

Friday Light at Temple Emanuel

The weather was perfect, the food delicious and the speaker eloquent for Temple Emanuel's Friday Light Shabbat experience on June 19.

The congregation began with worship on the beach, where the sun was warm, the breeze gentle and the music inspirational. After a short walk to the Temple, the participants enjoyed dinner prepared by Sue Adler.

Following dinner, the children and Rabbi Marc Kraus left for adventurous Nerf games and the adults listened to the speaker, Jonathan Zur, president and CEO of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. Zur described the history of the center and explained several of the programs it offers to other organizations in Virginia. He discussed how inclusivity in schools can reduce bullying, increase graduation rates, improve student behavior and result in a better educational experience for all students. The examples Zur provided were striking, particularly in light of the shooting, which had occurred in Charleston just two nights before.