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Message from Rev. D.

Hanamatsuri - Flower Festival

Each April at the temple, we celebrate the birth of the historical Buddha. April 8, 565 BC is the date we recognize as the day Prince Siddhartha was born in Northern India. His parents, King Suddhodana and Queen Maya of the Sakya clan were so happy to welcome the baby prince into this world, that they named him Siddhartha. The name meant "Every Wish Fulfilled". I can recall after my own son was born, sitting in the car in the hospital lot. I felt proud and humble at the same time. Chest out proudly, but head bowed humbly. I remember thinking, I could get hurt with posture like this!! Probably good I stopped to reflect instead of quickly driving off.



We each know the story of Prince Siddhartha's birth as we re-create the events at our annual Hanamatsuri Service. At the temple, we build the Hanamido or Flower Shrine to symbolize the mystery of the flowers that bloomed out of season that day in Northern India. It is said that a sweet rain fell from the sky that day. This too, is symbolically replayed as we bathe the image of the baby Buddha with ladles of sweet tea.

The Hanamatsuri Service is always one of the most colorful and memorable services on the temple calendar. Flowers announce to us all that Spring is here. Nature shakes itself loose from winter slumber, and we are all ready to step into the sunlight. It feels good.

As we acknowledge the birth of the baby Buddha 2500 years ago, we also welcome him into our own lives today. We transition a moment in history, embellished with honor and respect, and bring it forward to contemporary relevance and personal treasure. An incredible journey has brought the story of the Buddha and the truths of the Dharma to touch our lives here and now. Infinite causes and conditions ... combining and intersecting ... falling and emerging again ... countless lives carrying the Dharma and handing it off to you and me. How lucky we are and how touched we should be. Far beyond the pictures in our phones and the family albums, and far beyond the personal connections to one temple or two, the story of Hanamatsuri connects

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us to a depth and scope of infinite happenings. Our lives become grounded in the recognition that we are an integral part of the greater picture.

In the Three Treasures, we proclaim that "I take refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha". Together, we claim our place as part of the whole. Connected to all and grounded in the infinite, we are able to move forward through whatever our lives call us to do. Shakamuni's birth and his journey to awakening has brought the Nembutsu path to us. It becomes our choice to take this path that leads to depth of life and quiet stability.

Whether to take care of our children or our parents, or to wash the car or our laundry, we do it all in mindful presence. Everyday life is our practice. We do it well when we come to know our place in all things and our connection to this reality. This is the path that the Buddha brought forward. We celebrate the beginning with Hanamatsuri. This year our Hanamatsuri Service is April 9, at 10:00 AM. in Alameda with Rev. Ken Yamada. Please come to enjoy and share this very special service. We will see you at the temple.

Gassho,
Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto
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**Everyone is Welcome to
Attend Services "In Person"**

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.

April

- 2** 10:00 Shotsuki Service
- 9** 9:30 Dharma School
- 10:00 **HANAMATSURI**
Guest Speaker: Rev. K Yamada
- 23** 10:00 Family Service
- 30** 930 Dharma School
- 10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. D

May

- 7** 10:00 Shotsuki Service
- 14** 9:30 Dharma School/Parent's Day
- 10:00 Family Service
- 21** 10:00 Family Service
- 28** 930 Dharma School
- 10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. D

**While we are not asking
for proof of vaccination,
we kindly request that
visitors to the service be
vaccinated.**

**Masks and social
distancing is required.
Temperatures
will be checked upon
entering our hondo.**

**Thank you
for your understanding.**

ABWA NEWS

**Happy Hanamatsuri and
arrival of spring!**

OTOKI LUNCHEONS for MAJOR SERVICES

We will be resuming otoki luncheons after the major services. The ABWA toban groups are also resuming this year. We are so grateful to the many non-ABWA members who have volunteered to be toban helpers. The three toban groups will be taking care of the following otoki:

- ~ Group #2: May 21st
Gotane (Shinran's birthday)
- ~ Group #1: July 16th. Obon
- ~ Group #3: Nov. 19th
Hoonko (Shinran's memorial)

*Wayne Nakano has graciously offered to do food preparations for our upcoming Hanamatsuri otoki on April 9. I'm sure it will be delicious!

We will be announcing the events in future Upaya issues, and asking for RSVP's, since we will need to know approximate numbers for food preparation. Thank you for your cooperation!

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA
President

*COFFEE HOUR
April 30th and
May 28th @ 11:00 AM*

*If you are interested in joining
some of our sangha members
for a social hour on Zoom,
please email Wayne Nakano for
the Zoom Link.*

*Note: Coffee drinking is
not required. :-)*

*Wayne Nakano,
wnakano@ix.netcom.com*

Save the Date
Hidden Japanese
Treasures Sale
June 4th

*If you have a donation to make for
the sale, please drop it off prior to a
Sunday service or contact Yumi
Yasuda to coordinate a drop off.*

*Thank you.
Yumiyasuda50@gmail.com*

SHOTSUKI HOYO
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, May 7, 2023

In Person & Living Streaming on our YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the April Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2023 is a special service year as indicated below, 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	2022	17 year	2007
3 year	2021	25 year	1999
7 year	2017	33 year	1991
13 year	2011	50 year	1974

