



# The Padma



June/July 2023

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](mailto:padma@BerkeleyBuddhistTemple.org)



## *A Time to Celebrate!*



**Links:** Many of the graphics in this newsletter are image files in which embedded links are not active. To mitigate this issue, we are listing the referenced links below.

- [BBT Website](#)
- [BBT Meditation Registration](#)
- [BBT Dharmanar Registration](#)
- [CBE – Crossing Over Registration](#)
- [CBE - Yoga, Buddhism, and a Healthy Lifestyle](#)
- [BYR 6 Registration](#)

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

# CALENDAR



## 2023

### JUNE

### JULY

Thu	1	
Fri	2	
Sat	3	
Sun	4	9:30a Shotsuki Memorial Service 1:30p Taiko Class
Mon	5	
Tue	6	
Wed	7	7p Meditation (virtual)
Thu	8	
Fri	9	
Sat	10	
Sun	11	9:30a Dharma Family Service
Mon	12	
Tue	13	7p Board of Directors Meeting
Wed	14	
Thu	15	
Fri	16	
Sat	17	
Sun	18	9:30a Dharma Family Service 11:30a "The Making of American Buddhism"
Mon	19	
Tue	20	7:30p Obon Practice@BBT - tentative
Wed	21	7p Meditation (virtual)
Thu	22	7:30p Obon Practice@BBT - tentative
Fri	23	
Sat	24	
Sun	25	9:30a Sochoki Service
Mon	26	
Tue	27	7:30p Obon Practice@BBT - tentative
Wed	28	
Thu	29	7:30p Obon Practice@BBT - tentative
Fri	30	
Sat	1	
Sun	2	

Sat	1	
Sun	2	9:30a Shotsuki Memorial Service
Mon	3	
Tue	4	
Wed	5	
Thu	6	7:30p Obon Practice@BBT - tentative
Fri	7	
Sat	8	6:30p Obon Odori@BBT
Sun	9	9:30a Obon/Hatsubon Service
Mon	10	
Tue	11	7p Board of Directors Meeting
Wed	12	
Thu	13	
Fri	14	
Sat	15	<i>Padma Articles Due</i>
Sun	16	9:30a Dharma Family Service
Mon	17	
Tue	18	Padma Newsletter Production
Wed	19	
Thu	20	
Fri	21	
Sat	22	
Sun	23	9:30a Dharma Family Service
Mon	24	
Tue	25	
Wed	26	
Thu	27	6:30p Dharmanar (virtual)
Fri	28	
Sat	29	
Sun	30	9:30a Dharma Family Service
Mon	31	



# Future Dates to Remember

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Wed  
**24**  
May  
**Virtual**  
Meditation & Discussion

Thu  
**25**  
May  
**Virtual**  
BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Juseige)

Sun  
**4**  
June  
**Livestream & In-person**  
Shotsuki Memorial Service

Wed  
**7**  
June  
**Virtual**  
Meditation & Discussion

Sun  
**18**  
June  
**In-person - After-Service (11:00 AM)**  
Book Launch & Discussion: “The Making of American Buddhism” by Dr. Scott A. Mitchell, Moderated by Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto

Wed  
**21**  
June  
**Virtual**  
Meditation & Discussion

Sun  
**25**  
June  
**Livestream & In-person**  
Sochoki Service

Sun  
**2**  
July  
**Livestream & In-person**  
Shotsuki Memorial Service

Sat  
**8**  
July  
**Obon Odori at BBT**  
*\* Details and practice dates to be advised in weekly emails*

Sun  
**9**  
July  
**Livestream & In-person**  
Obon/Hatsubon Service

Thu  
**27**  
July  
**Virtual**  
BBT Dharmanar (Topic: TBA)



Berkeley Buddhist Temple  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY 3, 24**

WED. 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Sign up at:

<https://sanghaevents.info/meditation>

**MEDITATION & DISCUSSION**

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!

**MAY 25**

THU. 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join on zoom:

[sanghaevents.info/dharmanar](https://sanghaevents.info/dharmanar)

**DHARMANAR**

Join us for BBT's monthly online study session. We will focus on Buddhist sutras this year. In the March session, we will learn JU SEI GE. Rev. Kuwahara, Rev. CJ, and Rev. Tanis Moore will be presenting. Then we will discuss it after. Everyone is welcome!

