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Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter

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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. Please 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.

BREAKING NEWS!

The 2021 Virtual Satsuki Bazaar, “broadcast” on Sunday, May 16th, was a great success. The 71st in a long springtime bazaar tradition of food, music, and community, this year’s virtual event illustrates the resilience, creativity, and commitment of the BBT sangha. We hope everyone who participated enjoyed the bento, the music, and the memories.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

With the hope of pandemic restrictions lifting soon, we look forward to the hard work and organized chaos of the next ONSITE Satsuki Bazaar. So, rest up!

Here are a few pictures to share:

The Bento & Bento Pick-up, Our MCs, Lorin Bond & Michael Adachi, Kenny Endo, and the Northern California Gagaku Group



BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE
VIRTUAL
 71ST ANNUAL
SATSUKI BAZAAR & ARTS FESTIVAL
 SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 | 6 PM
 Online Program
 • FEATURING •
 Taiko Master
KENNY ENDO
 WATCH ON
 BBT YouTube
 Channel OR
 BBT Facebook
 Teriyaki Chicken AND Vegan Bento Boxes **15**
 Order by May 7th: bbtvents.info/SatsukiBento
 Pickup at the Jodo Shinshu Center parking lot, 2140 Durant Ave - Sun, May 16th | 2-5 pm
 A complimentary bento will be delivered to all BBT Keiro members 77+ years of age - May 16th
 PRE-ORDER DELICIOUS BENTO BY MAY 7TH
 ENJOY TAIKO • MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT
 PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE • WELL!
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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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the Temple are
appreciated



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Berkeley Buddhist Temple (510) 841-1356 berkeleybuddhisttemple.org info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org facebook.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple youtube.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple		1	2 7:00p Evening Meditation	3	4	5
6 9:30a Livestream: Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service 1:00p Quiet Sitting	7	8 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting	9 <i>Padma articles due</i>	10	11	12
13 9:30a Livestream: Dharma Family Service After Service: Take a Virtual Vacation	14	15 Padma Newsletter Production	16 7:00p Evening Meditation	17	18	19
20 9:30a Livestream: Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service 1:00p Quiet Sitting	21	22	23	24 6:30p Dharmanar	25	26
27 9:30a Livestream: Dharma Family & Shochoki Service	28	29	30			



Dates to Remember

May

Thur
27
May BBT Dharmanar
Buddhism; A Religion or a
Philosophy? Why do we care?

Sun
30
May DS Awards and Graduation

June

Sun
6
June Livestream
Shotsuki Memorial Service

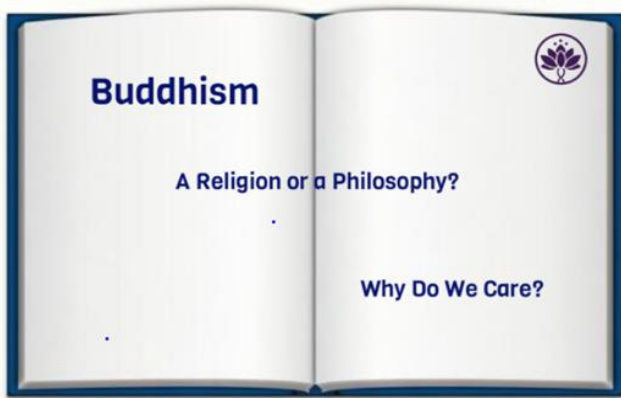
Sun
6
June Quiet Sitting (pilot)

Sun
13
June Virtual Vacation
(after service)

Sun
20
June Quiet Sitting (pilot)

Thur
24
June BBT Dharmanar

Sun
27
June Sochoki Service



BBT DHARMANAR

MONTHLY STUDY
SESSION

Join us for BBT's
monthly study session.
May's topic is
"Buddhism - a Religion
or a Philosophy? Why
Do We Care?" There
will be presentations
from Rev. Kuwahara,
Rev. CJ, and John
Mullins and then we will
discuss after.

Thu. May 27th, 6:30-8PM
via Zoom

Sign up:
<https://bbtevents.info/dharmanar>

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JUNE 13th – A VIRTUAL VACATION !

Travel Anywhere in the World
WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOME

At the start of the pandemic Courtney and Darren were home with their three young children. Not being able to go anywhere for Spring Break they decided to "Travel" while staying home. Please join us as Courtney walks through how she created these at home "Travel" experiences, that you too can recreate at home.



