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Message from Rev. D

Eitaikyo & Nirvana Day

When the temples are open, we often have visitors, whether dropping in to a Sunday Service or coming to special events. After a brief discussion of their interest and background in Buddhism, we may describe our services and our practice. I often tell them of our Major Services, like Hanamatsuri and Ohigan, and also of our special events like the summer bazaar and the Bon Odori. If they come to a Sunday Service, maybe a few of our regular members will talk to them and help them find their way.

As we engage in dialogue, the guests can be made to feel welcome and appreciated. As they sit next to us in service, they can see that we have normal, regular, everyday people at our services.

As they look around and sense their own comfort, tension melts and the need of being on guard is relaxed. To a degree, we each go through this process each time we come to service, gradually shifting from the guarded and protective world of me to a settled and shared presence with others.

Our major services through the year are a helpful way to come to know the ways and the traditions of our Shin Buddhist Temples. I share this with both the new and the regulars as a way to encourage them to learn about the Buddhist path. Together we share in the stories of significant events and characters in the story of Buddha, Shinran, and the Nembutsu.

This month, we have the Eitaikyo Service/Nirvana Day Service on February 13 at 10:00 AM. Eitaikyo is our service dedicated in special memory to those loved ones recorded into the Eitaikyo registry. The Eitaikyo Fund and Registry are common to most BCA Temples. The Eitaikyo Fund has been established to ensure the continuation of our temple and the teachings of the Nembutsu. The Registry is a calendar-type book listing those who have donated to the fund, past ministers, their spouses, and past temple presidents of certain length of time. Each temple has their own guidelines. You may ask about current donation standards. Please ask if you would like to receive further information and donation forms for your family.

Nirvana Day is the day the historical Buddha Siddhartha Gautama passed away. Each year we observe Hanamatsuri, his birthday, Bodhi Day, the day he became enlightened, and Nirvana Day, the day of his death. Although he had become enlightened earlier in his life, the Buddha was still attached to this world through the needs and limitations of his physical form. At death he was free of the final ties to this world of Samsara. Even though the life of the Buddha had come to its end, we turn to know that the truth of the Dharma will still be with us.



In February we will change to the YouTube format to present our Sunday Services. Changes are required for both creating the services and viewing the services. Be sure to look for the service viewing instructions that will be provided. Please make effort to view and participate in all our services as we learn and re-learn the stories and the ways of our Shin Buddhist path. We'll see you at the temple.

In Gassho,
Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto
(916) 416-0919
revdjoshin@gmail.com

Announcement for Sunday Services NEW YouTube Live Services

Beginning this February, our Sunday Services will be changing from pre-recorded services to the YouTube format. Details to our service presentations are continuously evolving, but we are making every effort to have our services easily available and accessible for our temple families and friends. Please go to our temple YouTube Channel to access our weekly Sunday Services!

The services will be available for you to view "live" from 10:00 AM on the Sundays indicated below. A recording of the live service will also be available for you to view later that same day.

Note: Due to the increase in Covid cases, we are still closed to the public.

February

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| 6 | 10:00 Shotsuki Service |
| 13 | 9:30 Alameda Dharma School
10:00 Eitaikyo/Nirvana Day Service |
| 20 | 10:00 Family Service |
| 27 | 9:30 Alameda Dharma School
10:00 Family Service |

March

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|-----------|---|
| 6 | 10:00 Shotsuki Service |
| 13 | NO TEMPLE SERVICE
Everyone is encouraged to view the
10:00 BCA National Council
Eitaikyo Service |
| 20 | 10:00 Ohigan Service |
| 27 | 9:30 Alameda Dharma School
10:00 Family Service |

**SAVE the DATES
April 7,14,21,28
Thursday Evenings
7PM-8:30PM**

**BEC SPRING CLASS SERIES
Via ZOOM**

**TOPIC: SHIN BUDDHISM
Spiritual Practice**

Religious and spiritual practices throughout the world have involved Gratitude, Chanting and Singing, Ritual, Pilgrimage and Meditation. In Buddhism, practice is to engage the realm of the infinite. In Shin Buddhism, the realm of the infinite is Amida Buddha.