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[www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/](http://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/)

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple presents

**THE MAKING OF  
 AMERICAN  
 Buddhism**

Guest speaker

**DR. SCOTT  
 MITCHELL**



2121 Channing Way Berkeley, CA 94704

**JUNE | 18<sup>th</sup> | 2023**

Dr. Scott Mitchell will discuss his new book, *The Making of American Buddhism* at 11:30am following the temple's regular Dharma Family Service. He will be in conversation with Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto



# Minister's Message by Rev. CJ Dunford

## ***Star Stuff & Telling Our Stories***

Carl Sagan very famously said: “The cosmos is within us. We are made of star-stuff. We are a way for the universe to know itself”, and I find this to be a beautifully poetic, scientific, and Buddhistic expression of our interdependence. This semester, I have had the good fortune to teach a course at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS, a graduate-level Buddhist seminary) called “Issues in Buddhist Ministry”. This was a class designed and taught by Rev. Dr. Seigen Yamaoka for the past decade, and it is also based on the work he did for his doctorate of ministry. This course has held a special and challenging place in the hearts of many IBS students over the years, and it is one that threw me off into a wild spiral of trying to understand myself in my first year in seminary.



In “Issues in Buddhist Ministry”, each of us delves into troubling and difficult parts of our lives as we struggle to make sense of our pain and suffering in light of the Buddhadharmā. The point is both to process our own sense of spiritual formation, and to also take care of one another in the classroom: a safe-space container where we hold our peers without judgment, just with tenderness. I learned, or more accurately remembered, when I first took this class in 2017, that I have been through a lot. I also learned that all those difficult moments of my life were so overwhelming that in order to survive, I had to repress so many emotions and oversimplify just as many relationships, in order to go to school, get through work, try to love other people and learn to love myself for most of my life up until that point. Telling my story with Rev. Yamaoka and my cohort was like unpacking many boxes of unpleasant and unresolved painful moments. Indeed, few people who take this class come out the other end unchanged.

I promised myself that I would do my best to carry on my mentor's legacy and build upon it in my own unique ways when I taught this course. In sharing our stories, we weave and uncover rich and complex tapestries of our lives together in community, and I realized that in telling the stories of our lives and deeply listening to and holding the stories of others, we are embodying interdependence, wisdom, and compassion in ways that we rarely get to do in our everyday lives. At the start of each class, we begin with a grounding exercise to separate this sacred time and space, to open our hearts to our own little sangha. Sometimes I share a song, or lead a piece of Buddhist liturgy, and sometimes the students do that. On the day that I shared my own story with the class in March, this time as the teacher, I realized that sharing all these messy bits of my life have, in many settings, left me vulnerable to judgment and critique: “a minister should have their lives much more together than this person does!” There was a part of me that worried that the class might hold such judgment toward their teacher when seeing how messy my life has been (and still is), so I decided to share a beautiful song performed by Nina Simone: “Stars”. In her dramatic performance of vocals and piano accompaniment, Simone starts out the song with a sense of longing and melancholy that builds to a swelling crescendo and anticipation in the closing lines:

*I'm trying to tell my story  
Janis Ian told it very well  
Janis Joplin told it even better  
Billie Holiday even told it even better  
We always, we always  
We always have a story*

*The latest story that I know  
Is the one that I'm supposed to go out with  
And the latest story that I know  
Is the one that I'm supposed to go out with  
And the latest story that I know  
Is the one that I'm supposed to go out with  
And the latest story that I know  
Is the one that I'm supposed to go out with*

Music has a special way of reaching into my scattered mind and expressing feelings that are locked deeply away in my heart, and this song, sung by a talented and beautiful Black woman, captures my firm belief that we all have incredibly touching and complex stories to share with one another. If only we will open our eyes and ears to experience the stories of others, then we begin to understand one another just a little bit more. In this way, the separation between “me” and “you” begins to dissolve, and we start to see how deeply interconnected we all are.

I am deeply honored to carry on the legacy of Rev. Dr. Seigen Yamaoka at the IBS, just as I am honored to be able to serve our sangha at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple under the supervision of Rev. Kuwahara. To everyone in our sangha: thank you for all the love, support, and guidance throughout the years. I look forward to the future as we continue to share our stories together.

Namo Amida Butsu

I hope to see you at Sunday services!