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COVID-19 Response Committee Update



The BBT COVID-19 Response Committee held a dry run for temple's reopening recently. This included sanitation protocols, physical distancing, flow of people and the check in system.

The committee is working hard to make sure that everyone can come back to the temple safely.

The temple remains closed for services through Sept. 1, with limited activities set to resume June 1. We hope to see you soon!





Bazaar Annual Gift (BAG) Award

In 2001, Bob Matsueda suggested that the Berkeley Buddhist Temple offer free entertainment in conjunction with the Bazaar to involve the local community. He also suggested that a portion of the proceeds from the Temple's Bazaar be donated to a nonprofit organization.

This year the Community Outreach Committee went online to solicit votes from temple members. Four local organizations were listed on the ballot, and members were encouraged to make nominations of their own as well.

The committee is pleased to announce that the 2021 Bazaar Annual Gift will be awarded to:



Asian Women's
Shelter

(Image from their website: www.sfaws.org)

The **Asian Women's Shelter** was founded in 1988 to address the needs of women, children and transgender survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. It runs an emergency hot line, confidential housing, emergency services, including food, clothing, and ongoing health services. Staff assist by coordinating support services such as legal advocacy and assistance, transportation, counseling, training/employment, and mentoring.

AWS runs two additional programs :

- a) Its Queer Asian Women and Transgender Support (QAWTS) Program provides services for queer survivors of violence and runs innovative programs and prevention strategies.
 - b) As a co-founder of the Asian Anti-Trafficking Collaborative (AATC), AWS helps provide legal and social services to trafficked people, including assistance with visas, shelter, case management, interpretation, advocacy, and independent living skills.
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Inclusiveness in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

by Rev. Kuwahara



About 2,500 years ago in India, there was a young and healthy prince whose name was Gautama Siddhartha. One day, he realized the inescapable realities of human existence: getting old, getting sick and death. After deep thoughts, this young and healthy prince, who wanted to stay young and healthy and couldn't imagine the end of his life, decided to leave home in order to find a way to deal with and overcome these realities. After many years of rigorous discipline and spiritual quest, he became a Buddha; what he shared with others after attaining enlightenment is called Buddhism.

As Gautama Siddhartha did, many of us also struggle with or suffer from the realities of human existence. According to his observation, our struggles or sufferings are caused by defilements (Jpn. *bonno*) within ourselves, such as attachment, self-centered view, ego, three poisons (greed, anger & ignorance) and so forth. The origin of Buddhism is the realization of the inescapable realities of human existence. The purpose of Buddhism is to deal with or liberate us from sufferings caused by defilements that all of us carry more or less. Therefore, Buddhism is the teaching for all regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, and social status.

According to the Mahayana Buddhist cosmology, not only Shakamuni Buddha, but many other Buddhas and bodhisattvas are working hard to liberate us from suffering. Among them, Jodo Shinshu Buddhism encourages us to follow the guidance of Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha established the 48 vows, which state how Amida guides and liberates us from the life of suffering in samsara. In the 18th vow, which is called "Primal Vow" or "Original Vow" because of its importance, refers to "all sentient beings." This phrase signifies that Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific works are to inclusively embrace all sentient beings. However, I would like to think about this phrase a little bit deeper.

As I mentioned at the beginning, Buddhism is the teaching for all because of the inescapable realities of human existence and the defilements within ourselves. Buddha's compassionate works are universally directed to all of us. But this is because of the reality that all of us live a life inseparable from struggles and sufferings in this samsara. Buddha's compassion essentially corresponds to our suffering. No sentient beings suffering, no Buddha's compassion. The inclusiveness of Amida Buddha's compassion seen in the phrase "all sentient beings" indicates the reality that all sentient beings are living a life of suffering and are in need of liberation. In other words, our appreciation or acceptance of Amida Buddha's inclusive compassion is inseparable from our deep and humble realization of such reality and necessity.

We Jodo Shinshu Buddhists follow the guidance of Amida Buddha and put this value at the center of our spiritual life. Inclusiveness is one of the virtues that we should actualize in our everyday lives. However, the inclusiveness in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition is not mere humanitarianism. It reflects Amida Buddha's compassionate aspiration to liberate all sentient beings from suffering. It is quite difficult or even impossible for us to liberate others from suffering. However, we can share Amida Buddha's guidance and wisdom with others, which will surely lead them to liberation. I think this is the core value of the inclusiveness of the Jodo Shinshu tradition.

