



The Padma



May 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

May Dharma Message Theme Shinran Shonin's Life and Teaching

The theme for this month's Dharma messages aligns with the **Gotan-e** service on Sunday, May 12th.

Gotan-e is one of the major services in our Jodo-Shinshu tradition, commemorating the birth of its founder, Shinran Shonin, on May 21, 1173.

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

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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p>Berkeley Buddhist Temple (510) 841-1356 berkeleybuddhisttemple.org info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org facebook.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple youtube.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple</p> | | | <p>1 7:00p Virtual Meditation</p> | <p>2 8:00a Virtual Yoga</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p>5 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 7:00p Board of Directors Mtg</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9 8:00a Virtual Yoga</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11 <i>Padma Articles Due</i></p> |
| <p>12 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family, Gotan-E, & Parents Day Service</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14 Padma Newsletter Production</p> | <p>15 7:00p Virtual Meditation</p> | <p>16 8:00a Virtual Yoga</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19 74th ANNUAL SATSUKI BAZAAR</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23 8:00a Virtual Yoga</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family Service</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 8:00a Virtual Yoga 6:30p Virtual Dharmanar</p> | <p>31</p> | |

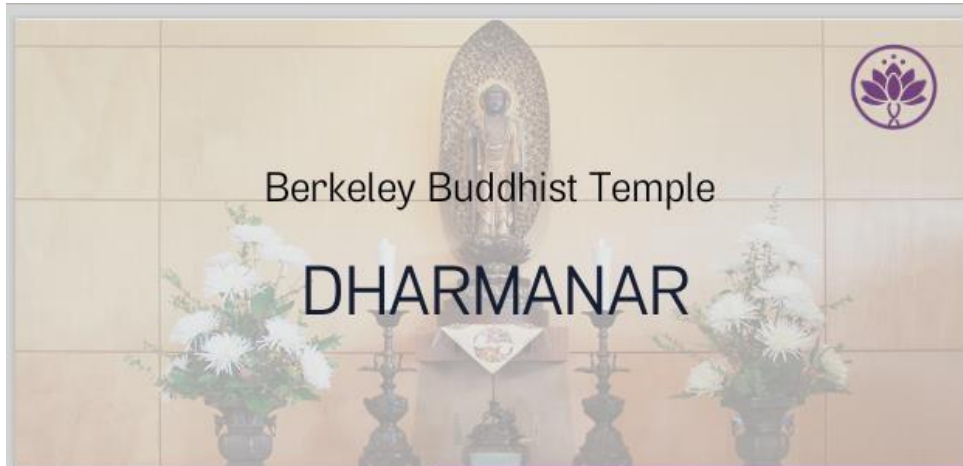


Future Dates to Remember

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| M A Y | Thu 2 May | Virtual 8:00a Yoga 6:30p BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Birth, Karma) |
| | Sun 5 May | Livestream & In-person 9:30a Shotsuki Memorial Service |
| | Thu 9 May | Virtual 8:00a Yoga |
| | Sun 12 May | Livestream & In-person 9:30a Gotan-E / Parents Day Service |
| | Wed 15 May | Virtual 7:00p Meditation & Discussion |
| | Thu 16 May | Virtual 8:00a Yoga |
| | Sun 19 May | 74th Annual SATSUKI BAZAAR |
| | Thu 23 May | Virtual 8:00a Yoga |
| | Thu 30 May | Virtual 8:00a Yoga 6:30p BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Shinran Shonin's Life & Teaching) |
| J U N E | Sat 15 Jun | 2024: Save-the-Date Rev. Dr. David Ryoe Matsumoto Tribute & Retirement Celebration Mountain View Buddhist Temple |



The BBT Bulletin Board



Berkeley Buddhist Temple

DHARMANAR

THU. MAY 2, 2024
6:30 - 8:00PM
Topic: Birth, Karma

THU. MAY 30, 2024
6:30 - 8:00PM
Topic: Shinran Shonin's
Life & Teaching

sign up:
sanghaevents.info/dharmanar

2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704
info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org
www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/

Join us for BBT's monthly online study session.