In gratitude 

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Rev. CJ

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# “Why?”

by Diane Ames

“Why is this happening?” I wailed. “How can my dear little niece have breast cancer? She was such an adorable little baby! And now that adorable baby has breast cancer! Why? Why?”

“One obvious reason is that she is no longer a baby!” said my protective gandharva somewhat impatiently. “Babies can have health problems, but they don’t get breast cancer.”

“True, but she’s only forty! That’s young to have breast cancer!” I replied. “And she has three little kids! She never hurt anybody! How can this be happening?”

“It’s happening because suffering is one of the three marks of existence! It’s happening because disease is a stubborn feature of samsara! Cancer happens to a lot of people. In fact, it afflicts people by the million. Why are you shocked that your niece happens to be one of them?”

“But why her?”

“Individual cancers, like everything else, occur because of myriad causes and conditions, most of which you mortals will never understand. In your niece’s case, environmental pollution and heredity may well have had something to do with it. There’s a lot of cancer on both sides of her family, certainly including your side. As you know, you’ve lost two grandparents, your uncle, and your mother to the disease.”

“But they were old! It’s supposed to happen to old people!”

“It’s more likely to happen to the old, but it happens to people of all ages. Your attachment to this niece, the fact that she’s a person you love, not a stranger similarly afflicted, is causing you to argue with the First Noble Truth. Stop this waste of energy and do what you can for your niece. And be grateful that everything modern medicine can do for her is being done and her prognosis is good.”





# Temple News

## May 14<sup>th</sup> - A Day of Celebrations

May 14<sup>th</sup> was a day of celebrations at BBT. This was the day of our Gotan-e service. It was also graduation day for the Dharma School and Parent's Day. We also took this opportunity to welcome Rev. CJ as our Assistant Minister. So, of course, this called for CAKE.



*Takato Kuwahara and  
Rev. CJ Dunford... and  
their cakes. (Courtesy of  
Jon Kawamoto.)*



*Michael and Miki Adachi  
(Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto.)*



# 2023 BBT Satsuki Bazaar



Free Entertainment: From 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Signature BBQ Choice Ribeye steak dinner, kalua pork plate, vegetarian curry, udon, manju, sushi and baked goods.

- **Pre-order BBQ steak dinner** at: <https://sanghaevents.info/satsukisteak>. Last day to pre-order steak dinner online is May 17th. Walk ups welcome provided availability.
- **Make a Satsuki Bazaar Donation** at: <https://sanghaevents.info/satsukifundraiser>. Your support would be greatly appreciated! (No raffle tickets this year)
- **Silent auction link:** <https://sanghaevents.info/silentauction>. We will keep adding auction items until close to the bazaar, so please keep checking our auction website!
- **Bake Sale** - Calling all bakers! Please bring in your favorite baked goods - cookies, cakes or pies - for the Bake Sale on Sunday May 21st at 9am.

## Silent Auction

Visit the link to see items up for auction and sale!

<https://sanghaevents.info/silentauction>

We will keep adding auction items until close to the bazaar

Please keep checking our auction website!

# Mike's Annual Camping Trip

## BBT CAMPING TRIP 2023



July 27 thru July 30, 2023  
Manchester Beach KOA (North of Point Arena)  
707-882-2375

We hope you can join us for Mike's Annual BBT camping trip this year  
We'll have great food and fun activities!

### Food, supplies, wood, etc (excludes lodging)

Adults – Temple Member	\$75
Adults – Non Temple Member	\$85
Kids – 5 to 18	\$25
Kids – Under 5	Free

### Lodging - Tent Site

Adults – Temple Member	\$25 per night
Adults – Non Temple Member	\$30 per night
Kids – Dharma School Member	Free
Kids – Non Dharma School (5 to 18)	\$5 per night

### Lodging - Cabins

Approx \$100 per night - Contact Tina Iwasaki for details & availability

**Amenities:** Restrooms & shower facilities, mini mart, pool, game room, park, beach

**Pets:** Dogs allowed. Additional fee applies

Questions or to sign up, contact Tina Iwasaki, [ckiwasaki@comcast.net](mailto:ckiwasaki@comcast.net)  
Space is limited – Sign up early!

