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River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

Welcome to our River of Grass Family

Welcome to our Love; **Welcome** Home

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Sunday Service September 20, 2026

Monthly Theme: Beginnings + Interdependence

Interfaith/Interdependent

Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson



Let the Oppressed Go Free

Kairos Center

“The only way to get it together, is together!”

We need one another – in families, in the natural
world, in our very lives,
we cannot tough things out alone.

We thrive only by giving and receiving help.

Perhaps the Divine actually emerges
from this interdependence.

Greater even than interdependence, the
challenge of inter-loving can build a foundation
of the world we envision.

Our Mission

*We nurture our spirits, love intentionally,
and work to create a just and healthy planet.*

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either
in-person in Davie: 11850 W SR 84, A-9, Davie, FL
33325 or **virtually on YouTube LiveStream**
(link below). Childcare provided.



We come together to lament
with, celebrate with, & care for
one another in our community
& our world.

Flowing River Sangha
With Gary Gonzalez
A-9 + Zoom; link below;
Gather 8:15, start 8:30



New Beginnings
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September Worship Monthly Theme: Beginnings / Interdependence

September 20 – **Interfaith/Interdependent** Rabbi
Miryam Wolfson

September 27 – **Bricks and Mortar** - RevNick

Interdependence

Earth and all beings from exploitation. We will create and nurture sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality and justice. We will work to repair harm and damaged relationships.



Children's & Youth's Faith Development 10:30am

Our new Faith Development program titled, Living our Values, begins Sunday.

Our children and youth will be talking about and creating covenants for their classrooms, before exploring this month's theme of Interdependence.

Our Youngers will hear a story about young Luther Adams

and our Middlers will learn about the experiences of UU astronaut, Dr. Laurel Clark.

For more information about our Faith Development Program for children and youth, see our website or Facebook group or reach out to our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

Remember to register your children for the new year at
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDgt8XSMUPXKhCdgbGjU4eNLQeJlrXnq84GnHR26wU0CAquQ/viewform?usp=header>