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

All are welcome!

Thursday Morning Virtual Chair Yoga

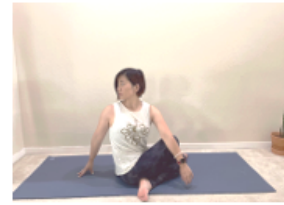


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**Date: 5/2. 9. 16. 23. 30
6/6. 13**

***There are no class in July**

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



kuwaharahitomi@gmail.com



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

mahadevi.moon@gmail.com

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Berkeley Buddhist Temple

MEDITATION & DISCUSSION

WED.
MAY 1 & 15 2024

7:00 - 8:00PM

sign up:
sanghaevents.info/meditation

Join us for an evening of online
silent meditation led by our
minister, Rev. Kuwahara.

Everyone is welcome and no
prior experience needed. We
will have a short discussion
after. All are welcome!

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Living Accommodation Wanted!

Responsible College Student with connections with the Fresno Buddhist Temple seeks living accommodations for the Months of June and July in the Berkeley area. Please text Heather Putirka at (559) 999-7290 with any possible leads.

EVERYDAY BUDDHIST

New Course!

Living | Buddhist Masters from China to Japan

Meet Pure Land Masters:

- Daocho
- Shan-tao
- Genshin
- Genku (Honen)

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Visit https://courses.everydaybuddhist.org/?affcode=155589_aa51s-zc for more details. Every time a Sangha member or temple friend subscribes, our temple receives a donation from Everyday Buddhist.

INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES



JOIN US FOR THE Retirement Celebration of REV. DR. DAVID MATSUMOTO



Tribute Service

followed by bento lunch & dessert

Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 AM

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

575 N. Shoreline Blvd.

Mountain View, CA 94043

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

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

74th Annual Satsuki Bazaar

Berkeley Buddhist Temple 74th Annual Satsuki Bazaar Sunday, May 19th from 12noon - 6pm

Free Entertainment: from 12:30p to 3:30p Taiko, Magician & juggler, AHS Music Ensemble

Food: Signature BBQ Choice Ribeye steak dinner, Loco Moco, Yakisoba, kalua pork plate, vegetarian curry, udon, manju, sushi and baked goods.

Pre-order BBQ Steak Dinners: <https://sanghaevents.info/satsukisteak>

* Last day to pre-order steak dinner online is May 15th. Walk ups welcome provided availability.

Make a Satsuki Bazaar Donation: <https://sanghaevents.info/satsukifundraiser>

Please plan to come and bring family and friends to enjoy good food, good music and fun people!

Bazaar Annual Gift

Request for Your Vote!

Background: In 2001, Bob Matsueda suggested that the Berkeley Buddhist Temple donate a portion of the proceeds from the Temple's Bazaar to a nonprofit organization.

Since 2001, BBT has donated part of the Satsuki Bazaar proceeds to a community nonprofit organization. Thank you to Yuki and the BAG committee for leading this effort for so many years! Based on nominations we received last year the Community Outreach Committee's list below are a few local organizations that you all may vote on, you are also welcome to nominate your own.

You can vote using this [Bazaar Annual Gift \(BAG\) 2024 Voting form](#) or find the link in the weekly announcements. Please only check one. If you have any questions or if you'd like to nominate an organization for next year, please email tara@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org.

****NOTE: This form will remain open until May 5, 2024.****

Satsuki Bazaar Silent Auction

Request for Silent Auction Donations!

All donations of approximately \$50 or more are appreciated. Please bring them to BBT **before Sunday, April 28th** and [provide information about the item](#). Late donations may be held for 2025. The Silent Auction team really appreciates your timely donations!

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). Thank you!

Miki Adachi and Grant Din
Silent Auction Co-chairs

Satsuki Bazaar Bake Sale

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here and it's time to **BAKE!** I'm making my usual plea to ask if you will help make the Bazaar a success by baking. As we did last year, the bazaar will only be held on Sunday so we only have one day to sell your goodies.

