



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 27, 2018**

**BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY DAY FEATURING TOUCH-A-TRUCK AND DOG DAY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 11 AM – 2 PM**

**CO-SPONSORED BY BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP AND  
SHIMON AND SARA BIRNBAUM JCC, BRIDGEWATER  
BENEFITTING JCC SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

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**Event Will Be Held On Grounds Of Somerset County Vo-Tech High School  
Next To The Bridgewater Farmers Market In Bridgewater;  
Vendor And Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

Bridgewater, NJ – Bridgewater Township and the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Bridgewater will be hosting *Bridgewater Community Day Featuring Touch-a-Truck & Dog Day* on Sunday, September 16 from 11 am- 2 pm.

*Bridgewater Community Day* is free and open to the entire community. The event will be held outdoors on the grounds of Somerset County Vo-Tech High School, located at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater next to the Bridgewater Farmers Market and will be held rain or shine. The event benefits JCC Special Needs Programs and Services for children and adults.

The event will be a fun-filled day for families and dogs; dogs on leashes and with current vaccinations are welcome to attend. The Trane Stevens Band will be performing throughout the event. Dog activities include a dog blessing, dog contests (Best Dressed and Best Trick), Ask the Vet. Local animal shelters and rescue agencies will have dogs available for adoption. Kids will have the opportunity to explore a variety of trucks including emergency services and construction vehicles and more. They can also enjoy inflatables, Playtime Game Truck, face painting and kids' tattoos. The Rutgers University Scarlet Knight and Sparkee, the Somerset Patriots' mascot, will be at the event to entertain children and adults alike. Food will be available for purchase from Food Trucks. Information is posted at [ssbjcc.org](http://ssbjcc.org).

According to Bridgewater Township Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr., "We are so pleased to be collaborating with the Bridgewater JCC to bring this wonderful family event to our community."

Touch-a-Truck and Dog Day vendor opportunities and sponsorship are available. Vendor opportunities are open to all business types. There is a \$100 fee for vendors and they are expected to provide their own table. There is no Vendor display fee for a 501C3 agency. For additional event and sponsorship information, please contact Ellen McCloskey at 908-443-9016 or e-mail [EMccloskey@ssbjcc.org](mailto:EMccloskey@ssbjcc.org).

Each year, the JCC awards more than \$300,000 in scholarship assistance to underprivileged

individuals and families so that they can participate in programs for children and adults with Special Needs. Scholarship Funds are also allocated so that children can attend the Blaustein Early Childhood Center and JCC Camp Ruach, and participate in the JCC Bridgewater Tide Swim Team. Funds also support services to seniors including a nutritional lunch, exercise, entertainment and socialization.

The JCC offers a variety of special needs programs including The J-Zone Respite Program for elementary age children ages 5-16, J-Cares Adult Internship Program, J-Connect Social Programs for Adults, Adaptive Aquatics Skills Program and the Rising Tide Special Olympics Swim Team. The JCC Blaustein Early Childhood Center, JCC Camp Ruach and J-Crew After School Program work with families with children with special needs. The JCC offers adjusted schedules and one-on-one assistance. Also offered at the JCC are Jewish Family Service's Social Club for Young Adults with Asperger Syndrome or Developmental Challenges, a Parent Support Group and a Sibling Support Group. The Adler Aphasia Center Support Groups also meet at the JCC.

The Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center is located at 775 Talamini Road in Bridgewater. The JCC is a social service agency that serves residents of all ages residing in Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties, providing fitness, recreational, social, cultural and educational programs for the entire community. The state-of-the-art facility includes an indoor salt based heated pool, outdoor salt based heated pool with dome enclosure during the off season, gymnasium, fitness center, group fitness studios and JFitGround, an outdoor adult fitness training facility used for personal and small group training. The JCC offers a wide variety of adult educational programs including lectures, film series and trips. The JCC Blaustein Early Childhood Center provides childcare for ages 6 weeks through Kindergarten Enrichment and the J-Crew After School Program is open to children in Grades K- 6. JCC Camp Ruach is the JCC's summer day camp for children ages 15 months through 10th Grade. The JCC also offers a variety of one-week Specialty Camps. The JCC is home to the Bridgewater Tide Swim Team and Summer Swim Club. The JCC is pleased to host the Rising Tide Special Olympics Swim Team and offers programs for children and adults with Special Needs, including the J-Zone Respite Recreation Program and new Adult Internship Program. For additional information, visit the JCC website at [ssbjcc.org](http://ssbjcc.org).

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It's a day for families and dogs at Bridgewater Community Day featuring a Touch-a-Truck and Dog Day, Sunday, September 16 from 11 am-2 pm. The event, co-sponsored by the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC and Bridgewater Township, will feature family and dog-friendly activities, and local animal shelters and rescue groups will be offering pet adoption. The event is open to the entire community and admission is free to all. The event will be held at the Somerset County Vo-Tech, located at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater, next to the Bridgewater Farmers Market. For additional information - including vendor and sponsorship opportunities -- contact Ellen McCloskey at 908-443-9016; [EMcclloskey@ssbjcc.org](mailto:EMcclloskey@ssbjcc.org). *(Photos by the JCC.)*



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