



U P A Y A

Newsletter of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

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Message from Rev. D.



GOTAN E

The beautiful spring weather allows us more space and more choices as we try to gather safely at the temple. The outdoor drive thru Hanamatsuri Kanbutsu has been a successful option to come to the temple in our “family pods”. We still face an array of response to the safety factors that we all navigate through. It is a very gradual process to ease into our return to the temple for our services and events. Those who came to pour sweet tea over the Baby Buddha wore smiles as they took part in our Hanamatsuri rituals and visited with their temple friends. Thank you to everyone who assisted to prepare for the event and to all

who took part in this most meaningful celebration.

Gotan E is the Major Service for the month of May, when we are able to recognize the birth of our founder, Shinran Shonin. These are Stories of Origin. Last month’s Hanamatsuri gathering is a story of origin for Buddhists everywhere. Gotan E is a story of origin for we as Jodo Shinshu followers. Each year, we take this opportunity to reflect on the life of Shinran Shonin and significant events that mark his path and the development of the Nembutsu teachings. The stories and the teachings have touched each of us, and possibly have been a part of our family legacy for generations. As we recognize a personal connection to Shinran, we may feel a sense of validation. Being Shin Buddhist and “a fellow traveler along the way” becomes a part of our identity. Connections validate. The Gotan E Service will be on May 15 at 10:00 AM through the Buddhist Temple of Alameda YouTube site, or as a recording posted later.

Also upcoming this month will be cemetery visitations on the Memorial Day Weekend. Cemetery services will be held for the Buddhist Temple of Alameda on Saturday May 28, and for the Enmanji Buddhist Temple on Sunday May 29. Please see the listings of visitation times provided separately. Please mark your calendars to participate. We look forward to joining in service with our families and having the opportunity to meet and visit. Hope to see you there.

We face a number of difficult, challenging, and even dangerous conditions in our world today. Please continue to be cautious, safety conscious, and protective of yourself and others. Be watchful and look out for each other.

We’ll see you at the temple. Gassho,

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EACH SUNDAY at 10:00 AM our services are LIVE STREAMING on our YouTube Channel: *Buddhist Temple of Alameda*

Sunday, May 1	10:00	Shotsuki Hoyo/Memorial Service – Live Stream
Sunday, May 8	9:30	Dharma School – In Person
	10:00	Family Service – Live Stream
Sunday, May 15	10:00	Gotan-E Service – Live Steam
Monday, May 16	10:00	Gomeinichi
Sunday, May 22	9:30	Dharma School – In Person
	10:00	Family Service – Live Stream
Saturday, May 28		Cemetary Visitations
	10:00	Chapel of the Chimes Oakland
	12:00	Lone Tree Cemetery Hayward
	1:30	Mt. Eden Cemetery Hayward
	4:00	Chapel of the Chimes Hayward (Decoto)
Sunday, May 29	---	No Service
Sunday, June 5	10:00	Shotsuki Hoyo/Memorial Service – Live Stream
Sunday, June 12	9:30	Dharma School – In Person
	10:00	Family Graduation Service – Live Stream
Thursday, June 16	10:00	Gomeinichi
Sunday, June 19	---	No Service, Construction (Bazaar Prep)
Sunday, June 26	---	No Service, Mini Bazaar Day

Condolences

It is with great sadness, we announce the loss of our beloved Mrs. Joyce Terao. Mrs. Terao passed away peacefully on the afternoon of April 5, 2022 in her home. She was one of those rare beings that touched and inspired so many of us with her kindness. We will all miss her greatly.

A life so gracefully lived, with compassion and gratitude will be remembered at a memorial service on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda. (2 PM). We ask that all guests be fully vaccinated, boosted and masked.

Please park on the street. The front and back parking lots of the Temple will be reserved for the family.

The Temple will be live streaming the service on their YouTube Channel: *Buddhist Temple of Alameda* at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 7th.

Condolences may be sent to the Terao family at:

**The Terao Family
559 Centre Court
Alameda CA 94502-6559**

Hanamatsuri 2022

The temple observed Hanamatsuri on Sunday, March 10, 2022, from 2:00 p.m., "in-person", at an outdoor service in front of the temple. Last year, the service was an outdoor "drive-through" affair; members would drive into the temple yard and offer sweet tea over the baby Siddhartha statue from their autos. This year, Lumbini Garden was recreated in front of the hondo: small flowering bedding plants were arranged around the baby Buddha as well as some of the stuffed animal friends who had been taking turns serving as service chairpersons during the on-line You Tube services. After offering the tea, member received a plant of their choosing to take home.

After two plus years of pandemic restrictions, mandates are lifting, and temple activities are increasing. About 30 – 40 members attended the service rather than watching it later on You Tube. Some chose to just do the old "drive-by". For those interested, the temple gifted a bento box, so many members did a drive-through pick up, and some members chose to eat their bento there in the temple yard.