I'm making my usual plea to ask if you will help make the Bazaar a success by baking. Some ideas include:

- Cookies
- Cakes
- Pies
- Brownies
- Pumpkin mochi 😊
- Lemon bars
- Bread
- Or surprise us!



Remember, every donation results in 100% **profit** to the temple. How can it get any easier to raise money for a good cause. Bake what you can, bring what you want. Any donation will be appreciated. If possible, please bring some of your baked items on Saturday so we can get a head start and package them for Sunday.



See you on May 18th and 19th!!
Naomi Fukumori



On Pilgrimage and Self-Reflection of No-Self

On March 23, 2024, I took part in an interfaith Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage in the East Bay that mapped the entire 22 mile length of Gaza onto a route that started in Cesar Chavez Park, near the Berkeley Marina through Berkeley, into a few loops in Oakland, and ending in Alameda. Along the way, we stopped at several Churches, the Buddhist Church of Oakland, and an Islamic center in Alameda for rest, water, and snacks. Over the past several months, I have attended a number of peaceful protests and demonstrations advocating for a free Palestine and critiquing Israel's use of starvation and militarized collective punishment against civilians, but this was my first time attending a pilgrimage that focused on the liberation of Palestinian people. The whole vibe and sense of community felt completely different, as it was one of contemplation and prayer.

I ran into my old housemate from the Institute of Buddhist Studies dormitory, Hanna who is a Christian PhD student at the Graduate Theological Union, where I joined the pilgrimage in Berkeley. It was so nice to see her! She used to cook and share Korean food with me, and I'd make her and the other housemates different meals too. I was grateful to see that our values aligned on this, as they have on so many other social issues despite our difference of faith.

I managed to walk 13 miles that day, and I truly believe that it was a transformative experience for me. While I felt a lot of buoyancy from like-minded people of different faiths, I did feel lonely to be the only Jōdo Shinshū Buddhist walking this pilgrimage, at least until saw Auntie Jun at BCO and then Dani from our temple joined me at the next stop in Oakland. I spent much of the time contemplating the horrible suffering that our government has enabled and enacted, not just in Palestine, but throughout other states in the region, along with the sinister nature of American empire that often hides under a facade of "safety" and "protection" from other nations manifest in our over 1,000 international military bases. Many in our sangha are well-aware of the troubles that these bases have caused in Japan, especially Okinawa. When I started to feel angry or overwhelmed by these facts, I would come back to reciting nenbutsu as the Nichiren Buddhists ahead of me softly played drums and quietly chanting *daimoku* – *namyoho rengo kyo*. Due to several health problems that have developed over the past few years, I was worried that I wouldn't be able to walk for long, but I did bring a walking stick and attached three Tibetan bronze bells to the top, so that the pace of my walking, the Nichiren drums, and the jingle of my staff gave me a melody I could follow as recited *nenbutsu* and contemplated my role as both a US citizen and a Jōdo Shinshū priest in the midst of this prayerful pilgrimage where we all aspired for peace, healing, and restoration of land.

This pilgrimage, my experience thus far as a minister and member of our BLEND¹ committee, and witnessing the reactions of the sangha and especially the broader BCA to the

¹BLEND is an acronym for Buddhists Living in Equity and Non-Discrimination, originated from our former resident minister and president of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto. In 2020 several concerned youth of the BBT founded the BLEND committee to address social concerns, especially the anti-AAPI and anti-Black racism that had become exposed more broadly due to belligerent political leaders, US state-sanctioned domestic terrorism, and the psychological effects of the onset of the COVID pandemic.

genocide happening in Palestine have all made me question both the ethical values and practical value of our institutions. I must admit that I carry a lot of trauma, not a word I use lightly, from my past relationship with organized religion and religious community, and I have to take great care of my tendency to hop into flight-or-fight mode. I truly don't understand how many people can see the settler-colonial history of Israel alongside the egregious suffering of the people of Palestine & the broader suffering across the Arab world, and feel that this is simply a "political issue" that we should somehow ignore or on which we must remain neutral and silent. While I didn't grow up Buddhist, I did grow up seeing and experiencing religious people using their religion as a means to cause or excuse psychological and physical harm.

