



# U P A Y A

Newsletter of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

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## Message from Rev. D.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**AKEMASHITE OMETOU GOZAIMASU!!** We look forward to another new year together at the temple. It will be the **Year of the Dragon**, a most auspicious sign for us all. I hope the powerful presence of the Dragon will guide each of us deeper into the Nembutsu Path and grow our awareness of the infinite realm that is Amida.

**Dragons** have always been a mysterious creature that piques the imagination. Do you know where Dragons live? They live at our temples. They live on the sides of our Koro, the incense burner place before the altar. The Dragons watch and observe the depth and sincerity of the way we Oshoko to offer incense. They watch the way we walk, the way we pause, and the way we bow. The Dragons watch the way we pinch and place the incense and listen to the tone of our Namoamidabutsu.



When we look at the dragons, we see that one has its mouth open while the other has its mouth closed. The first forms its mouth for the sound "a" and the second forms its mouth for the sound "n". These are the first and last sounds of the Japanese alphabet. They are inclusive of all the possibilities of our verbal expression. The Dragons not only watch but they also listen to what we say and how we say it. We become mindful of our words and our tone as we enter the temple and the realm of Amida. We speak to each other kindly and supportively. We speak of the Dharma respectfully and appreciatively. Dragons guide us as guardians of our own behavior.

The temple cycle begins with **Shusho-E, the New Year Day Service** on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January at 10:00 AM. In earlier days of agrarian life, it was a time when homes were cleaned and debts were paid in preparation for the new cycle to begin. Perhaps it was very similar in the farm communities everywhere. It is the natural break in the growing seasons as the crops are in, the fields are quiet, equipment is stored or repaired, and the body is rested. I guess in our modern times, we dust the computer screen and polish our shoes.

Many of our families still enjoy the traditions of getting the family together for New Years with special foods, treats, and Osechi selections. Mochi is served in a variety of ways. Toasted under the broiler and dipped in soy sauce- sugar (satojoyu) is my preference, but rolled in kinako is nice, too. How about toasted and placed in Ozoni soup? I like that, too! Kaki persimmon and mikan tangerine appear on the kitchen counter and the family Obustudan to announce this special time of year. I love it all!!

With this Upaya edition, we will make a change and provide our newsletter every other month. Please watch our temple calendar for activities, events, and services that our active temple will host. The temple leaders make a big effort to manage the energy spent to keep the temple moving forward smoothly. We are grateful for the ideas shared to keep our temple a place that is warm, inviting, and vibrant in the guidance of the Nembutsu.

Sharmon and I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the temple and for the kindness we receive each day. We appreciate all the energy and effort you provide that comes in so many different ways. Let's work together towards this next cycle of temple services and events. Namoamidabutsu.

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

## Everyone is Welcome to Attend Services "In Person"

*Mask Optional*

*We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.*

### January

- 1** 10:00 **New Year's Day Service**  
**7** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial)  
**14** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 **All Being Memorial Service**  
Birthday Sunday  
**21** 10:00 Family Service  
**New Year's Party** - RSVP required.  
**28** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
Ask Rev. D

### February

- 4** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial)  
**11** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 **Eitaikyo/Nirvana Day Service**  
Birthday Sunday  
**18** 10:00 Family Service  
Ask Rev. D  
**25** 10:00 BCA Eitaikyo Service  
*Virtual for All Temples*  
*Link will be sent in BTOA email blast*

### March

- 3** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial)  
**10** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
Birthday Sunday  
**17** 10:00 **Spring Ohigan Service**  
with Guest Speaker  
**24** 9:30 Dharma School  
No Family Service due to  
Hidden Treasures Sale



## Thank you to Rev. Landon Yamaoka

Thank you to Rev. Landon for coming to speak to our Dharma School and sangha members.

In the movie Spiderman, Uncle Ben famously told Peter, "with great power comes great responsibility." If you missed the service, please watch it on our YouTube Channel to hear how this relates to Buddhism and us.

### **2024 Japanese Goods & Hidden Treasures Sale**

The Temple's Japanese Goods and Hidden Treasures Sale will be held the weekend of **March 23-24, 2024.**

If you're downsizing or just have **Japanese items** that don't fit your décor, please consider donating it to our sale. BTOA will gratefully accept your donation of new to gently used Japanese items so that we can continue to promote the beauty, craftsmanship and appreciation of Japanese artistry and traditions.

