



The Padma



April 2024

Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter

Web Edition

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Guidelines

The Padma welcomes articles from sangha members.

Articles should be around 500-600 words typed. Word documents are best; PDF documents are discouraged.

Please include your name, a title for the article, and include any photos. Cite references if quotes are used.

Articles will be reviewed for content and length, and should contain information relevant to Buddhist teachings, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, and/or the Buddhist Churches of America. Publication will be at the discretion of the editorial board.

Email submissions to padma@BerkeleyBuddhistTemple.org



The April 2023 BBT Hanamido

April Dharma Message Theme

Birth, Karma

The theme for this month's Dharma messages aligns with the special Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi service on Sunday, April 21st.

Shakyamuni Buddha was born in Lumbini, Nepal, in 563 BCE. IN Asia, his birthday is celebrated in April or May, depending on the calendar used. Quoting from Wikipedia: "In Japan, Buddha's Birthday is known as *Kanbutsu-e* (**Japanese:** 灌仏会) or *Hanamatsuri* (Flower Festival) (**Japanese:** 花祭り) and is held on April 8." Sweet tea is poured over a statue of the baby Buddha displayed under a flower-covered 'hanamido'.

Hastumairi is the ceremony in which parents present their child to Amida Buddha and the Sangha for the first time.

Our Vision
A Community Where Our Spiritual Life and True Self Can Be Realized

Our Mission
To Live A Life Of Joy In The Nembutsu And Share The Dharma With Others

April 2024

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 7:00p Virtual Meditation	4	5	6
7 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service 1:30p Taiko Class	8	9 7:00p Board of Directors Mtg	10	11 8:00a Virtual Yoga	12	13 <i>Padma Articles Due</i>
14 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Pet Memorial 1:30p Taiko Class	15	16 Padma Newsletter Production	17 7:00p Virtual Meditation	18 8:00a Virtual Yoga	19	20
21 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Hanamatsuri Hatsumairi Service	22	23	24	25 8:00a Virtual Yoga	26	27
28 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family Service 1:30p Taiko Class	29	30			Berkeley Buddhist Temple (510) 841-1356 berkeleybuddhisttemple.org info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org facebook.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple youtube.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple	

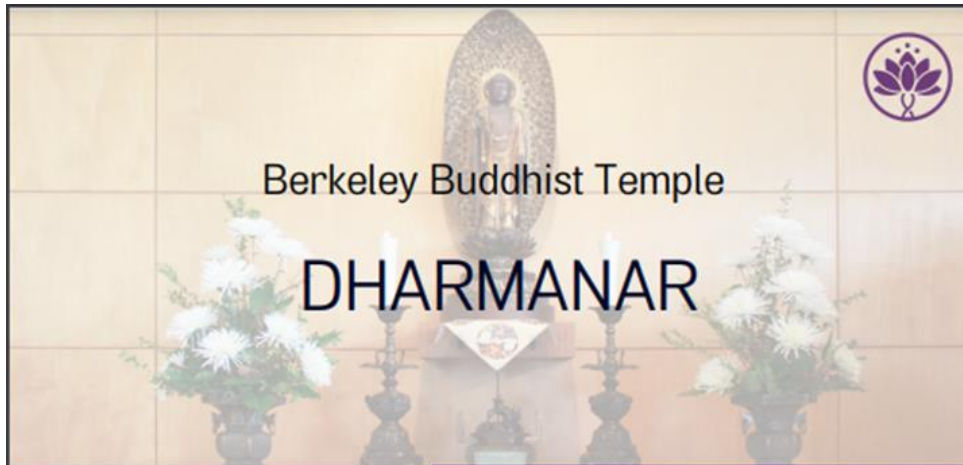


Future Dates to Remember

M A R C H / A P R I L	Thu 28 Mar	Virtual 8:00a Yoga 6:30p BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Transition, Aging, Six Paramitas)
	Wed 3 Apr	Virtual 7:00p Meditation & Discussion
	Sun 7 Apr	Livestream & In-person 9:30a Shotsuki Memorial Service
	Thu 11 Apr	Virtual 8:00a Yoga
	Sun 14 Apr	Livestream & In-person 9:30a Pet Memorial Service
	Wed 17 Apr	Virtual 7:00p Meditation & Discussion
	Thu 18 Apr	Virtual 8:00a Yoga
	Sun 21 Apr	Livestream & In-person 9:30a Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Service
	Thu 25 Apr	Virtual 8:00a Yoga
	J U N E	Sat 15 Jun