When we talk about *dukkha* in Buddhism, it is often translated as suffering, but I see that translation, along with many other translations in Buddhism, as deeply problematic because it normalizes pain that can often be the symptom of systemic oppression. There is *dukkha* caused by our obscuring passions: greed and self-centeredness, that all of us experience. That *dukkha* is very different from the violence sanctioned by organizations and states, very different from wars and genocide that result from dehumanizing people. If we think only of the Buddhadharma as a means to address our interpersonal problems, then we will never get to the broader systemic ones like racism, classism, sexism, queer- and transantagonism, and many others. These bigger forms of systemic discrimination and dehumanization may come about from our obscuring passions, but we have to think systemically in how we can dismantle them. Systemic thinking involves self-reflection, but only as the starting point. We start with seeing the problems of discrimination and dehumanization in ourselves, but then the next step **must be** to incorporate our interdependence and the social/political nature of human existence to see how we share those same problems with others. Racism and religio-ethnic supremacy, an example of which Zionism is a perfect candidate, only exists because a group of people agree to dehumanize another group of people: Arabs who are indigenous to Southwest Asia and Northern Africa. Radical self-reflection includes not just the conventional self, but also no-self or the empty self: the ways in which our evil karma manifests in relationships that span massive groups of people.

Maybe I'm a bad Buddhist priest because I think that individual self-reflection is only the seed that starts our spiritual maturity in Jōdo Shinshū: 信心 *shinjin*. We have to critique ourselves, but then, once we are aware of our imperfectness, we have to move further into critiquing broader systems of oppression, discrimination, and dehumanization because what are these systems other than shared obscuring passions? Shared evil karma?

In gassho,

Rev. CJ



“The Buddha Was Right about Old Age”

by Diane Ames

“Cheer up, Diane!” said the doctor. “You’re in good health for your age.”

“But I have three chronic conditions, for which I am being treated with six medications. I have back pain from spinal arthritis, knee pain from chronic patellar tendinitis, and foot pain from several different causes. I’m in physical therapy for the third time in as many years, and I just don’t have much stamina. My body is acting like an old car that’s falling apart but can’t be turned in.”

“In other words, you’re in good health for your age,” the doctor replied. “Most of my patients who’re your age on walkers or dead.”

“Yes, think of the people in the House of Methuselah Assisted Living Facility who’re worse off than you,” said the nurse. “Think of Maggie, who’s in a wheelchair and has Alzheimer’s disease. And poor George, who was buried last Tuesday.”

“Contemplating their woes doesn’t cheer me up, much less help Maggie or George. It only reminds me that I might yet end up like Maggie and will, before too many years pass, end up like George. The Buddha said that old age is one of the worst things in life, and, as usual, the Buddha was right.”

“IMPERMANENCE!” rang the bells of the Gion Temple all the way from Japan.

“Oh shut up!” I snapped.

“Come now!” said my protective gandharva as he suddenly flew through the window. “The Buddha did not point out that all things are impermanent just to spread gloom. He meant that we must recognize that this is just how things are and always will be, whatever we do. It’s fine if we try to reduce our suffering along the way or, indeed, try to live a long life. But in the end, we must learn to accept the impermanence of all things, including ourselves. It’s never easy, but we must.”





Community Outreach / BLEND



The ceasefire banner to be discussed on April 28th.

At the **April 28th** service, the BLEND committee will make a presentation about the proposal process, thoughts, and discussion that went into raising the "Compassion Requires Ceasefire Now" banner.