Abe, Infant Seitaro 1922
Ago, Infant Kimiye 1926
Akinaga, Mr. Nobuo 1977
Akiyama, Mrs. Shina 1920
Arima, Infant Kazuo 1926
Ariyoshi, Mr. Keitaro 1934
Bruno, Mr. Thomas 1982
Doerr, Mr. Richard 2012
Fujikawa, Mr. Kenneth 1999
Fujisaki, Mrs. Yoshiko 1919
Fukuoka, Mr. Heiji 1979
Genger, Sachiko 2018
Hanada, Mr. Tetsunosuke 1917
Hasegawa, Miss Misuzu 1951
Hashimoto, Mrs. Yaeko 2008
Iijima, Infant Paul 1983
Ikeda, Mrs. Kikuno 1937
Ishikata, Mr. Isamu 2002
Isoda, Mrs. Ai 1925
Jelinek, William 2006
Kaida, Mrs. Alice N. 2013
Kaji, Infant Masayuki 1930
Kamada, Mr. Tokumatsu 1940
Kato, Miss Sumiko 1954

Kazusaka, Master Haruto 1935
Ken, Mr. Umeichi 1930
Kikugawa, Mr. Sadao 1932
Kita, Mrs. Oyoshi 1967
Kitashima, Mr. Sakaye 1934
Kuwahara, Mr. Jusaku 1925
Maeda, Mrs. Dakino Toki 2008
Marlin, Mrs. Mariko J. 2013
Marubayashi, Infant Tadashi 1925
Marubayashi, Mrs. Takeko 1943
Maruyama, Mr. Hyakutaro 1936
Matsui, Mr. Seinosuke 1937
Matsuura, Mrs. Sumiko 1995
Mayegoto, Infant Kazuye 1922
Misumi, Mrs. Miyono 1930
Mitani, Mr. Jitsuo 1977
Myer, Mr. Richard 1987
Nakagawara, Mrs. Shigeno 1933
Nakano, Mr. Ataru 1983
Nose, Mrs. Kazuye 1929
Ohye, Mr. Senichiro 1980
Okada, Ms. Kazuko 1991
Okada, Mr. Kinji 2007

Continuation of May Shotsuki Hoyo Listing

Okada, Mr. Minoru 1955
Okami, Mr. Taneo 1922
Okamoto, Mr. Henry S. 2014
Okamoto, Mr. Takaharu 1932
Okamoto, Mr. Tomio Thomas 2008
Rubly, Mrs. Clara 1952
Sakamoto, Mrs. Merry S. 2017
Sakata, Mrs. Akino 1934
Sekiyama, Mrs. Shina 1920
Shibata, Mr. Zenjuro 1947
Shikano, Miss Tomiye 1960
Takahashi, Mr. Eitaro 1938
Takeda, Mr. Taro 2010
Takei, Mr. Matsugoro 1921
Takimoto, Mrs. Masami 1918
Tamura, Mr. Kenichi 1947
Tanaka, Mrs. Kameye 1929
Tou, Mr. Reisui 1984
Tsuromoto, Mrs. Setsuko 2014
Wada, Mr. Genjiro 1967
Yamagami, Mrs. Hisano 1951
Yamamoto, Mr. Koei 1933
Yamamoto, Mr. Nobuso 1990
Yamasaki, Mr. Suyekichi 1981
Yamasaki, Mr. Yasuji 1941
Yamashita, Mrs. Shige 2009
Yamashita, Mr. Tom 1993
Yonekura, Mr. Hisakichi 1919
Yoshida, Mr. Kiyosuke 1938

Food Offerings at Shotsuki Hoyo Services

*You are once again (like
prepandemic)
welcome to bring
food offering for the Buddha
at our Shotsuki Hoyo Service.
Since it will be enjoyed by the
sangha immediately after the
service, please package the
items into individual
servings.*

Thank You

Funeral/Memorial Service for Mas Takano

**April 21, 2023
3:00 PM**

For service attendees, if you would like to assist the family with contributions to the Otoki meal please drop off your item before the service that day.

BTOA BAZAAR IS COMING BACK!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25th
NOON – 6:00 PM**

**Chicken & Steak Teriyaki, Hot Dogs,
Hamburgers, Udon, Sushi, Desserts**

RAFFLE

**Being the first open to the public
event in a long time, it will be a
smaller venue than before, but our
raffle will remain BIG.**

**Grand Prize \$3000
1st Prize \$1000
2nd Prize \$500**

**Raffle ticket stubs and payment
need to be received at the temple
no later than Fri, June 23rd.**

**Contact Dorothy Okamoto at
dorothyokamoto@aol.com or call
510 501 8594 if you need more
tickets. Tickets will be available at
temple.**



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Return Service Requested

***EDEN Community Center
OBENTO SALE***

Sunday, April 3rd

\$20.00

*Presale Only - Order on-
line at edenjapanesecc.org
website by April 7th.*



A TASTING EVENT
AT THE BERKELEY CITY CLUB
TO SUPPORT J-SEI'S SENIOR SERVICES
CULTURAL PROGRAMS

FRIDAY
April 28, 2023 • 6:00 t^o 9:00_{PM}

BERKELEY CITY CLUB
2315 DURANT AVENUE • BERKELEY