The BBT Bulletin Board



Berkeley Buddhist Temple

DHARMANAR



THURSDAY
MARCH 28, 2024

6:30 - 8:00PM

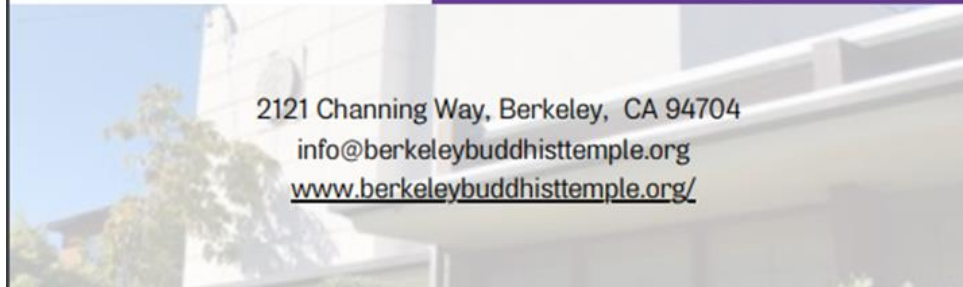
sign up:
sanghaevents.info/dharmanar

Join us for BBT's monthly online study session. The March session's topic will be Transition, Aging, Six Paramita.

Rev. Kuwahara, Rev. CJ, and Rev. Tanis Moore will be presenting. Then we will discuss it after.

All are welcome!

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Thursday Morning Virtual Chair Yoga



Berkeley buddhist temple



Date: 3/7. 14. 21. 28
4/11. 18. 25

Time: 8:00am~8:20am

Join us for a gentle yoga session by Hitomi Kuwahara that you can do while sitting on a chair or couch without a yoga mat. No experience or registration needed. Everyone is welcome!

Join on zoom:
<https://sanghaevents.info/yoga>



Please fill out this form to joining the class.
(You only need fill out once)

Waiver form



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Donation





Waiver form

Hitomi Kuwahara online and in person yoga classes

Personal Health Questionnaire

Name: _____

Mailing Address: Street: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Please write below if you have any health concerns

Participant Waiver & Release of Liability

If at any time during the class, I (Participant) feel discomfort or strain, I will gently come out of the posture. I understand that I may rest at any time during the workshop. I understand that it is important in yoga to listen to my body and respect its limits on any given day.

I, the undersigned, understand that yoga is not a substitute for medical attention, examination, diagnosis, or treatment; and that I should consult a physician prior to beginning any activity program, including yoga. I recognize that it is my responsibility to notify my teacher of any serious illness or injury before every yoga class. I will not perform any postures to the extent of strain or pain.

*Participants under 18 years of age must also have this form signed by a parent or guardian.

I (Participant) am voluntarily participating in the Workshop(s) entirely at my own risk, with the awareness that there may be risks (physical, psychological, economic, death, etc.) associated; and I assume all related risks, known and unknown to me.

I accept that Hitomi Kuwahara is not liable for any injury, or damages, to person or property, resulting from my participation in any of the classes, including travel to and from the class(s). I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Hitomi Kuwahara against any and all claims, suits or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation or otherwise, brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to claims by me or anyone else acting on my behalf.

Signature of participant _____ Date _____

*Parent/guardian certification and signature for participants under 18 years of age:

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____ Signature _____

Contact: send to Hitomi via email or mail

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MEETING THE MOMENT

A discussion on interfaith work in
addressing and resisting genocide



MICHAEL YOSHII

REVEREND



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UC San Francisco

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REVEREND



Buddhist Church of Oakland

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH | 1:00PM-2:30PM

📍 HYBRID: BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE & LIVESTREAM
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& required for virtual live stream link



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HATSUMAIRI 2024

Sunday, April 21 at
9:30a.m.

