



# The Padma



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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)



## *Autumn colors and pumpkin spice – Welcome November!*

*(Remember to “Fall Back”. Set your clocks back on November 5<sup>th</sup>.)*



### **November Dharma Message Topic**

The theme for this month’s Dharma messages reflects the signature November holiday in the United States, Thanksgiving. How will you observe the day? How will you say, “Thank you”? Who will you say “thank you” to?

***Gratitude***

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

# November 2022

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



# Future Dates to Remember

O C T O B E R / N O V E M B E R	Thu <b>26</b> Oct	<b>Online Study Session</b> BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Heart Sutra)
	Wed <b>1</b> Nov	<b>Virtual</b> Meditation & Discussion
	Sun <b>5</b> Nov	<b>Livestream &amp; In-person</b> Shotsuki Memorial Service
	Wed <b>15</b> Nov	<b>Virtual</b> Meditation & Discussion
	Sun <b>19</b> Nov	<b>Livestream &amp; In-person</b> Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service
	Mon <b>20</b> Nov	<b>Livestream &amp; In-person</b> Transgender Day of Remembrance Memorial Service
	Thu <b>30</b> Nov	<b>Online Study Session</b> BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Garland Sutra)
<b>2024</b>	Sat <b>15</b> Jun	<b>2024: Save-the-Date</b> Rev. Dr. David Ryoe Matsumoto Tribute & Retirement Celebration Mountain View Buddhist Temple



Berkeley Buddhist Temple

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 1, 15**

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!

**OCTOBER 26**

TUE. 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Sign up at:  
[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 October session, we will learn Heart Sutra. Rev. Kuwahara, Rev. CJ, and Rev. Tanis Moore will be presenting. Then we will discuss it after. Everyone is welcome!

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## Visiting Rev. Todd and Ryn in Chicago!

On October 14 & 15, Juliet and I were able to visit the Midwest Buddhist Temple in Chicago! Rev. Todd Tsuchiya and I trained and did our Tokudo and Kyoshi sessions together, so our friendship goes back several years. Over the course of our friendship, we have shared many wonderful conversations, and after he heard about some of the workshops and lessons on LGBTQIA+ belonging and advocacy in the sangha I've had the privilege of conducting alongside Tara, Juliet, and other friends, he asked if I would be willing to come do a workshop at the Midwest Buddhist Temple (MBT). Of course, I was very excited by the idea, and since Juliet is also part of the queer and trans community and we had worked together in the past, I asked if we could do the workshop together!



To make this visit and our project even more loving, Eli Ryn Brown, who has been my friend for 2 years via the Institute of Buddhist Studies and who has co-officiated our Transgender Day of Remembrance Service at BBT along with Juliet and I, is a minister's assistant and one of the coordinators of the Zen-Shin sangha at MBT, so we would be able to work with them as well!

On Saturday, October 14th, Juliet and I gave a 30 minute presentation that covered some of the concerns that LGBTQIA+ folx face in coming to religious spaces in addition to the queer- and transantagonism we face out in public. Alongside our struggles, we shared the unique perspectives that queer and trans folx like us have on the Buddhadharma, doctrinal justification for supporting marginalized communities, and finally, and just as importantly, real and concrete steps toward belonging and allyship for queer and trans folx.

After the presentation, Ryn facilitated a panel with Q&A's about belonging and challenges and celebrations we have all faced in the sangha. For the panel, we were joined by Gia Ichikawa (aka Gia Gunn) and her father Carl. During the panel, we all shared heartfelt and passionate experiences from temple and our own personal and family experiences on sharing our authenticity, learning, and finding love and support.

Saturday night, Ryn and their partner Lucky, brought Juliet and me to a really cool (and slightly unsettling) locally-produced & crafted series of puppet peep-shows—think more as a fly on the wall rather than voyeurism—at a creepy theatre after a wonderful dinner at vegan Korean Buddhist restaurant with Rev. Todd, his wife Connie, and Anderson and Alejandra who are also co-organizers for the Zen-Shin sangha at MBT.