This class will explore elements of practice in the Shin Buddhist Tradition. We look into personal engagement with the realm of the infinite. [Segments of the book: "Learning the Wisdom of Enlightenment" from Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai will be utilized to guide class discussion of daily life interactions.]

For those interested, please email
alamedabec@gmail.com.

ABWA News

February greetings! Here's what we are planning in the next few months:

Archiving Seminar:

Alameda will be hosting the Bay District BWL seminar, "Archiving Our Past to Present" on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9AM-1PM. ABWA and Temple members are welcome to attend! It will be a Zoom event. There will be video presentations and guest speakers who will be able to share their expertise with us and answer our questions. Even if you are not part of an archiving project, it will be interesting to see and learn how to preserve, store and scan images and documents. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. Registration is required.

Clothing Drive:

Yes! We will be having a clothing drive in April! This is a heads-up to start gathering your clothes, bedding, shoes, handbags, belts and even suitcases. Specific dates and times for drop-off at the Temple will be announced next month. For more details, please see the flyer in this Upaya.

Next Meeting:

We will continue to have our ABWA meetings via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Take good care!

Gassho, Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President



**For more information:
Karen Fong (510) 821-1617 or
karenhfong@gmail.com**



\$ Clothes for Cash \$ ABWA Fundraiser \$

**Back by popular demand for a third time!
ABWA members will be collecting donations of**

Clothes: men's, women's and children's clothes,
coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories,
ties, belts, backpacks

Household Textiles: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets,
towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows

our unwanted, clean, soft goods should be in usable condition
and placed in boxes or plastic trash bags
no larger than 30 gallon size and to 20 lbs.

OR SUITCASES! Yes, it's time to get rid of those old
suitcases, backpacks and duffle bags.

Drop off times:

Will be in early to mid-APRIL, to be announced. We wanted to
give you notice now so you can begin collecting from family,
friends and neighbors

Drop off location:

Buddhist Temple of Alameda

All donations will be delivered to
Savers Thrift Store in exchange for cash.
Tax deductible receipts will be available at drop off.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS



Dharma School started the New Year with our now maybe annual soba party. We met in person, socially distanced, in the hall, and were able to enjoy some time together. We have some big goals to attain this year in terms of continuing our buddha dharma practice and knowledge.

Although we've been meeting in person since September, we may make a little shift and resume Zoom for a little bit. Last month we had talked about meeting earlier in February (9:30 a.m.) anticipating live services with the adults, but this may be on hold. We will contact the families via email to let them know, week by week, what our plans are.

Please let us know if you have any students that may wish to join our friendly group!

In gassho,
Yumi and the DS team



Place Your Order for FREE At-Home Covid-19 Tests

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home test from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of 1 order per residential address
- 1 order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders have already started to ship for FREE
- Order TODAY!

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Thank you to everyone who ordered a STEAK OBENTO.

We are SOLD OUT!

Date Postponed to: Saturday, March 6th

We postponed our obento sale due to the recent increases in Covid-19 cases. Although we plan to have rapid testing and N95 masks as requirements for all volunteers, we felt it postponing the sale would be the best way to protect our volunteers and slow the spread of Covid-19. If you purchased an obento and cannot pick it up now due to the date change, please contact Tom Hashimoto at 510-846-7133 for a refund.

Thank you for your understanding. Please Stay Healthy and Safe.

Condolences

The Buddhist Temple of Alameda extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Parry Poon. He was the husband of our longtime Temple member, Nancy Kawabata-Poon. He was always very helpful at our Temple events. His kindness and friendly personality will be greatly missed.