HATSUMAIRI (Infant Presentation Ceremony) is a ceremony in which your child or grandchild is presented to Amida Buddha for the first time. The ceremony also introduces your child or grandchild to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma. **The ceremony will be in person as well as livestreamed on Sunday, April 21 at 9:30a.m.** during the Hanamatsuri Service. If you would like your child and/or grandchild to be in this ceremony, please complete the form below and return it by **Friday, April 12, 2024** to the temple office.

HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY APPLICATION FORM

APRIL 21, 2024

Child's Full Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Application Due: Friday, April 12, 2024

Questions?

info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org

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of **REV. DR. DAVID MATSUMOTO**



Tribute Service

followed by bento lunch & dessert

Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 AM

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

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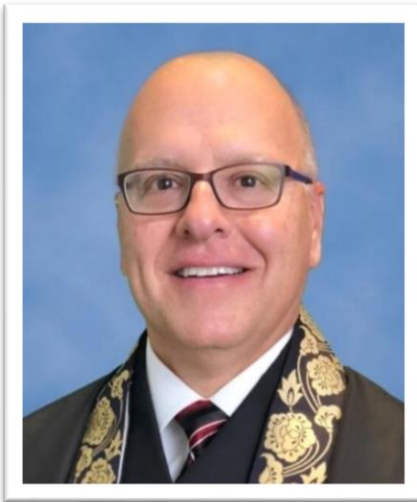
Mountain View, CA 94043

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3lnhhPp>

For more information, email Judy Kono | jkono@bcahq.org



Minister's Message by Rev. Jon Turner (OCBC)



In 1968, I was eight years old. It was startling to me to see how quickly we went from the *Summer of Love* to hate. There were the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King along with many violent Vietnam War protests, both for and against. I found this all very frightening. I assumed that there was something wrong with our leaders or our culture until I saw this bumper sticker below. [There is even a vintage one for sale on eBay, priced at \\$34.99.](#)



It is hard to determine the provenance of this quotation. It is attributed to Carl Sandburg. But in 1970, there was also a movie titled "*Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody Came*", starring Brian Keith, Ernest Borgnine, Susanne Pleshette, and Tony Curtis. In this case, the title is derived from an American antiwar slogan from the hippie subculture during the Vietnam War era, popularized by Charlotte E. Keyes in her 1966 article for McCall's magazine titled "*Suppose They Gave a War and No One Came.*"

This slogan really challenged my way of thinking about war. It personalized it for me. Perhaps the problem was not with our governments but with ourselves. As an individual I can choose to be peaceful or not. This experience has stayed with me my entire life and has really helped me see violence as a personal problem, not one that I can blame on others.

The Buddha also took this very same individualistic approach.

"The Buddha addressed himself as an individual to individuals. Even when he spoke to large groups, as he frequently did, he focused on individual responsibility. He understood every group ... as resting upon the insight, conscience and actions of each of its participants. He had no theory of, nor belief in, supervening collective structures of society or government that could amend or replace the bedrock of individual choice."

Paul Fleischman,
The Buddha Taught Nonviolence, Not Pacifism (2002)

But this can be confusing to many. We expect our religious institutions to define an overriding moral and ethical structure for society. But the Buddha did not do that.

"Modern discussions of violence commonly pursue rules of conduct rooted in universal norms ... 'A great deal of effort in modern liberal society is invested in defining and applying codes of conduct.' [There is] a widespread assumption that such codes 'can be generated from a single source or principle' ... Religious traditions are often understood to have served in the past to provide such foundational principles. In most Buddhist traditions, an ethicized notion of karma and the various formulations of virtues and precepts for monastics and lay practitioners may be seen to have offered such support. Recent efforts by Buddhists to reinterpret such guidelines for practice as the six paramitas or the five precepts in terms of contemporary social life reflect the modern demand for codes of conduct ..."

Dennis Hirota,
Violence and Nonviolence in Shinran (2018)

We often get questions like these as Buddhist ministers. People want to know what is Buddhist justice and what is the Buddhist position on war. But this approach deals with these issues in the abstract, often focusing on one group versus another, often further separating us rather than bringing us together. This is called *Othering* and it often creates more distance between us rather than less.

Shinran Shonin also takes this approach, to focus on the individual rather than on the groups. When we approach issues in this way it helps us to not blame others for our conflict. The problem is inside not outside. This also helps us to become much less self-righteous.