In Gassho (palms together),
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, June 6, 2021
9:30 am

Live Stream Only: <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 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

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



Hate

by Diane Ames

“Buddhist temples vandalized!” I lamented. “Where did all this hate come from?”

“Somebody call me?” said Mara the Evil One.

“Things are bad enough without you showing up!” I exclaimed. “Go away!”

“Oh, I never go away,” he calmly answered. “I already told you who I really am. I’m the blind passions dwelling in every human heart, yours included.

You can never get rid of me. As humans evolved, I evolved within them. Ever since Homo erectus, you humans have been fighting. When you weren’t fighting vultures over the scraps from a lion’s kill, you fought each other. Ever since, it’s been fight, fight, fight. Now that you are supposedly civilized, you don’t always fight with your fists or guns or bombs. You can do each other a lot of damage with words, with laws, with toxic politics; you never run out of ways. Now all this fighting is a lot easier if you’re angry; you get an adrenalin rush that gives you energy and causes you not to think about how you might get hurt. It’s even easier if you really hate because then you think even less. And if you can’t attack the actual cause of whatever you’re upset about, you can always decide somebody out there is to blame for it, ideally a common scapegoat who can’t fight back very effectively, and attack them. It may not do you any actual good, but it gives you the old adrenalin rush and a sense of accomplishment. That’s human nature.”

“You’re wrong, Mara,” said a gentle voice from the west. “If that were all there was to human nature, humans would have wiped themselves out long ago. Human beings, for all their imperfections, are capable of kindness, of cooperation, of compassion. They may never be able to express these things perfectly, but when they try, they make some light that keeps their world from utter darkness. And even now, some of them remember my teaching that hate cannot be conquered by hate. Hate can only be conquered by compassion.”





Dharma School

The Dharma School teachers would like to express their deep gratitude to all of the students and their families. We learned and shared and created together on Zoom!

This year, the Dharma School will not hold any classes during June. We hope everyone has a restorative and compassionate summer vacation! Namu Amida Butsu.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2021!

Please watch or re-watch the May 30 YouTube recording to learn more about our wonderful graduates this year!



Wolfgang "Wolf" Buchholz (he/his)

Wolf is graduating from Miramonte High School and plans to enjoy the good life at home with his parents, Bruce and Doreen.



Cipher Taylor (he/his)

Cipher is graduating from Berkeley High School and plans to attend a local community college before transferring to a university to study economics and business.



Wolf as a cub in Mimi Sensei's classroom!



Cipher strikes a cool kid pose!



Meet our Keiro!

Many of you know **Yo Hiraoka** who has been a long-time member of the BBT with her husband Denichi (Denny). She is well known in our temple for her beautiful origami creations which she happily shares with the children and members of the temple and other senior organizations. Were you lucky enough to receive a little dog or crane? Yo and Denny's artistic talents were often displayed during bazaar and temple events.

Her children, Dean, Martha, and Tim, all grew up in the BBT Dharma School. Martha and her husband Roy Sutow are members of SACBC and have 2 children Gregory and Jaclyn. Jaclyn and her husband Jon recently had a son Jayden. Yo hopes to meet her new great grandson soon. Tim and Lois live in Sacramento but come to Berkeley every year to help with our annual bazaar so you may have worked alongside them! Sadly, their oldest brother Dean passed away earlier this year.



I was born in Stockton on June 17, 1926. My parents Shigeo and Shizuko Tanaka had 35 acres of farm. They grew vegetables. I was the fifth child of 12 but the last girl to have worked the farm. It was hard work. Most of my siblings have passed away so I feel lonely not being able to talk to them. I still have 2 younger sisters who live in Southern California. One of my sisters and I are both Tigers (astrological sign). My mom was a Tiger too.

I met Denny at a camp dance at the Turlock Center. We were both from the Stockton area. Denny was Buddhist and 4 years older than me. We got along well and started dating. After getting my father's approval, we got married and moved to the Bay Area where we settled down and made Berkeley, CA our new home.