There will be an opportunity for further conversation at the BLEND discussion **after the service at 11:30am.**

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Dharma School Newsletter

May 2024

Visiting Wat Mongkolratanaram

In March, the Dharma School students and their families took the opportunity of good weather to walk several blocks to Wat Mongkolratanaram, the Thai Buddhist Temple in Berkeley. We enjoyed their delicious brunch offerings and made a brief visit to a small shrine located in a building behind the main temple. The students noticed many similar elements in Wat Mongkolratanaram's shrine, including candles, incense, food offerings, and of course, Buddha statues.



Fundraisers to benefit Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple and Palestinian relief organizations

At the beginning of April, the Dharma School held a bake sale to help the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. We also made cards to send to hospitalized children in Palestine and offered several ways to donate to organizations helping children with food, water, and housing in Gaza.

In class, we connected the idea of interdependence to other communities and found parts of the Golden Chain to support our giving, including, "I am a link in the Golden Chain that stretches across the

world” and “I...will do pure and beautiful deeds.”

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Sangha, the Dharma School raised over \$1,000!



May Schedule

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| 5/5/2024 | No Dharma School classes (Bazaar Construction Day) |
| 5/12/2024 | Gotan-E and Parent Day Presentation by all DS students, then regular Dharma School classes |
| 5/19/2024 | No Dharma School classes (Satsuki Bazaar); we'll sell any extra tie-dye towels at Bazaar |
| 5/26/2024 | Dharma School Awards, then Dharma School class fun day |

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.

ITADAKIMASU with Gratitude

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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 |

We encourage all chapters to consider purchasing one for your local minister.

Order Form:

<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
KUWAHARA



REV DR CARMELA
JAVELLANA



REV DR KENJI
AKAHOSHI

**JODO SHINSHU
CENTER**

2140 Durant Ave
Berkeley, CA 94704

**REGISTRATION
LINK**

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

BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents

YOGA, BUDDHISM, AND A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Friday, May 24 - Sunday, May 26, 2024
Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley



Bob Matsueda
Yoga and Wellness Instructor;
Yoga Therapist, Government of
India, Ministry of AYUSH



Bishop Marvin Harada
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



UPCOMING ONLINE GATHERING

OKAERI

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



A digital space for
Nikkei LGBTQ+
community
members of all
ages and
backgrounds.

CONNECTS!

REGISTER AT: okaeri.org/connects



Little Tokyo
Service Center

Okaeri is fiscally sponsored by LTSC

We are excited to uplift Okaeri Connects! a monthly virtual support group available in English and Japanese, hosted by Okaeri, a Nikkei LGBTQ+ community organization. They are the only group in the nation to offer bilingual support curated specifically for Nikkei LGBTQ+ individuals. Head to okaeri.org/connects to register for their monthly sessions, and sign up for their newsletter [here](#). "Okaeri Connects is for LGBTQ+ Nikkei/Japanese folks to find each other and create affirming spaces by sharing our personal

J-SEI - Upcoming in May

EVENTS:

- **Healthy Aging: How to Keep Our Brain Healthy and Active**
Dr. Michael Goldrich, Director of Geriatrics and Nursing Home Care at Lifelong Medical Care - Wednesday, April 24th, 11 am
- **Children's Day Event: "The Bridges Yuri Built"**
with author Kai Naima Williams - Sunday, May 5th. Origami Activity at 2 pm, Book Reading at 3 pm.
- **Mother's Day Tour: Chiura Obata at SFMOMA**
"One of California's most influential 20th century artists" - Friday, May 10th at 10:30 am (Space is limited)
- **Day Trip to South SF: "Kay Sekimachi Weaving Traditions"**
at SFO and Tanforan Memorial Thursday, May 16th, 2 pm (in-person)
- **Cactus Blossoms: Poetry In (and Beyond) Gila River**
Saturday, May 18th

For more information visit www.j-sei.org

[J-Sei](#) | [Community](#) | [Care](#) | [Culture](#)

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, May 5, 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
May.