“Dennis Hirota wrote in his essay, ‘Violence and Nonviolence in Shinran,’ that violence and other aggressive acts surface ‘from afflicting passions (bonno) of ego-attachment and deepens one’s entanglement in samsaric existence ...’ [Aggressive actions] are rooted in forms of violence directed toward self-magnification and division from others.’ He also writes, ‘Consequently, for Shinran, mental acts are the primary form of violence.’ The slogan of [Dostoyevsky’s] heroes is ‘we are all to blame’; the recognition that we are all complicit in sin is the gateway to grace, and hence the transformation which can take us out of the structures of evil. We are at the [antithesis] of self-righteous anger.”

Ken Yamata,
War and Jodo Shinshu (2022)

By seeing ourselves clearly we can then begin to appreciate the teachings and start to recognize and change our deluded ways of thinking. We are able to reorient ourselves and begin to look for solutions within rather than without. This transformation can feel negative in the beginning, but it is also the initial step towards insight into ourselves and acceptance of others.

“In this way, Shinran traces the contours of realization born from the evil of violence, the encounter with the teaching, and the birth of self-awareness.”

Dennis Hirota (2018)

Namo amida butsu,
Rev. Jon Turner



“More on Not Seeing Things”

by Diane Ames

I think I was five years old, which would mean that it was 1951. I was accompanying my grandparents, who were enthusiastic rock collectors, on a bus trip organized by the Austin Gem and Mineral Society to some place in central Texas said to be a source of garnets. From the bus window I saw ragged people, mostly African-Americans (a term nobody would have recognized then), picking cotton.

Being a child, I soon wanted to use the bathroom. So did many, so the bus stopped at a rural gas station, where the women and girls of the AGMS, who of course were all white (the word integration was not yet heard either), lined up to use the ladies' room. There was a sign on the door that almost certainly said Ladies, White, though I could not read it yet. While I waited in line, I saw that behind the gas station, there was a line of ragged African-American women, probably some of those who had been picking cotton in the field next to the gas station, waiting in line to use a shabby outhouse. I could not yet read the sign on the outhouse door either, but I'm sure it said Colored.

I did not yet see injustice. It would be over a decade before I would learn to see that. But I did see grownups acting odd. Finally I asked my grandmother, why didn't everybody use the bathroom with the flush toilet?

My grandmother was visibly upset by my question. She said something about how this was just the way things were and changed the subject. For my grandmother was a dear, kind-hearted woman. During the postwar housing crunch, she gave my family her own bedroom and slept under her dining room table for two years. It was only by just not seeing this abomination all around her that she could live at all.

You grew up with segregation, and you got used to it, so used to it that you tended not to see it for what it really was. Buddhism calls this selective vision “ignorance.”





Temple News & Announcements



The Oakland A's flashed this welcome message to the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at last year's tailgate game. (Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)

Taking Ticket Orders for Aug. 4 Oakland A's Tailgate with Shohei Ohtani and the LA Dodgers

It may seem early to think about baseball, but the 2024 Major League Baseball season is already underway!

Ticket orders are being taken already for this year's BBT tailgate – which features Shohei Ohtani, Yoshi Yamamoto and the Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland A's on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$39 per person and a parking pass is \$20. We'll be sitting in the same upper deck section on the third-base side in the shade as we have been in past years.

Because of the popularity of Shohei Ohtani, the A's are requesting an estimated headcount!

The deadline will be mid-June for the tickets and the parking passes, and will be July 1 for the bento orders from Musashi for anyone interested.

Musashi bentos are priced between from \$14 and \$20, and for more information on the menu, go to: https://www.musashiofberkeley.com/bento_box.html

There's a BBT Shotsuki Service that day, but the game doesn't begin till 1 p.m., so there's time enough to attend the service and to see the game!

If you have any questions, please contact Jon Kawamoto at jonkawamoto@gmail.com.

Satsuki Bazaar

Silent Auction Seeks Items Again This Year

The committee is busy preparing for this year's silent auction again during the Satsuki Bazaar on Sunday, May 19. We are looking for items valued at \$50 and above that we can auction off in our in-person/online auction. Some of our popular items include artwork, home furnishings, custom clothing like kimono or yukata, gift cards for meals or services, sports tickets, and vacation stays.