# Save the Date ! - Baseball on Sept. 2, 2023

## The next BBT Oakland A's Outing Will Feature Shohei Ohtani, LA Angels



*In 2022, the Oakland A's welcomed Berkeley Buddhist Temple on the team's scoreboard. (Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)*

We're on with this year's BBT Oakland A's outing/tailgate for Saturday, Sept. 2, against superstar Shohei Ohtani and the Los Angeles Angels!

Tickets are priced at \$24 each for the second deck.

In addition, a parking pass costs \$20 per vehicle — a discount from the regular \$30.

As was the case last year, we'll offer Musashi bentos to preorder. The bentos will be available for pickup at the tailgate area. (We are urging a BYOB — Bring Your Own Bottle — policy for the game. The A's do allow plastic water bottles and/or soft drinks into the game.)

Last year's outing was a great success with more than 50 BBT Sangha members, friends, and supporters — and they got to see an A's win!

More details for this year's BBT Oakland A's outing — including the deadline for tickets, parking, and the bentos — will be coming soon.

# Dharma School Newsletter

June / July 2023

## Congratulations, Takato!

The Dharma School teachers, staff, and students are so happy to celebrate the graduation of Takato Kuwahara from Berkeley High School! Next fall, he is headed to UC Santa Cruz, where he is sure to impress everyone with his talents, curiosity, and kindness. The Dharma School will miss Takato so much, and it has been a joy to watch him grow from an adorable infant into a great young man. We are so proud of you, Takato-san!



*Obon Summer Memory: Takato and his Dharma School family at Obon 2018*



## Summer Break Is Here!

Berkeley Buddhist Temple Dharma School classes do not meet during our summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone at Obon festivals around the Bay Area and when Dharma School classes resume at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Uyeda, the Dharma School Superintendent, at: [bbtdharmaschool@gmail.com](mailto:bbtdharmaschool@gmail.com).



# Community Outreach & BLEND

The BBT Community Outreach Committee is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2023 Bazaar Annual Gift is Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ).

COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR RESTORATIVE YOUTH JUSTICE

# CURYJ




CURYJ (pronounced 'courage') unlocks the leadership of young people to dream beyond bars. We look to young people to lead the way in transforming our communities by investing in their healing, aspirations, and activism.

Thank you for voting! If you have any questions or if you'd like to nominate an organization for next year, please email [tara@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:tara@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org).



# BCA & CBE Announcements



## CROSSING OVER

5/26/23 - 5/27/23

Discovering Jodo Shinshu from other Religious traditions

### THE PANEL

Rev David Quirk-Thorton  
Rev Melissa Opel  
Rev Carmela Javellana  
Rev Jerry Hirano

**PANEL INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:**

From the UK as a former Franciscan friar, an active Evangelical Minister, or raised as a devout Catholic in the Philippines, listen to the stories of how these ministers discovered Jodo Shinshu.

<https://forms.gle/E4yNXkScU9cDg9LQA>

**IN-PERSON EVENT:**

Jodo Shinshu Center  
2140 Durant Ave  
Berkeley, CA 94704



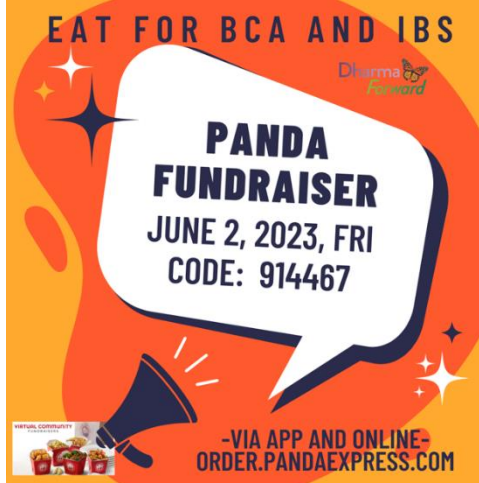
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Dharma Forward

## PANDA FUNDRAISER

JUNE 2, 2023, FRI  
CODE: 914467

-VIA APP AND ONLINE-  
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BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents

## YOGA, BUDDHISM, AND A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11, 2023  
Jodo Shinshu Center  
2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley

**Bob Matsueda**  
Yoga Therapist (Govt. of India)  
& Advanced Yoga Teacher

Featuring:

**Rev. Bob Oshita & Rev. Patti Oshita**  
BCA Ministers (Retired)  
Co-authors, *Dharma Is Everywhere*  
Yoga Teacher Candidates