Worship Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

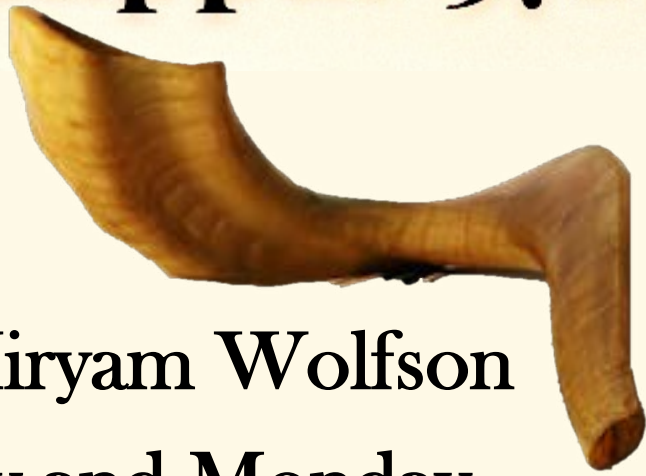
riverofgrassuu.org

Flowing River Sangha:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09>

Congregation Shaarei Simchah

**River of Grass UU
Yom Kippur 5787**



Rabbi Miryam Wolfson

Sunday and Monday

September 20-21, 2026

Kol Nidrei 6:30pm

Yom Kippur 10:00am

Yizkor 1:00pm

Minchah/Neilah 5:00pm

**IN PERSON services will be held in
Davie, Florida at River of Grass**

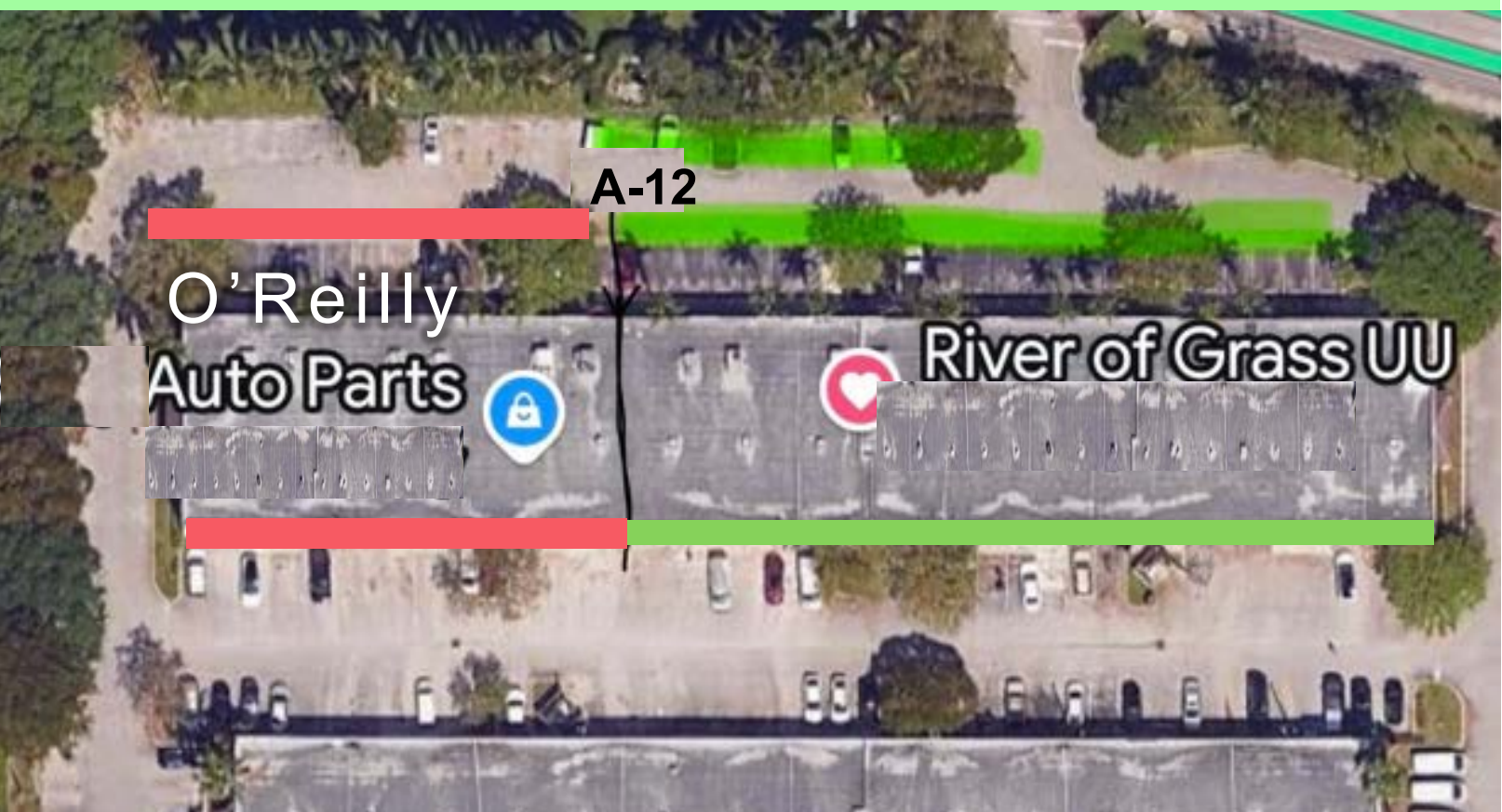
All are welcome.

Congregation Shaarei Simchah looks forward to
worshiping together with River of Grass.

Please join our Jewish Renewal and
Unitarian Universalist communities for the
holiest day of the Jewish calendar.

Rabbi Wolfson will lead our Sunday Service on
September 20.

Email RevNick for Zoom link.



A-12

O'Reilly

Auto Parts

River of Grass UU

We have received a request from our neighbor, the management of O'Reilly Auto Parts, Suites A13-15, to please not park in front of their store on Sunday mornings, when they are open for business.

We have verified that no other businesses in our strip are open on Sunday mornings.

In the spirit of being a good neighbor, please take care to park only in front of Suites A1 - A12 on Sunday mornings (marked in green in the photo above).

**Thank you, dear friends,
Ken Bresnahan, Facilities Co-Chair**



Fall Potluck Picnic!

**Sunday, October 4, 2026
1 – 4 pm**

**at the Home of
Liz and John Perez in Plantation**

River of Grass members, family, and friends,
you are INVITED!

We will share good food and great
conversation while the
children play and swim.

Please let us know if you can bring food to
share, and if so, what will you bring.
(Sign-up sheet at worship service.)

Your presence is the best gift.

To RSVP or for more info, email
[membership@ riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org)

or call/text 954-258-6315

River of Grass
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**Leana
Bresnahan**

The Membership Committee,
based on a recommendation by Ed Lewis,
has produced member name tags in a
new format.

First names will now appear in a
large, bold font, to make them
much easier to read.

Thank you, Ed, for this great idea!

The new name tags are now available at
the Welcome Table.

Please stop by to pick yours up!



Middle school science teacher Ryland Grace wakes up on a spaceship in deep space.

He is on a desperate, one-way interstellar journey to find out how to combat a microbe that is eating the sun's energy.

Grace unexpectedly encounters an alien engineer from another star system facing the same crisis.

They form a deep, cooperative friendship and work together using science and creative problem-solving to save their respective worlds.

bUUKies will discuss **Project Hail Mary**
On Wednesday, September 23, at 7pm.
On Zoom. Link below.

Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow
bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org

bUUkies Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84866045288?pwd=f8CEYd
ok96ZRKv5X7N8WZb7tmg2Rda.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84866045288?pwd=f8CEYd
ok96ZRKv5X7N8WZb7tmg2Rda.1)

Meeting ID: 848 6604 5288

Passcode: 070123



London Drum Institute

Beating Hearts Drum Circle

Friday, September 25, 7pm, A-9

Drum out the stresses of the days behind
and find new rhythms for upcoming days.

Tap into the rhythms that are the
heartbeat of life.

Bring your own drum or
we have extras.

Contact Andy Bunce or Linda Lathroum
andrewbunce@att.net



WALK WITH TEAM TSUNAMI

FOR MENTAL HEALTH. FOR HOPE. FOR ALL.

NAMIWALKS
BROWARD COUNTY



Saturday, October 10;
Nova Southeastern Univ
Registration 8a, Walk 9:15a

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HELP LINDA REACH
HER FUNDRAISING GOAL



JOIN US

JOIN TEAM TSUNAMI



Please see Linda, Gayle, or Pam for more
details about signing up to walk or
donate to the team.

Every donation counts as we fundraise for
mental health services here in Broward.

Thank you for your support!

For information Linda lindalath@gmail.com

link for Team TsuNAMI:

<https://www.namiwalks.org/team/83980>



REUUNION



FOOD & FUN WITH YOUR SE FLORIDA UU FAMILY

**Picnic Potluck in the Park next to the
UU Fellowship of Boca Raton**
[just off Glades Road]

A casual community gathering, outdoor games,
and social time for UU congregations in SE FL
to meet our new ministers
Rev. Nicole Jacobson and Rev. Nick Sanchez,
renew old friendships, and plan for future
collaboration in social justice,
shared programming, and regional events.

**Sunday
October
11**

WOODLANDS PARK
AT 2 PM - 4 PM

2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton

Info: Erich Landstrom: tech2@uufbr.org

BISexual PRIDE DAY



SEPTEMBER 23

Highlights the history and culture of
bisexual people, &
fights against bi-erasure.

Bi-Visibility Day raises awareness
of the issues that bisexual people
face and provides an opportunity to
celebrate diversity and
focus on the B in LGBTQ.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 17, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, September 17, 7pm Zoom + A-9; **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan **Topic: A Political Space to Sit**

Sunday, September 20, 8:15am Zoom + A-9, Gary Gonzalez **Flowing River Sangha**

Sunday, September 20, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream, **Sunday Service – Interfaith/Interdependent** Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson

Sunday, September 20, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, September 20, 6:30 pm A-9 + Zoom - Congregation Shaarei Simchah - **Kol Nidrei Service** Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson

Monday, September 21, 10:00 am A-9 + Zoom - Congregation Shaarei Simchah – **Yom Kippur Service** Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson

Monday, September 21, 1:00 pm A-9 + Zoom - Congregation Shaarei Simchah – **Yizkor Service** Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson

Monday, September 21, 5:00 pm A-9 + Zoom - Congregation Shaarei Simchah – **Minchah / Neilah Service** Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson

Wednesday, September 23, 7pm, **bUUKies on Zoom; Project Hail Mary** Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Thursday, September 24, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Friday, September 25, 7pm, A-9, **Drum Circle** Andy Bunce and Linda Lathroum

Saturday, September 26, A-9 11am **Board Meeting** Leana Bresnahan

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686665851?pwd=kF4kTZS0dA7mK3HM2FXXalsxV1bJX0.1>

Worship Service:

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09>

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Men's Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09>

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GATHERING

Morning Sing

Building Bridges #1023; Words: The Women of Greenham

Common Peace Occupation in England 1983, Music: Contemporary English Quaker Round

All Creatures of Earth and Sky #203; Word attributed to St Francis of Assisi, Music: Ausserlessene Catholische Kirchengesang 1633

Rededication by Shana Aisenberg

Welcome

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude - Infinitely Whole; Words: Bran Lennox, Music: Alex Fam; performed by Sanctuary Boston

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship – Call to Gather for the Days of Awe by Leah Ongiri

Opening Music - Open My Heart #1013; Words, Music: Henry S Flury

Chalice Lighting – Chalice Lighting for Yom Kippur by Vanessa Rush Southern

CONNECTING

Covenant

Wisdom Story - Building the Bridge as We Cross It by Sara LaWall

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory - Eli, Eli; Music: Hannah Szenes, Words: Hannah Szenes

DEEPENING

Deepening Music – Infinitely Whole; Words: Bran Lennox, Music: Alex Fam; performed by Sanctuary Boston

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection – Rising Green

Pastoral Response

Musical Response - Spirit of Life #123; Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

Message - Interfaith, Interdependence. Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson

SENDING

Closing Music - We Would Be One #318; Words: Sameul Anthony Wright, Music: Jean Sibelius

Closing Words – An Interfaith Benediction by Gary Kowalski

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On / Music Reprise



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you will be removed.

*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly
congregation-wide newsletter should be received
by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life
and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or
events occurring within two weeks.*

*Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this
vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must
have the approval of the President.*

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