If you have a business, it can help you find new customers. If you are a regular at local restaurants or businesses and you haven't seen them represented at our auction, please go ahead and ask them for a gift card donation!

You can drop off items in the Old Temple after service on Sundays or if they're large or you can't come to service, we can pick them up (email or call Grant Din at grant@tonaidin.net or 510/499-7328). We will have a donation form at the temple where you can tell us the value of your item. Thank you!

Miki Adachi and Grant Din
Auction Co-chairs

Seattle Betsuin Arson Restoration Fund

The Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple needs our help! Please consider supporting them as they recover from [the tragic arson event](#). The Seattle Betsuin is accepting donations to help rebuilding efforts.

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You can donate here: seattlebetsuin.org/fire

Donations can also be made via check. Please make checks payable to "Seattle Buddhist Church" and include "Arson Restoration Fund" in the memo line.

The address is: Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main St., Seattle, WA 98144.

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Dharma School Newsletter

April 2024

Hanamatsuri Buddhas

In March, the Dharma School students were busy preparing clay Buddha statues for the Hanamatsuri service.



Top to bottom: Joyce Sensei admires the clay work of Nathan and Dora. Sean, Kiki, and Ajax sculpt additional Buddhist concepts like interdependence and patience.

Six Paramitas at the Bay District Jr. YBA Conference

Rev. Kuwahara and Rev. CJ have been reviewing the Six Paramitas with the Sangha this month. Some of the high school students have been so grateful for the review of these six practices because it was the theme of this

year's Bay District Jr. YBA Conference, the Six Pokémitas (as in Pokémon)! Thank you to Madi for stepping up as our Jr. YBA President; to Madi, Tiegan, and Romare for leading Conference workshops; and to Madi, Tiegan, Romare, and Ajax for representing Berkeley Sangha in the best way! Special thanks to Madi's mom, Ms. Beryl, for jumping into Jr. YBA Conference planning like a pro!



April Schedule

4/7/2024	Dharma School Community Service Day (bake sale and cards for hospitalized children)
4/14/2024	Regular DS classes
4/21/2024	Dharma School offers a presentation during Hanamatsuri Service; Dharma School Fun Day
4/28/2024	Dharma School art project for Parents' Day in May

Welcome to Dharma School

Remember: ALL ARE WELCOME to the BBT Dharma School! Please refer to this quick [FAQs sheet](#) with general information about the Berkeley Buddhist Temple Dharma School. Parents, guardians, and grandparents are welcome to observe and/or accompany their children to class. Just ask to speak to Stacy, Karen, Irene, or Joyce before the Dharma Family Service.

Namo Amida Butsu



BCA / CBE Announcements

FDSTL MONTO SHIKISHO

To commemorate the **125th Anniversary of the BCA**, the **Federation of Dharma School Teachers League** has collaborated with **Naoshichi** of Kyoto, Japan to create a children-friendly Monto Shikisho.

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Adult Size (17.7 in x 2.3 in)	\$45
Childrens Size (15.3 in x 1.6 in)	\$35
Ministers' Wagesa	\$230

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<https://forms.gle/EKqfnxMopdUPeG1b9>

You may also use the QR code below.



PSYCHOLOGY OF SHINJIN

And how it affects our daily lives

10 AM - 4 PM
11 MAY

A doctrinal, therapeutic, and practical application of Shinjin in our daily lives.



REV KIYONOBU
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In-person Registration
<http://tinyurl.com/PychShinjin>
email: cbe@bcahq.org

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Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley



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India, Ministry of AYUSH



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Buddhist Churches of America



Rev. Ken Yamada
Editor at Higashi Honganji's Shinshu
Center of America and retired minister
of Berkeley Higashi Honganji Temple



Rev. Bob Oshita
Retired BCA Minister
Co-author, *Dharma Is Everywhere*



Denise Matsubara Lapidus
Advanced Yoga Teacher (The
Yoga Room), leading "Yoga Nidra"



Judy Yushin Nakatomi
Certified Minister's Assistant with Vista
Buddhist Temple (BCA) and ordained in
the Zen tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh



Alan Hirahara, Chef
Gourmet Vegan Cuisine

Labonee, Traditional Indian dance troupe
Suzi Ko, Therapeutic massage
Arts and Crafts

Workshop space is limited.