I had the great honor of chanting with Rev. Todd during service on Sunday, which brought back a rush of memories for us both, and then giving both the dharma school and adult dharma talks. For my dharma school talk, I shared the picture book: “Love Makes a Family” by Sophie Beer (one I’ve shared with y’all at BBT!), and my adult dharma talk cited descriptions of the Amida Sutra and Bodhisattva Dharmakara’s vows, especially the Primal Vow, as guides to how we might reconstruct society: based on values of equality, mutual care, and love.



*Polaroid after Sunday Service: Rev. Todd, Ryn, Juliet, Rev. CJ (left to right)*

It’s really important, here, that I bring up the issue of systemic violence, because that was also part of my adult dharma talk, and it also ties into the workshop that Juliet, Ryn, Earl, Gia, and I all participated in. The purpose of Mahayana Buddhism is to awaken, and to do so, we must find ways of transforming our lives at their roots. According to the teachings of Ven. Shinran and Amida Buddha, this means that we rely on the wisdom of the Buddhadharma. When one of us is affected, we are all affected. The particular names of these philosophical models are Sunyata and Pratityasamutpada, and I strive to always view the world through these lenses, that is: everything/one is a result of countless causes and conditions, nothing and no-one is an instantaneous, disconnected phenomenon.

If we look at the vitriol spouted by so many religious and political “leaders” in the United States, then we see frightened people with much power who wish to assign blame to those who are easy to cast aside. If we look at the propaganda popular in western news media, there is a similar logic: who is worthy and who is unworthy of the title of “humanity”? Which nation-state is worthy of support, and which one is evil? Which group of people are “terrorists” and which are the “heroes”?

The Buddhadharma teaches us that one of the marks of a Buddha is that they are able to discern their past lives. I believe that this means that, when we become deeply enmeshed in our teachings, we are able to see some of those causes and conditions, our past karma, that led us to be who we are today. Perhaps “discerning our past lives” means that we can see that medieval Christian theology gave us racism and queer- and transantagonism, because we don’t fit into

some picturesque notion of “family” or “normal”. Perhaps we can see that European colonies around the world have displaced, disrupted, and inherently altered histories that might have been much different without that interference. Perhaps we might see that Palestinian “terrorists” are very much civilians who would rather die fighting for their people rather than being exterminated in carpet bombings in the name of a fascist theocracy.

I know this is a rather intense way of concluding my article for this month. Welcome to my brain! Here, all things are interconnected, because that’s the only way I can make sense of the troubled world in which we live.

I am always grateful to be in community with you all at BBT.

In gassho,

Rev. CJ



# “Gratitude in Modern Life”

by Diane Ames

“What’ll I do?” said my husband, Bill. “Just when I was about to order more Hypoallergenic Gunk shampoo and skin cleanser, I got a notice that someone in Serbia has made a suspicious purchase on our credit card, and it’s been cancelled. We’ve ordered a new one, which will take five business days to get here. In the meantime we can’t order anything online.”

I knew this was grave. Bill’s terrible eczema was probably caused by his allergies to, among many other things, every known shampoo, soap, or cleansing bar except Hypoallergenic Gunk products, which are only available online.

“Eczema has been bad enough! Now without Hypoallergenic Gunk skin cleanser, I’ll get dirty!” Bill exclaimed. “How did this happen to me?”

“You’re 81 years old. Old people often have skin problems,” replied the resident nurse at the House of Methuselah Assisted Living Facility. “All sentient beings are subject to old age, sickness, and death. You have to expect increased medical problems when you’re at the point of living here. Just be glad you’re not dead.”

“Thanks for cheering me up,” replied Bill.

Five days later, I returned from getting blood tests (another feature of old age) to find Bill looking glum. “The new credit card arrived,” he said. “I activated it and ordered my Hypoallergenic Gunk stuff. Immediately our new credit card was cancelled because of a suspicious purchase in Russia and Everything.com cancelled the purchase.”