The temple was busier than usual with Hanamatsuri. Things don't happen by themselves. Members had to construct the Hanamido/Lumbini Garden; plants ordered, bento boxes ordered and distributed; tables and chairs moved around; audio/video equipment set up and tested; and everything then put back to where it belonged. Arigato to all of you who made it happen. Good job! It was almost like things were back to where it had been pre-pandemic. It felt good. As the temple continues to open back up, I

hope, taking into consideration personal risk tolerances) we can all return to talking, eating, working, and worshipping TOGETHER.

Gassho, Zensho



ABWA NEWS

Archiving Seminar:

The Alameda Chapter of the Bay District Buddhist Women's Association hosted the seminar, "Archiving Our Past to Present" on Saturday, March 26, from 9AM-1PM. There were 29 attendees. The chairpersons of the Seattle Betsuin Archive Committee did a very interesting presentation of their collection. The UCLA Librarian showed videos on preservation and scanning techniques, as well as on how to access the BCA archive collection, all of which was very informative. The Q&A sessions were also helpful. We received very positive feedback. Jane Naito did a tremendous job in organizing the seminar, coordinating the videos and presenters, and being the moderator of the session. Tamiko Panzella did a great job in managing and coordinating the Zoom session. There were also a lot of behind-the-scenes efforts by the committee in preparation for the seminar. It took a lot of teamwork, and, as always, Alameda pulled it off successfully!

Clothing Drive

I will report on the Clothing Drive in next month's Upaya. Thank you in advance for your participation and clothing donations!

Next Meeting:

We will continue to have our ABWA meetings via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 2 at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Gassho,

Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

Volunteers Needed for Mini Bazaar

PREPARATION

Wednesday, June 22nd - TBD

Thursday, June 23rd – morning to early afternoon shift

Friday, June 24th – TBD

Saturday, June 25th – morning and afternoon shifts

MINI BAZAAR DAY

Sunday, June 26th - morning and afternoon and all-day shifts

Email us with your availability.

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THANK YOU

SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, June 3, 2022

Family members and friends are invited to attend service at the Temple or watch it on our YouTube Channel. June 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. May Memorial Service information was in the April issue of the Upaya.

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

Abe, Miss Alice 1992
 Abe, Mr. Yutaka 1940
 Akiyama, Mr. Hisao 2001
Akiyama, Mr. Kazuji 1990
 Baba, Mr. Moshiro 1932
 Eidmann, Mrs. Kazuko 2017
 Enomoto, Mr. Chie 1933
 Ferguson, Zackary 2018
 Fudena, Mr. Kiichi 1934
 Hara, Mr. Ronald 2000
 Hatakeda, Mr. Shigeo 1987
 Hayashiyama, Mr. Tokubei 1925
 Hitomi, Mrs. Mitsuko 1966
 Hitomi, Mr. Toichi 1965
Ikeda, Mr. Minoru 1998
 Ishihara, Mr. Masao 1929
 Ishikawa, Mr. Hiroshi 1941
 Imura, Mrs. Yone 1923
 Inouye, Mr. Yoshiharu 1976
 Iwahashi, Mr. Tatsujiro 1944
 Kamiya, Mr. Iwami 1937
 Kato, Mrs. Chiyo 1980
 Kato, Mrs. Yoshiko 1921
 Kawahara, Mrs. Kiyoko 1988
 Kimura, Miss Shizuko 1934
 Koga, Infant Kenichi 1968
 Kuge, Infant Ikuo 1916
 Kusada, Mrs. Midori 1922
 Maruyama, Infant Kiyomi 1935
 Mayeda, Infant Goro 1920
 Minami, Mrs. Fuji 1967
 Nakagawara, Mrs. Mitsuyo 1924
 Nakamura, Mrs. Oko 2002
 Nakata, Miss Alice 1938
 Nakayama, Mr. Takeshi 1955
 Narahara, Miss Tomiko 1926
 Natsuhara, Mr. Mosaburo 1922
 Nguyen Thanh Doi 1997
 Ninomiya, Infant Hisae 1930
 Nose, Mr. Tozo 1941

Obata, Mrs. Hatsuye 1995
Okada, Mrs. Masa 1990
 Okamoto, Infant Lynn 1962
 Ozeki, Ms. Hatsuyo 1995
 Saito, Ms. Kaori 1997
 Sasaki, Mrs. Sae 1957
 Shimada, Mrs. Matsu 1951
 Shintani, Mrs. Kiyo 2008
 Shiota, Mrs. Kame 1984
 Shiota, Miss Rayko 2003
 Shiota, Mr. Shigeo 1924
 Shiozaki, Mr. Risuke 1939
 Shiroishi, Mr. Soutaro 1938
 Suyeyasu, Mr. Matsutaro 1926
 Suyeyasu, Mrs. Takiyo 1929
 Takahashi, Mrs. Teruye 2008
 Takano, Mr. Yasutaro 1984
 Takao, Mrs. Akiko 1995
 Teraji, Mr. Kikumatsu 1922
 Terao, Mrs. Shizu 1926
 Toyota, Mr. Sakutaro 1934
 Umene, Mrs. Miwa 1970
 Ushijima, Mrs. Pearl 1980
 Yamamoto, Infant Sadasachi 1923
 Yonenaka Infant Tomi 1932
 Yoshimura, Mr. Toyomi Tiyo 2008

May's
 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly
 Memorial Service

Sunday, May 1, 2022
10:00 AM

Live Streaming on our
 YouTube Channel:
Buddhist Temple of Alameda



ALAMEDA
JA
HISTORY

Thanks to our volunteers the **Alameda JA History Day** was a success! We were able to identify many of our members (family and friends) in photos and some brought new photos for us to see and include in our project.