Afterwards Denny's mother came to live with us. Denny worked 6 days a week as a gardener and my mother-in-law helped me take care of our 3 children. Things were really hard. We really had a hard life. We later joined the Berkeley Buddhist Temple where we made new friends. I really miss my friend Molly. I am making origami

flowers for the temple when it reopens. I miss going to temple.



Membership

2021 Membership Pledges

The Temple would like to gratefully acknowledge the following members for their generous contributions for the period 4/9/2021 - 5/8/2021:

Naomi Fukumori
Frank Kami
Aiko Kurokawa

Andy & Lisa Mayeda
Sadao Oki
Sachiko Yamasaki

New Members

Jason Watson, Aaron Bond, and Erin Kagehiro Anoruo are new members we welcomed recently. Here is a little bit about them:

Jason Watson

Hi, I'm Jason. I'm a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer. I wrote a M.A. thesis about jokes (using a phenomenological hermeneutic). I live in the Bay area. I found BBT because I wanted a sangha where the teaching was practical, and I felt comfortable.

Aaron Bond

Hi, I'm Aaron Bond! I'm from a small town in Massachusetts but moved to the Bay Area a few years ago and love being outdoors mountain biking, hiking, running, etc. I wish people would do a better job of caring for each other and the planet, so the message that I hear in the temple about the world and our place in it really resonates with me. Also, my wife Lorin grew up in the BBT and loves it, so how could I resist joining too?

Erin Kagehiro Anoruo

Hi, I'm Erin Kagehiro Anoruo! Many of you know me already, since my sister Lorin and I grew up in the temple, attending Sunday School, Jr. YBA, and playing Sangha basketball. Others may know me as Mimi and Ron's younger daughter. I'm excited to finally be a BBT member - does that mean I'm a real grown up now? Although the pandemic has forced us all to adjust our daily lives, we did not let it stop us! In October 2020, my husband Ugo and I got married in a small, family-only ceremony in our back yard, and our son, Masaru Toshi Anoruo, was recently born on March 26, 2021. We look forward to introducing him to all of you when things get back to "normal!"

Thank you all for your generosity and continuing support!

If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Kagehiro at membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org or 510-841-1356.



Other Events



Rev. Kushiki Alan Senauke
The abbot of Berkeley Zen Center

SDGs & BUDDHISM

~What can we do now for our future?~-From Buddhist Perspectives-

"GOAL NO1, -NO POVERTY-"

2021.6.26(Sat) 2-4pm (PST)

FREE ADMISSION

@Zoom

【BBA】
SOTO ZEN
SHUNSHU OTANI-HA
JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA
NICHIREN SHU
PRESENTS

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDGs & Buddhism

**What can we do now for our future?
-From Buddhist Perspectives-**

SDGs (sustainable development goals) aim both in the present day as well as in the future at “a society in which no one is left behind.” This is a comprehensive and inclusive way that looks to resolving the seventeen related topics that 193 countries of the United Nations have identified including “poverty and hunger,” “correcting inequality,” “environmental conservation,” and “the realization of a peaceful society.” At a UN summit held in September 2015, the member countries unanimously decided to adopt as international objectives that by the year 2030 they should aim to fulfill these seventeen goals mentioned above as well as 169 specific targets. Government agencies of each country, industry, and non-governmental organizations are united in moving forward to bringing about happiness for all people and working towards the protection of the environment.

We, the Soto Zen, Shinshu Ohtani-ha, Nichiren Shu and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha International Centers in the Bay Area have created a group called the Bay Area Buddhist Association (BBA). We are planning to hold a Buddhist interdenominational event to learn about how Buddhism relates to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We hope that through this project ministers and assistants from each sect will learn about Buddhism and the SDGs from each other in lectures and roundtable discussions so they can share it with students and members. We would like everyone to be able to use what they learn about both Buddhism and the SDGs in their everyday lives.

Now, let's call for conscious action in accordance with the basic philosophy of SDG's most important goal of “Leaving no one behind,” and the Buddha's teaching of the “Four Major Principles” found in “The Meaning of Practice and Verification”: giving, kind speech, beneficial deeds, and cooperation, which are based on the practice of the “Bodhisattva's Four Embracing Actions”, and “the everyday way of life based on belief in Buddhism which is to carefully use the limited natural resources and food we receive without wasting anything.”