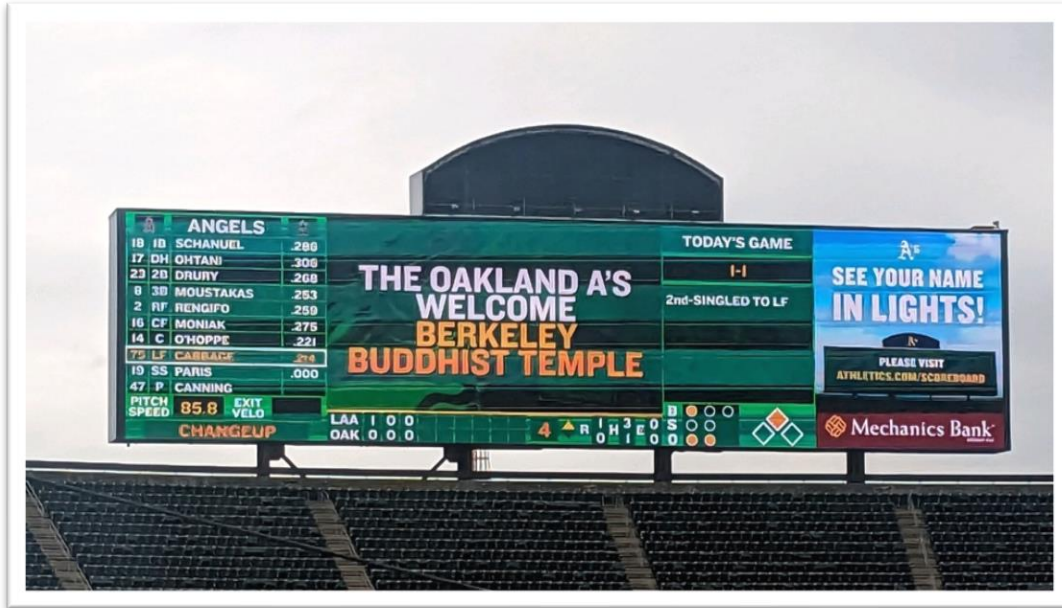
“This impermanent problem will probably pass if you change your password on Everything.com,” said the nurse. “Meanwhile be grateful that you have the new hypoallergenic products and eczema medications that have finally brought hope to eczema sufferers and that Amida helped you get through your eczema ordeal.”





# Temple News

## Thank You for Attending BBT A's Game and Tailgate!



A big “Thank You” to all of the nearly 50 Sangha members and their family and friends who attended the Sept. 2 Oakland A’s game and tailgate to see superstar Shohei Ohtani and the Los Angeles Angels!

And thank you for your loud cheers when the A’s scoreboard posted its welcome to — Berkeley Buddhist Temple!

The event was a big hit and we got to see a rarity — an Oakland A’s win, 2-1. It was truly awesome to see so many fans of Shohei

Ohtani. If only the A’s had let him hit — he ended up walking three times because he’s such an outstanding slugger.

A big shoutout goes to Susan K. for picking up the 44 Musashi bento orders and arriving early. Susan helped sort each and every order with Lucy H., Patricia N., and others.

Thanks go to Jon Kawamoto for organizing the overall event: the group ticket sales, the Musashi bento orders, and setting up the tailgate area.

We will have a BBT game — in 2024! Will it be against Shohei Ohtani’s team? Details to come before the new season begins!





A warm BBT welcome to new member Juliet Bost Yokoe (they/them/theirs)!

Juliet, shown with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara on Sept. 24, is also a Minister's Assistant, and has been helping out with the Sunday Dharma Family service. They are also a member of the San Mateo Buddhist Temple. In addition, Juliet won a Gold Medal in the National Collegiate Taekwondo Association Championships in April 2022.