Items that sold well at our sale this spring include, but are not limited to:

- Housewares/Dinnerware/Tea Sets
- Decorative Items (especially decorative baskets, wooden boxes)
- Clothing (kimono, yukata, haori, happi coat)
- Fabrics and textiles
- Ikebana items/vases/kenzan (pin frogs)
- Japanese-themed books on culture, art/design and cooking
- Trinkets
- Tansu

Regretfully, we cannot accept small appliances.

**Donations may be dropped off at the Temple's Social Hall on the following Sundays from 11AM to 2PM.**

*note: revised drop off time.*

- **January 7 & 14, 2024**
- **February 4 & 11, 2024**

***Don't forget to take a donation receipt  
for your tax records.***

***VOLUNTEERS will be NEEDED. Please save the sale dates to help us with cashiering and providing customer service.***

**Questions:  
Contact Gayle Okada  
510-276-3483  
gayle.okada@gmail.com**

## ABWA NEWS

Happy New Year! And, many thanks for your support and friendship during the past year! May the new year be one of good health and much happiness!

### Dana Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for donating so generously to our annual food drive! Total donations collected this year were \$2974.25 which included the \$609.25 online donations sent directly to the Alameda County Community Food Bank. So, \$2365 (checks to ABWA & the cash donation box) will be divided equally between the ACCFB and Alameda Food Bank.

### Future ABWA Meetings:

The January meeting will be a Zoom meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 2**, since the first Monday is New Year's Day.

We really miss seeing many of you and getting your input! We will resume **in-person** meetings starting in February. We hope that more of you will attend our in-person meetings! The February meeting will be on **Sun., Feb. 18** after the service. We previously held our meetings on the first Sunday of each month after the Monthly Memorial service. However, because Rev. Fujimoto also conducts the Enmanji Monthly Memorial services, that date will not work for our meetings. Since meeting dates are difficult to schedule, there will be more discussion about future meetings.

### Otoki for Major Services:

There will be more discussion on whether we should continue otoki luncheons for major services as we have in the past or make some changes. Also, whether we should make changes in the toban groups. Again, your input is important!

Please stay safe and be well for a wonderful 2024!

Gassho,  
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

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## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

### **Happy New Year!**

The Dharma School will be having our annual Dharma School Soba Noodle Tasting on **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**.



**Coffee Hour**  
If you would like to receive notifications for our monthly Zoom Coffee Hours, please email Wayne for the link.

[wnakano@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wnakano@ix.netcom.com)



## **Lots of December Birthdays!**

Celebrating with Rev. Dennis and Rev. Landon Yamaoka



## **Birthday Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Please join us on Birthday Sundays and celebrate our sangha members' birthdays with us. Some have donated pennies, quarters, or dollars for each year they are celebrating.

The kids love hearing all the coins being dropped into the osaisen box. All osaisen donations are used for Dharma School Programs.

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## UPAYA CHANGES

Effective 2024, the Upaya will be sent out 6 times a year. This is due to a combination of rising costs in postage and lack of volunteers to create and distribute the newsletter.

We're going to try this for the year and see how it goes. Meanwhile, we will be increasing our BTOA email blasts to remind you of events that are going on at the Temple.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

## 2024 Membership Drive

Membership Form Enclosed

It's that time of year again. We hope you will renew once again and become a member of our sangha at BTOA.

The membership dues you pay will be going to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). We hope that you will add a little extra with your membership dues to help us with our educational programs, maintaining our facilities and to compensate our resident minister.



### **GIVE Gift Memberships**

Buy a gift membership for a family member or friend. We will send them a welcome gift and let them know that you have given them the gift of BTOA membership.

**New adult memberships are only \$100.00.**

*Discount on first year only.*

**Welcome to our newest member.**

**FRANK HASHIMOTO**



## **BTOA Annual New Year's Party is BACK!**

BTOA Members' and Friends of BTOA are invited to our New Year's Party to celebrate the YEAR OF THE DRAGON!

The party will begin immediately following the family service at **10:00 am on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Hope to see you all in service and party.

The Board members will be cooking our famous prime rib, Chef Wayne will be assisting with all the sides and Jane will be making a Tofu Egg Casserole for the vegetarians.

Please RSVP with Gayle Okada at [gayle.okada@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.okada@gmail.com) or (510) 276-3483.