Condolences can be sent to:

Nancy Kawabata-Poon
17953 Columbia Drive
Castro Valley, CA 94552



The Buddhist Temple of Alameda is now coordinating volunteer drivers to deliver hot Japanese lunches every Thursday for our members in Alameda who qualify for the JSEI program. A minimum of 3 out of the 5 following must be met to qualify: age 60+, homebound, severe mobility issue, severe mental & physical health, inadequate homecare, and/or low income. Names of members who participate will be kept confidential. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per meal to J-Sei.

If you or a family member are interested in more information, please contact Karen Fong at 510-821-1617 or karenhfong@gmail.com

**Thank you to our Volunteer DRIVERS for JSEI Lunch Deliveries:
Dorothy Okamoto, Gary Taketa, Barney Lew, Karen Fong, Jane Naito, Jackie Ito-Woo**

Uprooted: The Incarceration of Japanese Americans On Exhibit at The Bancroft Library Gallery



The year 2022 marks the 80th anniversary of a grave injustice in American society: the issuance of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, mandating the forced removal of Japanese Americans from their homes on the West Coast and into incarceration camps inland for the duration of World War II. This exhibition tells some of the stories of that traumatic time. It is structured as an interplay between official government directives--executive orders, mandatory forms, official photographs--and the response of Japanese Americans through their drawings, diaries, letters, scrapbooks, and reminiscences. We also included the stories of some significant allies in the UC Berkeley community who tried to help or at least mitigate the worst effects of the forced removal and incarceration.

Author **DANIEL JAMES BROWN** and oral historian **TOM IKEDA (Densho)** discuss Facing the Mountain, Brown's new book on Japanese American incarceration during WWII and the young soldiers of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

FEBRUARY 17, 2022 @ 4 PM

Live Streaming: \$50.00

For additional information, please contact: friends@library.berkeley.edu, 510-641-3782

2022 Temple Membership Dues Are Due

A new year has begun, and it is time to renew your temple membership for 2022. To those who have already renewed your membership THANK YOU.

Our temple dues are the lowest among the Bay District temples. We have increased our dues since at least \$162 per member goes to the BCA. There is no senior membership category. Dharma School students are included under their parent's (s') membership.

Our membership dues are

- \$175 per individual (\$350 for a couple)
- \$50 for young members (18 yrs. – 30years)
- \$100 New member (first year only).

Please forward your membership dues payable to the *Buddhist Temple of Alameda* along with the membership form. If you are unable to pay your dues at one time, you can pay them in monthly or quarterly installments.

In appreciation for your continued temple membership, paid members will qualify for a **COMPLEMENTARY BENTO LUNCH** which will be distributed at our **2022 Hanamatsuri Celebration on April 10th**. Be on the lookout for the bento order form in the March Upaya to reserve your bento.

If you have any questions, please contact
Joyce Maniwa at 510-537-5150 or jmaniwa@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you to the following for sending in your membership due (list as of 1/20/22):

Misako Akiyama, Douglas Doerr & Lenni Terao-Doerr, James & Satoko Furuichi, Mary Ann Hamasaki, Tom & Vickie Hashimoto, Dorothy Hashimoto, Morgan Hashimoto, Yoko Hashimoto, Larry Hayakawa, Susan Hiraki, Marilyn Ishida-Lew and Barney Lew, Nan Kataoka, Joseph Klein, Janet Kwan, Joyce Maniwa, Dwight Meitzenheimer, Stacey Morikawa-Won & James Won, Margaret "Peggy" Myer, Alison Nagashisa, Jane Naito, Wayne Nakano, Judy Oda, Susan Ohye, Gayle Okada, Jacqui Yamaoka & Lou Panzella, Tamiko Panzella, Haru Shintani, Ahah Sugiyana, Ann and Ted Suyeyasu, Betty Takano, Gary Takeda, Amy Tomine, Yumi Yasuda and Louise Yasuda-Ota.