Registration will open on Feb. 5th
<https://forms.gle/asUrK9pS9SchgEB87>



cbe@bcahq.org

BYR VII: SUMMER BCA YOUTH RETREAT

JUN 23 - 29, 2024



7th annual BCA Summer Youth Retreat
Jodo Shinshu Center
For High School age students

SIGN UP NOW FOR THIS AMAZING PROGRAM!!



information & registration:
<http://tinyurl.com/BYRVII>



Community Announcements



Showing: April 21st @ 2:00 PM
TICKETS NOW ON SALE

"Carving the Divine" is a documentary film by Mr. Yujiro Seki. The film presents a rare look into the 1400 year old tradition of Butsuzo, the woodcarving of Japanese Buddhist statues and images. It follows the lives and training of those craftsmen and women who struggle to preserve the tradition in modern Japan today.

The Buddhist Temple of Alameda, Rhythmix Cultural Works, and the Buddhist Churches of America Art Committee have joined efforts to present the film on April 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Rhythmix theater at 2513 Blanding Avenue in Alameda just 1/2 mile from the Buddhist Temple of Alameda.

The incredible works and efforts presented in the film will heighten your own appreciation of the artistry and craftsmanship that goes into the temple images that we see at our temples here. Please join us for this very special event.

"Carving the Divine" is more than a movie about amazing wood sculptors of Japan. To me, the movie is about the Master-Apprentice or the Master-Disciple relationship, and how this is still being transmitted in the traditional manner... stern, but yet ultimately kind, in training the apprentice to be a true artist in both skill and spirit."

Rev. I Iarvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America

Filmmaker, Yujiro Seki has worked passionately to make his film available to as many people in the world as possible. He has stated, "I'm persistent because I know you will fully enjoy 'Carving the Divine'. This is not just a film. Through this work, I will challenge you to confront your true self. I will challenge you to think about what it means to be alive and what is the purpose of your life! Yes, I will give you one hell of a good time!"

I Ir. Seki is an Award-winning Director, Cinematographer, Editor, Subtitle Translator, and Writer, and Producer. He will join us via ZOOM from Japan at the end of the film showing to share his reflections and to provide a Question and Answer period for those of us who are able to attend. Don't miss this rare opportunity. TICKETS ON SALE NOW! <https://rhythmix.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/#/events/a051K00000QJdYSUA3>

Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto
Buddhist Temple of Alameda
BCA Art Committee



UPCOMING ONLINE GATHERING

OKAERI

WE MEET ONLINE
EVERY 2ND
SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH!
4-5:30PM (PT)



A digital space for
Nikkei LGBTQ+
community
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"Okaeri Connects is for LGBTQ+ Nikkei/Japanese folks to find each other and create affirming spaces by sharing our personal experiences and stories. We believe that building relationships, being seen, and connecting ourselves within our big Nikkei world can improve the quality of our lives." 🙏

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, April 7, 2024
9:30 AM

Live Stream: <https://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/dharma-live>

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) for
April.

Shigetaro Adachi	Chiyo Ishikawa	Joe Oishi
Kinoe Adachi	Kanzo Iyama	Makitaro Sakaki
Flora Tatsuye Adachi	Lily Kagawa	Shoichi Sawada
Yoshino Ariyoshi	Michael Masayuki Kakesako	Matsutarō Takemori
Douglas Itsuki Ariyoshi	George Kako	Masae Takeshita
Nobuko Mae Asami	Takeo Katayama	Hideo Taketa
June Michiko Chikasuye	Kikutaro Kimura	Kenichi Tokuyoshi
Sadako Delcollo	Shunta Marubayashi	Yoshimi Toyota
Jack Shigetaro Ehara	Chiyomi Masuda	Alice Toshiko Tsukimura
David Flores	Yemiko Masunaga	Baby Boy Umawatari
Dirk Sei Fujii	Kimiyo Matsui	Izumi Uyeda
Hiroshi Fujikawa	Tsutomu Matsumoto	James Wakida
Juzaburo Furuzawa	Hideaki Matsunaga	David Susumu Watanabe
Rose-Annette Gervais	Victoria Mizuhara	Takeo Yamada
Toshiko Tomaru Goodman	Toraō Tony Mizusaki	Emiko Yamaguchi
Takekuni Hino	Toshio Morishita	Kisao Yamaguchi
Yoshio Hiramoto	Arthur Hajime Nakamura	Yonosuke Yokoyama
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Membership & Toban