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| Hideyo Adachi | Teruko Komure | Hisae Joanna Sakai |
| Douglas Berute Davis | Michio Kono | Larry Takeo Sato |
| Ayako Fujii | Torayoshi Maida | Chizuko Shimada |
| Sansuke Fujinaga | Kane Maida | Fumiko Oshita Sugihara |
| Bill Galeota | Roy Saburo Matsushino | Ginzo Suto |
| Junji Hamai | Priscilla Setsuko Mayeda | Mary Bonzo Suzuki |
| Tomoko Hamamoto | Alma Tsuneko Hirose Miller | Lucille Takano |
| Satoshi Hane | Naokichi Mitsuyasu | Yoshinori Tanada |
| Florence Nitta Hiramoto | Kimiyo Miyaji | Kikuye Alice Tokuyoshi |
| Terry Teruyo Hiramoto | Ayako Marie Miyasaki | Wataru Tsuchihashi |
| Kiriye Hiraoka | Barbara Miyasaki | Toshiko Tsuchitani |
| Yonezo Hirose | Yuta Morimoto | Toshiko Tsujimoto |
| Edward Akihiko Imazumi | Fusako Morita | Toshiko Tsurumoto |
| Kazuhiro Ishida | John Morita | Kiyomi Uehisa |
| Tamayo Ishida | Robert Nagahisa | Kiyoye Unoki |
| Shigenori Iyama | Miyoko Nakagawa | Kawayo Yamasaki |
| Toshio Jimbo | Miyoshi Nakano | Satoshi Joe Yamasaki |
| Shigeru Jio | Edwin Shigeyuki Oki | Ninosuke Yoshida |
| Chika Kawamoto | Ami Oki | Toshio Yoshida |
| Stella Isao Kimura | Kenji Ota | Takehiko Yoshimura |

Note: If there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at 510-841-1356.



Membership & Toban

Membership Pledges 2024 (Receiving Period: 3/10/2024 – 4/4/2024)

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

Richard Adachi
 Robert & Carol Akiyama
 Vicki & Gene Chin
 Naomi Fukumori
 Wes Fukumori
 Gail Harada
 Dale Haratani
 Annette Lys
 Denise Matsubara Lapidus

Pam Matsuoka
 Maya Murashima & Paul Yonemura
 Jeff Nagafuji & Lucy Rivello
 Lorene & Gary Nakagiri
 Evelyn Nakano Glenn
 Dennis & Mary Okamura
 Emiko Ota
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 Opal Wakayama

If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Team at membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org or 510-841-1356.

TOBAN

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

| April 2024 | May 2024 |
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| <p>Cochair - Lorene Nakagiri Cochair - Karen Sugiyama</p> <p>Bost, Juliet 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</p> | <p>Chair - Mimi Kagehiro Cochair - Denise Lapidus Cochair - Susan Kajiwara</p> <p>Bond, Aaron & Lorin Din, Grant & Rosalyn Tonai Egawa, Janey *Harano, Yasuko Haratani, Dale Kagehiro, Ron & Mimi Kagehiro Anoruo, Erin *Kajiwara, Susan Lapidus, Denise Lethridge, Nikki *Nakagawa, Kiriye *Ota, Emi Oshima, John Ueda, Geri *Yasumoto, Liane</p> |

** Denotes disabled and/or elderly. Toban optional.*



Memorial Service Schedule



2024 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

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).

| <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

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|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 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.

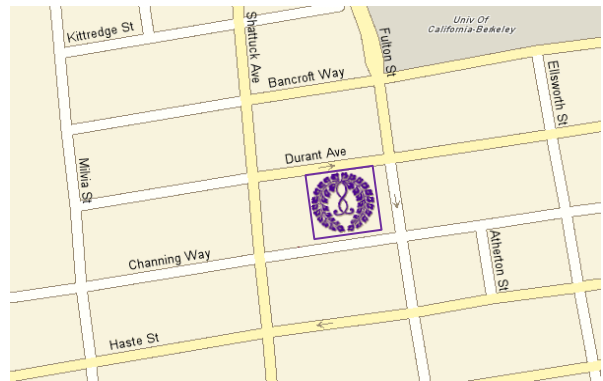
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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