**Rev. Hitomi Kuwahara**  
Author, *Nantonaku Wakaru Yoga*  
Advanced Yoga Teacher

**Rick Kawamura**  
Founder of Palo Alto  
Buddhist Temple Yoga

**Alan Hirahara, Chef**  
Healthy Vegetarian Meals

**Workshop discussions:**  
Yoga and Buddhism - A Deep Connection  
Yoga Organizing and Marketing - Growing the Sangha at Temples  
Yoga Lifestyle

Workshop space is limited.  
Please register early:  
<https://forms.gle/nve9PE7ReK6Ya42N9>  
cbe@bcahq.org



# BYR 6

BCA Summer Youth Retreat



High School Age Youth



## JUN 25 - JUL 1, 2023

REG & MORE INFO HERE:  
<https://tinyurl.com/BYR2023>



# Community Announcements

**Okaeri** x **the center**  
CELEBRATING GENERATIONS

## SF Japantown LGBTQ+ Pre-Pride Potluck

*Kick off your Pride month celebrations with us!*  
**Saturday, June 3, 2023, 12:00pm-2:00pm**

Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (the Center)  
1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115  
Free Admission

RSVP required: <http://bit.ly/okaerincalpotluck2023>  
Questions? Contact: [programsevents@jccnc.org](mailto:programsevents@jccnc.org)

**Register Online:** *Okaeri is fiscally sponsored by*




Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California  
1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115 | (415) 567-5505 | [www.jccnc.org](http://www.jccnc.org)

June 3, 2023 @ 12pm-2pm NorCal Okaeri is holding - Pride Potluck at JCCNC

Kick off Pride Month with a fun potluck with NorCal Okaeri! You can find more information and [RSVP here](#).

June 3, 2023 @ 12pm-2pm Japantown Rainbow Coalition is holding a Pride Flag Raising event in SF Japantown Peace Plaza.

Join us for the second annual Pride Flag Raising Event in SF Japantown, Peace Plaza, as we stand in solidarity with, support, and celebrate the Japanese American and LGBTQ+ community. This event also honors Queer Transgender Asian Pacific Islander Week and Pride month.

## Raise the Pride Flag in the Peace Plaza

*Support LGBTQ+ Identities in San Francisco's Japantown*

Join the **Japantown Rainbow Coalition** on the **Japantown Peace Plaza** for a flag raising ceremony!

**Sunday, June 4, 2023 at noon**


Let's raise the Pride Flag in Japantown in honor of Queer Transgender Asian Pacific Islander Week and Pride month!

For more info: <https://bit.ly/joinjtownsrainbow>

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**Learn to play  
'ukulele or  
guitar in  
3 hours**

VISITING WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR  
BJ SORIANO  
OF HILO, HAWAI'I

**Sat., July 8  
1 - 4 PM  
San Francisco  
\$50**

**Pre-Registration: [bj@bjsoriano.com](mailto:bj@bjsoriano.com)**  
**Class details & instructions available**  
**with confirmed registration**

Interested in learning how to play ukulele or guitar?

Join a lesson by BJ Soriano on Saturday, July 8th, 1pm - 4pm, in San Francisco.

For details and to register, contact:

[bj@bjsoriano.com](mailto:bj@bjsoriano.com)

BJ Soriano is dual member of the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. Since 2003, she has composed approximately 15 gathas, conducted several gatha writing and/or singing workshops in Hawai'i and in California.

# COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Sunday, June 4, 2023, 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  
*June.*