*(Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)*

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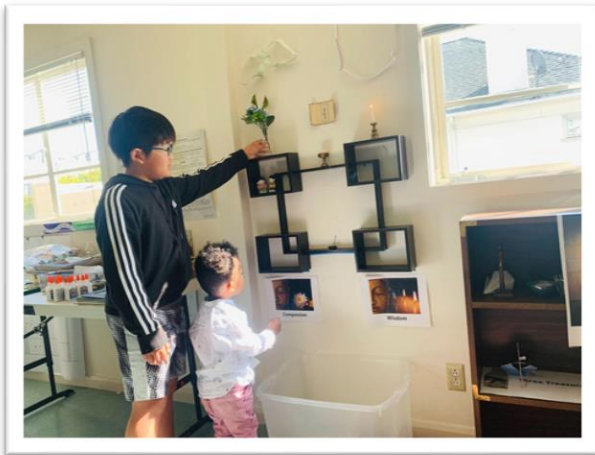
# Dharma School Newsletter

November 2023

## Honoring our Keiro

To honor our sangha elders, our Keiro, the Dharma School presented those Keiro present with a small token of our gratitude. The package included a fresh peach manju and a magnet decorated with a collage of salt paintings by our Dharma School students.

Special thank you to Pat Takeda and her fleet of helpers who delivered the gifts to many of our elders' homes.



## November Schedule

11/5/2023	Elementary and Middle School classes rehearse for Bodhi Day presentation
11/12/2023	School-wide project for Transgender Day of Remembrance
11/19/2023	<b>No Dharma School classes</b>
11/26/2023	School-wide rehearsal for Bodhi Day presentation

## Coming Soon

The Dharma School looks forward to contributing to the **Transgender Day of Remembrance Service** being held on Monday, November 20th, this year.

Also, please look out for information from our high school class as they roll out their **Share the Spirit community service project** this holiday season.

## Welcome, New Families!

The Dharma School is thrilled to welcome some new students to our classrooms this year:

- **Brandon and Christopher H.**
- **Dora, Ellie, and baby Reni M.**

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. Please just ask to see Stacy, Karen, Irene, or Joyce before the Dharma Family Service.

*Namo Amida Butsu.*



# Community Outreach & BLEND

## BBT COR Opens 2023 BGR – BBT Online Fundraising Team

For several years, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple has been a supporter of Buddhist Global Relief and its effort to relieve hunger and malnutrition throughout the world. Because of the pandemic, their annual “Walk to Feed the Hungry” transformed into an online gathering and fund-raising event.



Buddhist Action to Feed the Hungry

## 2023 NATIONAL ONLINE GATHERING

October 28, 2023

**Join us for our 2023 Buddhist Action to Feed the Hungry event!** On October 28, from 1–3 pm ET (10 am–noon PT), BGR will host an online Dharma gathering, **“Creating a World That Works for Everyone.”** The gathering will feature talks by prominent Buddhist teachers and presentations on BGR’s global projects.

Hosted by BGR founder and chair **Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi**, this two-hour event will feature talks by prominent Buddhist teachers and representatives of BGR’s projects around the globe.

This year’s featured speakers will include **Ayya Yeshe**, founder of BGR partner the Bodhicitta Foundation; **Rick Hanson**, president and founder of the Global Compassion Coalition; **Joah McGee**, founder of BGR partner Better Burma; **Raimund Hopf**, founder and chair of BGR’s European partner Mitgefühl in Aktion; and other luminaries in the work of conscientious compassion. The emcee will be **Ayyā Dhammadīpā**, a BGR Board member and founder of the Dassanāya Buddhist Community.

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple Community Outreach (COR) Committee invites you to register for the 2023 National Online Dharma Gathering and support our fund-raising team. Use the QRR code or follow the link below to access our BBT Team page. Please help our team reach its fund-raising goal. Thank you!!



