

Dan Granek was born in Brooklyn, NY, but the family soon moved to Lynbrook, NY. They joined Congregation Beth David, where he attended Hebrew School, became a Bar Mitzvah, belonged to USY and later married. At a dance at SUNY New Paltz, Dan met his future bride, Vicki. They graduated with education degrees; hers in art and his in social studies. They married and moved to Coram, NY, where their daughter, Amanda was born.

They were unaffiliated Jews for several years but at the urging of their friends and neighbors, Sheri and Ron, they joined the North Shore Jewish Center. After Dan's father passed, Dan became involved in Men's Club. The NSJC Men's Club's support for those sitting shiva was phenomenal. The club provided a shiva chair, a box with siddurs, and a minyan leader to lead Maariv. Impressed by the Men's Club support, Dan asked his friend how he could get more involved with Men's Club. Soon he was on the board.

After serving in several board positions, he became the NSJC Men's Club liaison to the New York Metropolitan Region. He represented the club at regional board meetings and reported back to his local club. This exposed him to the programs of both the region and the FJMC. Working with the region's FJMC Consultants, Peter Gotlieb and Al Davis, he brought Hearing Men's Voices to North Shore Jewish Center. Later, as Club President, he got the club more involved in the FJMC, earning successive Quality Club Awards. Under his direction, the NSJC Men's Club won two Torch Awards for programming and community service.

Dan joined the New York Metro Region Board in 2011. He served concurrently as Club President and 3rd Vice President of the region. As the regional VP, he chaired, for four years, the region's annual Man of the Year and Youth of the Year Honoree Dinner. During this time, the dinner grew to almost 650 guests.

In 2015, he was asked to be an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) representative at the United Nations. As the FJMC's main NGO Representative, Dan attends briefings and programs, works with other Jewish NGOs to advocate for Israel and the Jewish people, and prepares and submits the FJMC's annual accreditation to the UN.

As the President of the NY Metropolitan Region, Dan has taken steps to support the region's clubs. He subdivided the region into five districts so that neighboring clubs could talk, plan, and support each other. Working with the region's corresponding secretary, he has streamlined and improved communications within the district. He is also reaching out to recruit clubs in Manhattan.

Dan is a retired New York City teacher who spent his career in Far Rockaway, Queens. As a special education teacher, he taught social studies, science, and for many years, computer technology. He was also a staff developer for the community school district, which involved teaching both students and staff how to use computers. In addition, he is a retired Army Reserve Officer. After 22 years of service, he retired with the rank of major. During that time, he served in several leadership and staff positions, including company commander and general staff officer. All of this was possible with love and support of his loving wife, Vicki, and their daughter, Amanda.