Special thanks to Jane Naito, Hiko Shimamoto, Mas Takano, Dorothy Okamoto, Joyce Maniwa, and Amy Tomine.

It's not too late to submit photos or documents related to Japanese American's who lived in Alameda Pre to Post War.

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Buddhist Temple of Alameda

2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda

Sunday, June 26, 2022*

MINI BAZAAR

Take Out/Pick Up 1:00 - 3:00 or

EAT IN from 1:00 - 5:00

Teriyaki Chicken & Steak Obento

(Chicken or Steak, Edamame, Sunomono, Rice, Takuan, and Dessert)

Plus Sweet Corn

Additional Items for Sale for Eating at BTOA:

Strawberry Shortcake, Manju,

Beer, Sake, Soda, Coffee and More

Please pre-order your obento box postmarked by June 13th

Checks payable to:

Buddhist Temple of Alameda

Mail to: Buddhist Temple of Alameda

2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

Or Pay Online via PayPal: pay@btoa.org

or Venmo: @btoalameda

Name: _____ Phone/Cell: (_____) _____

Email: _____

		Take Out	Eat In	
_____ x \$ 2.00 per Corn = _____		_____	_____	1:00pm - 2:00pm
_____ x \$20.00 per Chicken Obento = _____		_____	_____	2:00pm - 3:00pm
_____ x \$25.00 per Steak Obento = _____		n/a	_____	3:00pm - 4:00pm
_____ x \$25.00 per Steak Obento = _____		n/a	_____	4:00pm - 5:00pm
_____ Donation (optional) = _____				
TOTAL = _____				

The pick up for take out orders will be in the Buena Vista parking lot and access to eat at the Temple will be from Pacific Avenue entrance only.

THANK YOU - ARIGATO

* If we are required to cancel this event due to new Covid19 SIP ordinances, we will contact you via email and/or telephone to advise as to a new date or status of the event.

Thank You - Arigato

Donations Received and Processed From 3/25/2022 to 4/16/2022

Date	Donor Last Name(s)	Donor First Name(s)	Purpose	Detail	Amount
4/5/22	Maniwa	Joyce	Memorial	Kevin Maniwa	50
4/5/22	Akiyama	Misako	Memorial	Kevin Maniwa	30
4/5/22	Shintani	Haru	Memorial	Koga Sakata	25
4/6/22	Takano	Betty	Memorial	Komino Wada	30
4/5/22	Takano	Mas	Memorial	Komino Wada	25
4/6/22	Takeshita	Ikuko	Memorial	Komino Wada	25
4/14/22	Yamamoto	Ray	Memorial	Nobuse Yamamoto	200
4/6/22	Nakai	Dennis	Memorial	Osamu Sugiyama	100
4/6/22	Nakai	Dennis	Memorial	Satoshi (Ron) Nakai	100
4/14/22	Ohye	Susan	Memorial	Senichiro Ohye	50
4/6/22	Nakai	Dennis	Memorial	Shizue Nakai	100
4/5/22	Furuichi	Satoko and Jim	Memorial	Shizue Sugiyama	40
4/10/22	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	Memorial	Toki Yoshida	100
4/10/22	Hashimoto	Daphne and Frank	Memorial	Yaeko Hashimoto	50
4/6/22	Bailey	Michael	New Years		50
4/6/22	Shintani	Howard	Nirvana Day		50
4/5/22	Furuichi	Satoko and Jim	Spring Ohigan		30



Cherry Blossom Festival April 9-10 & April 16-17

This year, BTOA joined other Bay District temples at the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival. Rev. D, Hiko Shimamoto, Joan DiStefano, Doug Doerr, Howard Shintani and Jane Naito helped main the booth on Post Street in San Francisco's Japantown.

The festival was very well attended, and many stopped by our booth to find out more about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and where we are located. If you see a new face at service, please welcome them to our Temple.



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ART FOR UKRAINE

On **Saturday, April 30th**, the Buddhist Temple of Alameda will be hosting local artists/artisans who will be selling their wares with 100% of proceeds going to a non-profit organization for Ukraine people in need. If you have items that you might like to sell for this cause, please contact Joan DiStefano at joanartglass@gmail.com. It could be home-made items – aprons, quilts, soaps, honey, be creative! Volunteers also welcome.

THANK YOU!

**Please join us from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th
at the temple. The event will be outside.**