAMP:
SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

CY SMOLLER MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING:
MONDAY, JULY 15TH

29TH ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND:
FRIDAY AUGUST 23TH - SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH

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SEE YOU AT THIS YEAR’S EVENTS!!
We are sad to report the recent passing, on Thursday, February 14, 2013, of long-time Camp Bauercrest Board member, Sid Sontz. On the Board of Directors, he served as chairman of the camp’s maintenance committee. He helped to lead the Crest through many changes and upgrades, particularly from the mid-1970’s through the early-1990’s. He was devoted and passionate about Bauercrest and the impact it has on its boys. He was most proud of the three generations of his family to be affiliated with camp. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Cynthia, and his children Andrea, Marlene, and Bradley and Derek (both Bauercrest Alumni), and their families, including twelve grandchildren (and current Bauercrest camper, Jack). The family has asked that donations in celebration of his life be made to the Sidney I. Sontz “Hillside Fund” (please go to “bauercrest.org” to donate).

Bruce “BB” Boynick passed away at the young age of 55 back in early July after a courageous struggle with cancer. Jimmy Shaw attended the funeral in the Chicago area.

Herb Brenner passed away at age 93 back on July 3rd. He had parlayed his Bauercrest days into a tryout with the first Boston Celtics team back in 1946. He was a lifelong resident of Lynn and spent eight decades as an official at Wonderland Race Track.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Dr. Henry Izeman.

We were very sad to learn of the passing of Shep Weisman at the young age of 53 back in mid-December. Shep was a camper and counselor in the 1970’s and 1980’s. The Weisman family has a long Bauercrest lineage: Brothers Ross (and his son camper Reed) and Mitchell (Board member) and his current staff member son Adam. Brother in-law Barry Rodenstein (Board member) and his alumni sons Craig and Douglas. Shep’s son, Mike Weisman also attended Bauercrest for 15 years.

We also just learned of the passing of James Simon. He was a camper at Bauercrest in the 1940’s and 1950’s along with his brother Robert and cousins Richard and Peter Jaffe. Jimmy suddenly passed away at the beginning of February, 2013. Jimmy was very well liked and respected amongst his peers at the Crest. He was an immediate “tap in” to the Maccabeian Honor Society as soon as he became eligible.
2013 ANNIVERSARIES
CELEBRATE & RETURN TO ALUMNI EVENTS!

1973 WAITERS: 40TH ANNIVERSARY!
Dave Gorlick, Barry Glass, Scott Mirliss, Richard Dunkless, Stephen Menzer, Mike Miller, Mark Brett, Mark Litchman, Mark Leonard, Stan Paul, David Landy, Alan Levenson, Steve Bonder
Staff: Dave Weintraub and Steve Levine
Fred Shore, Richard Goldman, Brad Levin, Larry Neiterman, Glenn Kirschbaum, Joey Goldstein, Mitch Robbins, Tommy Lunder, Dave Steigman and Stu Zakon.
Staff: Larry Kaplan and Dave Tabachnick

1978 WAITERS: 35TH ANNIVERSARY!
Jeff Marlin, David Bikofsky, David Phillips, Glenn Paster, Scott Savsovitc, Jeff London, Mark Davis, Jeff Grinspoon, Alan Feldman, Darren Leonard, Barry Milberg, Craig Gordon, Scott Weiss, Jeff Jonas, David Pann, Jay Rosoff, Steven Morin, David Leavitt and Mark Cohen
Staff: Dave Graham and Jim Shaw.
2013 ANNIVERSARIES
CELEBRATE & RETURN TO ALUMNI EVENTS!

1983 WAITERS: 30TH ANNIVERSARY!
Staff: Steve Berman and Adam Hodes

1988 WAITERS: 25TH ANNIVERSARY!
Matt Bernstein, Gary Schaye, Alex Davis, Jon Shaer, Dan Kline, Jay Goldman, Marc Butler, Jon Fish, Chuck Labow, Jason Maron, Greg Brackman, Jon Zaff, Mike Hoffman, Jason Rothchild & Andrew White
Staff: Mike Tarlin and Ricky Kaplan
2013 ANNIVERSARIES
CELEBRATE & RETURN TO ALUMNI EVENTS!

1993 WAITERS: 20TH ANNIVERSARY!
Sam Chipman, Jeff Falcoff, Michael Fox, Josh Glantz, Jim Goloboy, Joe Greenstein, Nate Hahn, Scott Isaacson, Jeff Kirstein, Dan Mirman, Stephen Rubin, and Jon Shaul
Staff: Robbie Friedberg and Matt Lyman

1998 WAITERS: 15TH ANNIVERSARY!
Jeff Abramowitz, Justin Appel, Erik Blaushild, Richard Brownstein, Michael Chuk, Jason Cort, Matt Gallant, Willie Goldshine, Matt Grossman, Greg Harris, Jared Lindros, Sam Mathias, Michael Overstreet, Jordan Pransky, Greg Rachins, Steve Rotman, Alex Salter, Greg Shelton, Jeremy Siegel, Andy Tanner, Marc Walkin and Scot Weitzenkorn
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Alumni Gathering (from left): Mike Blatt, Barry Rodenstein, Mark Smoller, Dave Gorlick, Dan Rubin, Jeff Gorlick, Mike Weihrauch
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