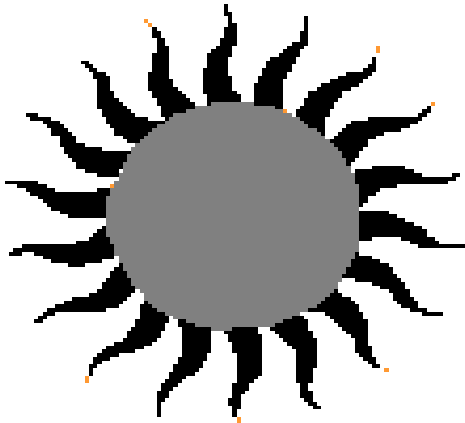


RAY OF HOPE PROGRAM – AND MONTHLY RECIPIENT



Left to right: Katy Colthart, Sam Knopf, Mark Silverman

January Recipient – Sam Knopf

Sam Knopf is a senior at Needham High School where he is active in Relay for Life, Mock Trial and Model UN / Model Congress. In 2005, Sam founded the Needham chapter of AZA (Aleph Zadik Aleph), the boys' component of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), a worldwide Jewish youth group whose activities include social events, community service projects, athletic tournaments and Judaic enrichment programs. He is past president of the Needham chapter and past vice president for the New England Region of BBYO and is currently Regional President. One of BBYO's goals is to create the next generation of Jewish leaders. In 2005, Sam joined the Youth Ambassadors to Bulgaria program, where he traveled to Bulgaria to meet local BBYO members and help them strengthen their chapters. He has also attended a cultural exchange program at the International Jewish Summer Camp in Szarvas, Hungary. Sam recently interned with D.M. Berg Engineering in Needham and plans to pursue engineering in college. On weekends, he works as a youth activity counselor at the Boston Sports Club in Wellesley. Over the years Sam has been active in many town sports and in his free time enjoys neighborhood games of football and wiffle ball.

Needham Youth Commission Representative - Katy Colthart

Katy has been a social worker at the Needham Youth Commission since April 2000. She enjoys working in the Needham Community and is proud to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Needham youth.

Needham Business Association Representative- Mark Silverman

Mark Silverman is president of Mark's Moving & Storage, Inc, founded in 1979 as a one-man, one truck operation that now operates with over 25 trucks and trailers and moving services locally, nationally and internationally. Mark is past president of the Massachusetts Movers Association and the Needham Business Association and is past Director of the Commonwealth Transportation Compensation Corporation. Mark is the producer of the local television series, Meet Your Needham Merchants.

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