[BGR - BBT Team Link](#)



# Community Announcements



BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN

## BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

Monthly study series on how Buddhist teachings understand the world and provide us with guidance



**REV. CJ DUNFORD**

The non-essential self as community in a hyper-individualistic society: opposing worldviews to promote mutual care

September 24, 2023



**REV. KIYONOBU KUWAHARA**

Gifts from Buddha: how Buddhist teachings transform our lives

November 12th, 2023



**CATHERINE SHAW**

What is a Buddhist? What do Buddhists do and why? Ethics, practice, and worldviews

October 29, 2023

Final wrap-up session: review, discussion, and Q&A with all speakers

December 10, 2023

Hosted by the  
**BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN**

60-minute hybrid sessions  
1pm after Sunday Service

390 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA  
Walk-ins Welcome  
Suggested donation: \$20



Scan for more info  
or to register



# TAIKO CLASSES

WITH KOHTARO YAMAKAWA

October 14, 22, 29  
November 5, 12, 19

1:30PM-3:00PM

Sign up at [bitly.ws/Wwgm](https://bitly.ws/Wwgm) or email  
[taiko@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:taiko@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org)

\$90 for entire series  
or \$15 per class

2121 Channing Way  
Berkeley Buddhist Temple  
Social Hall

At this 6-week class series  
for intermediate students,  
learn Taiko fundamentals,  
new songs, and have fun!



LTD (Living The Dharma)

# GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Join our panel as they share their unique stories on how they give back to the community.

Click on the registration link for more info on the panelists.



October 28, 2023  
At 11:00 am (PT)



**ARTURO**  
Rubio



**WES**  
Mukojima



**JULIE**  
Watson



**GREGORY**  
Bull

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://tinyurl.com/BCALTD>

 JODO SHINSHU CENTER

# BYR & FRIENDS

**NOV 25, 2023**

9am - 7pm

**OPEN TO**

ALL HIGH SCHOOL &  
COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS  
(AND ANY PAST BYR  
PARTICIPANTS)

[tinyurl.com/BYRREUNION](https://tinyurl.com/BYRREUNION)



# NorCalOkaeri Gathering

## What is Okaeri?

*Okaeri* is an opportunity for you to connect with LGBTQ+ Japanese/Japanese Americans and allies. Find support, resources and information and learn how Nikkei have embraced their LGBTQ family members.

**When: Friday, November 3, 2023, Happy Hour @ 5pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm.**

**Where: In-Person at Umami Mart (4027 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94611)**

Join NorCalOkaeri for happy hour and dinner! We will meet at 5 pm at Umami Mart and then wander to a dinner spot in the area around 6:30 pm. Feel free to join the happy hour at any time or come just for dinner!

**Please note: the Happy Hour is restricted to those 21+, but all are welcome to dinner!**

There is no charge for admission, but advance registration is highly recommended. [REGISTER HERE](#) online, and we'll look forward to seeing you!



**Norcal  
Happy  
Hour**

**5PM Happy Hour  
6:30PM Dinner**

**Umami Mart (4027  
Broadway, Oakland)**

Register through the link in our  
bio or visit:  
[bit.ly/OkaeriNorcal-HappyHour](https://bit.ly/OkaeriNorcal-HappyHour)

Okaeri is fiscally sponsored by LTSC

Little Tokyo  
Service Center

**Okaeri**  
A NIKKEI LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

# COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Sunday, November 5, 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 *November*.