2022 Buddhist Temple of Alameda Membership Form

Main Contact Information				
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Home Telephone	Cellular
Address (Street, City, Zip code)			Email Address	
Spouse/ Partner Information (ONLY IF MEMBER)				
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	
			Email Address	
Children - Under Age 31 Living at Home (ONLY IF MEMBER)				
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	Email Address
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	Email Address
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	Email Address
Emergency Contact – Will Remain Confidential				
Name		Phone Number		

Membership Directory	
A membership directory will be created and distributed to all members. If you wish to NOT be included, please check a box below.	
	Check box
Do not list in the membership directory.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ok to list in membership directory, but do not list our cellular numbers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ok to list in membership directory, but do not list our email addresses.	<input type="checkbox"/>
You may list me (and my spouse/partner), but do not list our children's contact information	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership Dues	QTY	Fee	TOTAL
Individual Membership		\$175	
New Member 1 st Year		\$100	
Young Adult (18-30 years old)		\$50	
Child (under 18 & parent is member)		FREE	
Child (under 18 & parent not member)		\$25	
Additional Donation			
Note: The majority of the membership dues supports the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). The Buddhist Temple of Alameda relies on your generous donations to support the resident minister's salary, educational programs, and maintaining facilities.			

Signature	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age information will be used to determine membership categories and keiro status only. Ages, Emergency Contact Information and Contact Information for children under 18 will NOT be published. 	

**Please enclose form and check payable to:
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SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the March Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2022 is a special service year as indicated, please contact Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto to arrange a special memorial service for your family.

Special Service	Year of Death	Special Service	Year of Death
1 year	2021	17 year	2006
3 year	2020	25 year	1998
7 year	2016	33 year	1990
13 year	2010	50 year	1973

Akinaga, Mr. Teruo – 2001
 Arai, Infant – 1957
 Baba, Mrs. Haruye – 1936
 Baba, Mrs. Helen – 1988
 Date, Mrs. Chiyo – 1985
 Dillon, Mrs. Toshie – 1997
 Doerr, Mrs. Jean – 2004
 Eaves, Ms. Ruby – 1994
 Fukayama, Mr. George - 2017
 Fukuma, Mrs. Yone – 1928
 Fujita, Mr. Gonshiro – 1935
 Furuno, Mr. Shigeru – 1974
 Greenwell, Linda Myer - 2018
 Hashimoto, Mr. Noriaki – 2000
 Higake, Mrs. Hitoko – 1975
 Higashi, Mr. Otomatsu – 1932
 Hirakawa, Mr. Saburo – 1963
 Hirao, Mr. Shichibei – 1919
 Hitomi, Mrs. Tomoe - 2005
 Hiyama, Mr. Eikichi – 1942
 Ishida, Mrs. Sachiko – 2010
 Ishikawa, Mr. Santaro – 1961
 Iwahashi, Mr. Noboru – 2008
 Iwahashi, Mrs. Setsuko – 2001
 Iwahashi, Mrs. Shizuko – 2014
 Kaito, Mr. Seijiro – 1968
 Kakimoto, Mrs. Misao – 2007
 Kakimoto, Mrs. Ochiyo – 1992
 Kamiji, Infant Yuzuru - 1933
 Kawabata, Mrs. Setsuko – 1999
 Kawabata, Mr. Toshiro - 2017
 Kawakami, Mrs. Chiyono – 1974
 Kitajima, Infant Ruriko - 1920
 Koga, Mr. Saburo - 1928
 Konishi, Mrs. Mitsue – 1992
 Konishi, Mr. Toshio- 2000
 Kono, Mr. Tom – 2001
 Kuge, Mrs. Teru - 1986
 Kusama, Mr. Asao – 1989