Takeshi Ariyoshi	Edward Masashi Kurokawa	Kishichi Saito
Tom Tsugio Daikai	Hisako Irene Mitsuyasu	Mine Saito
Toshio Doi	Mitsugi Miyasaki	Motomi Sakamoto
Jiro Fujii	Niichi Miyasaki	Sayo Sameshima
Norma Fujikawa	Tomojiro Mizusaki	Nobuyuki Sasaki
Akio Fujinaga	Eddie Naoto Morimoto	Ichitaro Shigematsu
Umeyo Fujioka	Bert Morinaka	Yumi Shigematsu
Joseph Fukuda	Kinuko Morinaka	Kinichi Shiromoto
Yoshio Fukunaga	Chiyoko Morita	Sana Sumisaki
Hiroko Goto	Bunji Morita	Yoshibe Sumisaki
Hisao Hamachi-Brillon	Barbara Morita	Asano Tanabe
Masako Haraguchi	Nobuo Muramoto	Yoshijiro Tanabe
Toi Hata	Ren Muramoto	Tadashi Tanaka
Sono Hataye	Betty Fujiko Nakahara	Gary Morio Toji
Chiyoko Hishida	Shimo Nakamura	Don Takao Ueda
Hisayo Hooki	Gonkichi Nakano	Asaki Umawatari
Giichi Imada	Toshiyuki Nakano	Tayeko Waki
Takeyo Inouye	Shika Nishikawa	William Masao Waki
Richard Itaya	Heihachi Oda	Thomas Wakida
Shiki Ito	June Miho Okimoto	Waichi Watamura
Masao Iwawaki	Mitsuko Okimoto	Toshiko Watanabe
Kaz Izumi	Setsuko Onitsuka	Toyoko Oda Williams
Tome Kaneko	Hajime Ota	Katsuyo Yamada
Fiona Quynh Kato	Haruno Oto	Arthur Satoshi Yamada
Marlene Keen	James Shozo Oto	Toru Yokoyama
Mitsunori Komure	Sueko Powers	Sumiko Yokoyama

# COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Sunday, July 2, 2023, 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  
*July.*

Motoharu Doi	Albert Shigeru Kosakura	Masayo Oda
Walter Akio Doi	Helen Chisaye Kurakazu	Grace Oki
Yumiko Fujii	Pamela "Sam" Lovelace	Hayato Okimoto
Miyoko Fukunaga	Ishizo Matsubara	Heizo Oshima
Yasuko Unemo Goto	Suematsu Matsubara	James Pankey
Hisao Hamachi	Akie Matsui	Claire Plouffe
Seijiro Hamamoto	Shinobu Matsuura	Hideo Bob Sasaki
Shigeo Haraguchi	Asako Horimoto Mayeda	Etsuko Steimetz
Keiji John Hiraga	Toshiko Miyamoto	Tomoe Sugawara
Denichi Hiraoka	Tsuyoshi Morita	John Shigekazu Sugihara
Noe Hirofuji	Keiji Morita	Masami Takano
Naoichi Hirofuji	Masaru Morita	Ayako Tanaka
Yasuyo Takano Hoki	Tsuya Mukai	Yotaro Tominaga
Ayako Honda	Pearl Toshie Nagafuji	Hitoshi Tsufura
Kawaya Imada	William Juto Nagareda	Larry Shigeo Tsuyuki
Masanobu Iwaihara	Ruby Natsuko Nakano	Setsuko Uchiumi
Inokichi Kaneko	Yoshiko Mae Nakao	Tamiye Umawatari
George Katayama	Miyeko Nehira	Toshio Yamasaki
Gordon Toshiro Kono	Leroy Nitta	Carolyn Yoshiko Yoshii

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

**The services will also be live streamed at:** <https://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/dharma-live>



# Membership & Toban

## **Membership Pledges** (Receiving Period: 4/7/2023 – 5/4/2023)

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

Richard Adachi	Chui Liu & Douglas Lum	Dennis & Mary Okamura
Robert & Carol Akiyama	David Lyon & Christina Iwasaki	Kay Okamura
Michiko Yokota Anzai	Rev. William & Kiyoko Masuda	John Oshima
Tory Cox	Denise Matsubara Lapidus	Emiko (Amy) Ota
Georgia Daikai	Bob Matsueda & Ranko Yamada	Makoto Oto
Naomi Fukumori	Pam Matsuoka	Ralph & Barbara Reid
Suzanne Furuya	Fumiye Mayeda	Amy Glenn Shinsako
Susan Gabriel	Robin & Jeff McGuire	William Siebold
Lucy Hamai	Ron Miyake & Janet Cordova-Miyake	Wayne Sugihara
Gail Harada	John & Irene Murashima	Karen Sugiyama
Sady & Amy Hayashida	Jeffrey Nagafuji & Lucy Rivello	Pat Takeda
Ron Hiraga & Gayle Nishikawa	Jerry Nagafuji	Sandra Takeda
Arthur & Betsy Ishida	Ittsei & Kiriye Nakagawa	Rev. Kenneth & Kimie Tanaka
Erin Kagehiro Anoruo	Lorene & Gary Nakagiri	Yoshiro & Julia Tokiwa
Richard & Nancy Kakigi	Evelyn Nakano Glenn	Geraldine Ueda
Yoshio & Junko Kamimura	Chizuko Nakashita	Opal Wakayama
Sadako Kashiwagi	Judy Nakaso	Alice Wakida
Kiyoshi & Emiko Katsumoto	James & Jane Nehira	Yasuyo Wolfe
Jon Kawamoto	Takashi & Miri Nikaidoh	Norma Yamauchi
Aiko Kurokawa	Alan Nishihara	Florence Yokoi