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The temple would like to gratefully acknowledge the following members for their generous contributions:

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TOBAN

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

March 2024	April 2024
Chair - Don Hamasaki Cochair - Judy Fujimoto Cochair - Barbara Hedani-Morishita Flamenco, Jenna *Fujimoto, Bill & Judy Hamasaki, Don & Joanie *Hiraoka, Yo Ito, Amy Ito-Taylor, Dean & Lori Suzuki Kato, Vernon & Karen Kuwahara, Rev Kiyō & Hitomi Miyake, Ron & Janet Cordova Morishita, Leroy & Barbara Hedani *Oki, Sadao Okimoto, Joyce Tanaka, Rev Ken & Kimie Taylor, Rumi	Cochair - Lorene Nakagiri Cochair - Karen Sugiyama Bost, Juliet Kooshesh, Hamed Matsuda, Ryan *Matsunaga, George & Emi Mayeda, Andy & Lisa *Mayeda, Fumi Mukai, KC *Nagareda, Catherine Nakagiri, Gary & Lorene *Nakao, Aki & Emi Okamura, Kay Sugiyama, Karen Tagawa, Craig & Helen *Watamura, Terry *Wolfe, Yasuyo

* Denotes disabled and/or elderly. Toban optional.

Condolences Memorial Service Schedule



Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

To the Family of
Mrs. Pauline Fong
February 23, 1938 – February 12, 2024

A memorial service for Mrs. Pauline Fong will be held
on Sun. April 21 from 2:30pm
at Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Namo Amida Butsu

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The following is a list of special service years.
If you have a departed relative who has passed away
in any of the listed years,
and would like to make arrangements
for a memorial service,
please contact Rev. Kuwahara at [\(510\) 841-1356](tel:5108411356).

2024 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2023	1 st Year
2022	3 rd Year
2018	7 th Year
2012	13 th Year
2008	17 th Year
2000	25 th Year
1992	33 rd Year
1975	50 th Year
1925	100 th Year

Services

Our regular Sunday program consists of a Family Service at 9:30am. An adult Dharma talk is given after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

Special Services

January 1	Gantan-e	New Year's Day
February	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July	Kangi-e	Obon
September	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the first Sunday of each month.

Dharma School

Our Dharma School (Sunday School) has classes from preschool through high school. Our teachers are happy to discuss the appropriate level of spiritual enrichment for your student.

Monthly Discussions

In our discussions, we strive to experience the Buddha-Dharma with our entire selves – with our bodies (quiet sitting and other forms of meditation), voices (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and discussion).

Our sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our everyday lives. Each session will take up a different topic and you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Visitor Information

Please feel free to ask any of our greeters for information. We are here to assist you with whatever level of participation you may be seeking.

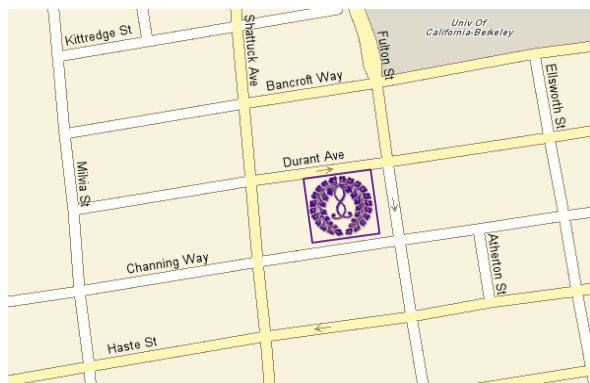
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

Membership is open to all who view the Temple as their spiritual home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

Kindly complete a [Membership Form](#), have your name entered in the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

For more information about becoming a member, visit our [Registration](#) page, or contact our [Membership Chair](#).



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