

Special Friends

The Special Friends program is a highlight of the KJDS experience. The program pairs every student in the school with a grandparent age “Special Friend” from Knoxville’s Jewish Community. The students and Special Friends bond through lunches, holiday activities, Shabbat parties, and academic opportunities. The Special Friends program promotes intergenerational relationships and creates a supportive volunteer system for the school. Both the students and Special Friends benefit from the lifelong friendships that form through this program.

Some of our Special Friends aided our students in their research and note taking.



Nancy Becker, retired Religious School Director, guides Abby with her research and notetaking.



Jenifer Ohriner, retired teacher of 17 years, guides Ellie as she researches causes of pollution.



Evan Ohriner, retired scientist, discusses information articles with Sarah and Stella.