## **New Member Spotlight**

We'd like to introduce our new members, **Rev. Kenneth Tanaka and Mrs. Kimie Tanaka**, and a new college member, **Millie Shukla**. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them at the temple!

Here's a little bit about **Rev. Ken Tanaka Mrs. Kimie Tanaka**:

*My relations with BBT go all the way back to 1968 or so when I first visited for a YBA gathering while I was still affiliated with my home temple in Mt. View. Then, after my wife, Kimie, and I began to raise our three "kids" (Aaron, Nathan, and Serena) in the 1980's and the 90's in El Cerrito, they had the privilege of playing on the Sangha basketball teams and attend other temple activities, such as the famous temple camping trip on the Northern coast.*

*Aaron is now a CEO of a social justice organization in Boston, Nathan is the head of middle school at Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito, and Serena is a researcher at a pharmaceutical company in San Francisco.*

*Kimie and I have lived in Tokyo for over 20 years after I took a professorship at Musashino University. I have been retired for 5 years, and Kimie just retired a month ago as Adjunct Professor at 5 colleges. Starting at the end of 2023, we plan to begin spending half the time in Japan and the other half back in El Cerrito, which is one of the reasons for joining BBT. We feel a need for a "spiritual community." We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new Dharma fellow-travelers at BBT.*

If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Kagehiro at [membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org) or 510-841-1356.

# TOBAN

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

May 2023	June 2023
<p>Cochair - Lorene Nakagiri Cochair - Emi Nakao Cochair - Karen Sugiyama</p> <p>*Fong, Pauline Galecki, Michelle Kooshesh, Hamed Matsuda, Ryan *Matsunaga, George &amp; Emi Mayeda, Andy &amp; Lisa *Mayeda, Fumi *Nagareda, Catherine Nakagiri, Gary &amp; Lorene *Nakao, Aki &amp; Emi Okamura, Kay Sugiyama, Karen Tagawa, Craig &amp; Helen *Watamura, Terry Wellnitz, Grace *Wolfe, Yasuyo</p>	<p>Chair - Mimi Kagehiro Cochair - Denise Lapidus Cochair - Susan Kajiwara</p> <p>Bond, Aaron &amp; Lorin Din, Grant &amp; Rosalyn Tonai Egawa, Janey *Harano, Yasuko Haratani, Dale Kagehiro, Ron &amp; Mimi Kagehiro Anoruo, Erin *Kajiwara, Susan Lapidus, Denise Lethridge, Nikki *Nakagawa, Ittsei &amp; Kiriye *Ota, Emi Oshima, John Ueda, Geri *Yasumoto, Liane</p>

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



# 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).

## 2023 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2022	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Year
2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Year
2007	17 <sup>th</sup> Year
1999	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
1991	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
1974	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
1924	100 <sup>th</sup> Year

## Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Chanting Service at 8:30am followed by a Family Service at 9:30am. A Dharma talk is available after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

### Special Services

January 1 Service	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 Memorial	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin
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.

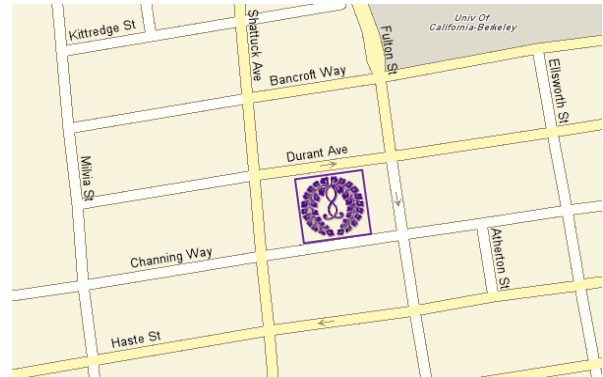
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

## 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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