Kuwano, Mrs. Asono – 1985
 Kuwano, Mr. Denzaburo – 1970
 Kuwano, Infant Ken – 1925
 Maeda, Mr. Rutaro – 2003
 Matsui, Mr. Kojiro - 1932
 Matsuo, Mr. Hisao – 1987
Mori, Takeyo - 2021
 Mune, Infant Mitsue – 1922
 Murakoshi, Infant Shizuo - 1941
 Masuda, Mr. Muneto – 1938
 Matsuura, Mrs. Sachi – 1947
 Naito, Mrs. Teruko – 2003
 Nagahisa, Mrs. Hiden0 – 2011
 Nakagawara, Mr. Hisakazu – 1983
 Nakamura, Infant Mitsuko – 1928
 Nakano, Mrs. Etsuko – 1992
 Nakano, Mr. Kenji – 1999
 Nakano, Infant Masami – 1916
 Narahara, Jean Etsuko - 2019
 Niizawa, Mrs. Yoshi – 1996
 Nishi, Infant Sadako - 1922
 Nishi, Mr. Sadasuke – 1962
 Nishiyama, Mrs. Takino – 1924
Nomura, Mr. George Masaki – 2010
 Nomura, Mrs. Seki – 1979
 Okamoto, Mr. Bunjiro – 1916
 Okamoto, Infant Toshio – 1927
 Okami, Mr. Jinzaburo – 1924
 Otsu, Mrs. Yoshino – 1971
 Sadamune, Mr. Kata – 1926
 Sakaguchi, Mrs. Chiyoe – 1982
 Shigemoto, Mrs. JoAnne – 1997
 Shiota, Mr. Shuzo – 1994
 Soga, Mrs. Sawa – 1935
 Tabuchi, Infant Kaneko – 1925
 Takagi, Mr. Kumagoro – 1936
 Takayama, Mr. Hiroshi - 2014
 Tajima, Mr. Hikoichi – 1983
 Tateyama, Mr. Kinzo – 1970

Terao, Mr. Hisashi – 1947
Tesch, Mrs. Mathilde – 1998
 Tsuboi, Infant Masaji – 1923
 Tsuchiya, Mr. Tadashi – 1919
 Uchiyama, Mr. Aisuke – 1956
 Utsurogi, Mr. Mamoru Bob – 2002
 Wada, Mr. Jun – 2007
 Wada, Miss Yoshie – 2004
 Yamagami, Mr. Kichiuemon – 1935
 Yamashita, Mr. Matsuzo – 1970
 Yamashita, Mr. Takeshi - 2013
 Yamashita, Mrs. Toshiko – 2005
 Yamamoto, Mrs. Hatsuno – 2001
 Yamato, Mr. Tetsuo – 2000
 Yanagi, Mrs. Tomi – 1988
 Yano, Mrs. Tokio – 1977

Alameda's
 Japanese
 American History
 Day originally
 scheduled for
 February 20th has
 been postponed to
April 3rd due to our
 concerns regarding
 the rise in Covid
 cases. Hope you
 can join us and
 bring your family
 albums to share.

AN NEW INVITATION!
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

PROJECT PARTNERS: Alameda
Free Library • Buddhist Temple
of Alameda • Buena Vista United
Methodist Church • Densho.org •
Internet Archive

HISTORY DAY

11:30AM TO 2:30PM AT BTOA

The Alameda Japanese American History Project needs your help as we honor the Alameda families were forced to leave their homes during WWII, 80 years ago.

After Sunday service in the social hall there will be old photos and documents to look at from 1898 to the late 1950s era **BTOA and Buena Vista**, family photos, **Nihonmachi Alameda**, sports and **WWII** items.



The Temple circa 1930s.... know what's going on here?

You can help us identify who is those photos and learn about the history of the Japanese who lived in your community. **It will be fun, informative, and both churches are invited. Bring your family albums and WWII items if you wish to share them with our project! WWII artwork & woodwork wanted!**

Left:: In 1911, the Japanese Methodists received a grant to build this new classroom and sanctuary.





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