Speaker:

Rev. Kushiki Alan Senauke

Hozan Alan Senauke is a Zen priest and the abbot of Berkeley Zen Center. He received Dharma Transmission from Sojun Mel Weitsman in 1998. As an engaged Buddhist activist, Hozan founded Clear View Project in 2007, developing Buddhist-based resources for social change in Asia and the US. He works closely with the International Network of Engaged Buddhists, is past president of the Soto Zen Buddhist Association, and serves on the faculty of Upaya Zen Center's chaplaincy program. Alan has been a student and performer of American traditional music for more than 50 years.

Hozan is author of The Bodhisattva's Embrace: Dispatches From Engaged Buddhism's Front Lines. For information about his engaged Buddhist work, as well as other books and music CDs.

Light a Candle - a pan-Buddhist event to celebrate Vesak

Vesak is the most important holy day of the Buddhist calendar, commemorating the day of the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing away. While the name and date vary somewhat in Buddhist countries according to national customs, it is generally observed on the full moon day in May. In 1999, Vesak received official recognition from the United Nations as a major world religious holiday.

Vesak Day, Light a Candle



**May 26 at 5 pm
(your time)**

Join Buddhists around
the world to celebrate
peace, love & unity.



From the IBAA (International Buddhist Association of America) website, www.ibaa.org



BCA Announcements

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK



2021 CBE Seminars Online For All SUMMER: JUNE ~ AUGUST

All events listed in Pacific Time - Check your local time

SATURDAY

JUNE 19

*11 am - 1 pm

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

EMBRACED AND NEVER ABANDONED: JODO SHINSHU AND LGBTQ+

Rev. Ko'e A. Umezu

West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple



Rev. Umezu



SATURDAY

JUNE 26

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

KINNARA: THE ROOTS OF TAIKO IN THE US

Discussion with **Rev. Masao Kodani**,
BCA Minister Emeritus, and **Johnny Mori**
& other members of Kinnara Taiko

Moderator: **Rev. Jerry Hirano**, CBE Director



Rev. Kodani



Johnny Mori

SATURDAY

JULY 3

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

SHINSHU AND CHRISTIANITY

Rev. David Quirke-Thornton

Shin Buddhist Fellowship,
United Kingdom



Rev. Quirke-Thornton



SATURDAY

JULY 24

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

CREATING INCLUSIVE SANGHAS: WORKING COMPASSIONATELY WITH OUR THOUGHTS & ASSUMPTIONS

Mushim Patricia Ikeda East Bay Meditation Center

Rev. Harry Bridge Buddhist Church of Oakland



Mushim Ikeda



Rev. Bridge

SATURDAY

AUGUST 7

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

THE ESSENCE OF THE THREE PURE LAND SUTRAS & HOW WE CHANT THEM

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple



Rev. Kuwahara



Rev. Kusunoki

SATURDAY

AUGUST 21

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

RENNYO'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONGWANJI THOUGHT

Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

Orange County Buddhist Church



Rennyo Shonin



Rev. Wondra

(3-25)

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Condolences

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

**To the Family of
Mr. Jerry Yoshida**
January 18, 1946 – April 21, 2021

**To the Family of
Mrs. Tomoko Hamamoto**
02/01/1923 – May 6, 2021

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu



2021 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>
2020	1 st Year
2019	3 rd Year
2015	7 th Year
2009	13 th Year
2005	17 th Year
1997	25 th Year
1989	33 rd Year
1972	50 th Year
1922	100 th 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.

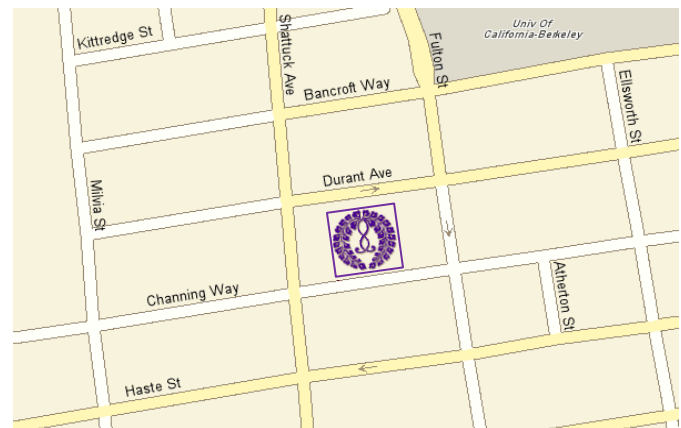
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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