Yoshiko Adachi	Tetsuo Kurihara	Shunji Shinoda
Heidi Asako Boley	Pham Thi Landegl	Wayne T. Sumisaki
Isamu Doi	Nicole Lavigne	Kazuyoshi Sumisaki
Kiyo Eshima	Waikko Lindquist	Henryka Szudelski
Denise Tami Fong	Haruno Marutani	Toshie Takahashi
Nancy Louie Fujikawa	Sumie Matsubara	Kazue Takahashi
Shizuko Fukada	Rebecca Joy Mayeno	Yoshikazu Takahashi
Chie Fukunaga	Masakazu Miyamoto	Ben Takao
Sumie Gluck	Mitsuko Miyamoto	Chizuko Mae Tanaka
Ayako Hino	Sadie Haruko Mizusaki	Yukiye Terazawa
Chiyo Hirose	George Morishige	Kimiko Toji
Eddie Kay Hitomi	Hayao Nakagawa	Frank Masaru Tokirio
Rae Imamura	Shigeru Oki	Chio Tominaga
Haruko Inadomi	Shizuko Oki	Mitsuo Tominaga
Isao Ishikawa	Harry Kazuo Okino	Aileen Asako Tsukada
Sunae Ishino	Uhachi Okubo	Kizo Umawatari
George Ishino	Mary Haruko Ota	Fumiye Uyeshima
Seiichi Kami	Terrie Teruko Oto	Milton S. Wakayama
Sumiko Kawaguchi	Tadahiro Sam Sameshima	Ben T. Wakaye
Shizuko Kawakami	Joseph Sasaki	Nellie Wralstad
Misao Kitamura	Kunikazu Sasaki	Tosao Yamada
Hatsuye Konishi	Joe Shimada	Takashi Yoshidome
Fusayo Kono	Yasue Shimada	Miyeko Yoshimura
Fujino Kosakura	Kayo Shinoda	Nobuko Yoshimura
Ayako Kurakazu	Kiyoaki Shinoda	

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** (Receiving Period: 9/8/2023 – 10/5/2023)

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

## **New Members**

We'd like to introduce our new member, Juliet Bost, and a new college member, Isaac Hurtado. Please give Juliet and Isaac a warm welcome when you see them at the temple!

### About Juliet:

*Juliet (they/them) comes to Berkeley Buddhist Temple from the peninsula, where they have attended San Mateo Buddhist Temple with their family since 2013. They have previously participated in BBT events, such as College Welcome Night, obon and bazaar, and tabling at Oakland Pride. Having recently moved to the East Bay, Juliet is excited to be a regular part of the BBT family!*

### About Isaac:

*I am currently in my third year as a UC Berkeley student. During my commute to school, I came across the temple and found it highly intriguing. I chose to become a part of the temple due to my enduring curiosity with Buddhism, believing that its teachings would offer valuable guidance in my life.*

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

## **TOBAN**

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

<b>October 2023</b>	<b>November 2023</b>
Cochair - Kathleen Yee Cochair - Florence Yokoi  Buchholz, Bruce & Doreen Sakamoto *Gempf, Detlev & Lorraine Nobuye *Ishida, Arthur & Betsy *Kakigi, Richard & Nancy *Katsumoto, Kiyoshi & Emiko *Kubota, Michiko Lum, Douglas & Chui Liu Nagamoto, M & P Nishimura, Art *Reid, Ralph & Barbara Yamaoka, Landon Yee, Kathleen *Yokoi, Florence	Chair - Lena Yin Cochair - Miri Nikaidoh Cochair - Yuki Otake  Fujikawa, Darren & Courtney *Hane, Masako Leo, Kim & Vera Lindquist, Eric & Mary McGuire, Jeff & Robin Nikaidoh, Mia Nikaidoh, Skye Nikaidoh, Takashi & Miri *Nishikado, Nobuko Otake, Gary & Lisa Cougar Otake, Gene & Yuki Steimetz, Satoshi & Elaine *Tsuda, Toshio & Elaine Yokoyama Yin, George & Lena

*\* 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.

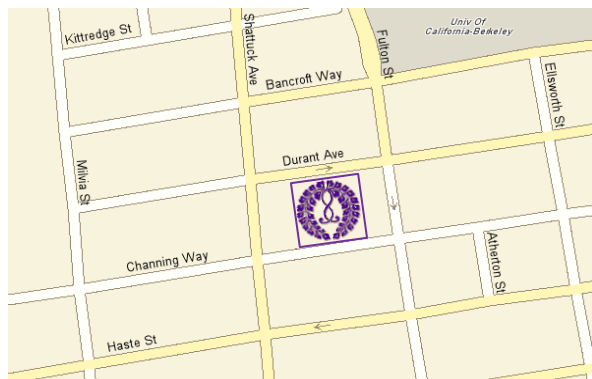
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

## 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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