### **BEC LECTURE SERIES**

#### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

##### SPRING DATES

*March 7, 14, 21, & 28*

##### FALL DATES

*October 3, 10, 17 & 24*

Classes are taught by Rev. Dennis Joshin Fujimoto and hosted by the Alameda Buddhist Education Committee.

## EITAIKYO SERVICE & REGISTRY

In February, we have the **Eitaikyo Service/Nirvana Day Service on February 11 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. Thus, by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one in perpetuity on the day of their passing and at our Annual Eitaikyo Service.

Each temple has their own guidelines. The suggested minimum donation is \$1,000. Please contact Rev. Dennis if you would like to receive further information on how to add your loved one's name to the register prior to our annual service on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **2024 Eitaikyo Service Names**

**Mr. Jim Kazuo Yamaoka**

**Shaku MI SHO**

**02/0/1922 - 04/07/2022**

**Mr. Masaki "Mas" Takano**

**慈空院 JI KU-IN - Sky of Enlightenment**

**釋純教 Shaku JUN KYO - To Teach Purity**

**06/15/1932 - 02/12/2023**

**Mr. Kiyoshi Naito**

**淨成院 JO SEI IN - Pure Realization**

**釋英巖 Shaku EI GON - Heroic Dignity**

**09/19/1934 - 05/31/2023**

### **BTOA Donates \$5,000 to Maui Sangha**

This past October we had an obento sale, with plans to donation a portion of the profits to help the sangha members of Lahaina who lost their temple and homes in the Maui Wildfires.

**\$2,500 donated to Maui Strong**

**\$2,500 donated to Lahaina Hongwanji**

**Tatsuya Morooka**, friend of the Kuramoto family was visiting from Japan and volunteered at our obento sale. He also photographed & filmed the event for us. His video is now on our You Tube Channel: Buddhist Temple of Alameda. It's a lovely video showing how hard all of our volunteers worked, while having fun together and welcoming our customers. Please watch and enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf0JUyUu5Ns>

## 2024 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		<b>\$175</b>	
New Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Year		<b>\$100</b>	
Young Adult (18-30 years old)		<b>\$50</b>	
Child (under 18 & parent is member)		<b>FREE</b>	
Child (under 18 & parent not member)		<b>\$25</b>	
Additional Donation			
Note: All of your membership dues will go to support the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). <b>The Buddhist Temple of Alameda relies on your generous donations to support the resident minister's salary, educational programs, and maintaining facilities.</b>			

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

**Please enclose form and check payable to:  
 Buddhist Temple of Alameda  
 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501**





**Showing: April 21st @ 2:00 PM**  
**TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

**“Carving the Divine” is a documentary film by Mr. Yujiro Seki. The film presents a rare look into the 1400 year old tradition of Butsuza, the woodcarving of Japanese Buddhist statues and images. It follows the lives and training of those craftsmen and women who struggle to preserve the tradition in modern Japan today.**

The Buddhist Temple of Alameda, Rhythmix Cultural Works, and the Buddhist Churches of America Art Committee have joined efforts to present the film on **April 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM** at the Rhythmix theater at 2513 Blanding Avenue in Alameda just ½ mile from the Buddhist Temple of Alameda.

The incredible works and efforts presented in the film will heighten your own appreciation of the artistry and craftsmanship that goes into the temple images that we see at our temples here. Please join us for this very special event.

*“Carving the Divine’ is more than a movie about amazing wood sculptors of Japan. To me, the movie is about the Master-Apprentice or the Master-Disciple relationship, and how this is still being transmitted in the traditional manner... stern, but yet ultimately kind, in training the apprentice to be a true artist in both skill and spirit.”*

Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America

Filmmaker, Yujiro Seki has worked passionately to make his film available to as many people in the world as possible. He has stated, “I’m persistent because I know you will fully enjoy ‘Carving the Divine’. This is not just a film. Through this work, I will challenge you to confront your true self. I will challenge you to think about what it means to be alive and what is the purpose of your life! Yes, I will give you one hell of a good time!”

Mr. Seki is an Award-winning Director, Cinematographer, Editor, Subtitle Translator, and Writer, and Producer. He will join us via ZOOM from Japan at the end of the film showing to share his reflections and to provide a Question and Answer period for those of us who are able to attend. Don't miss this rare opportunity. TICKETS ON SALE NOW. <https://rhythmix.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/#/events/a0S1K00000QjDVSUA3>

Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto  
Buddhist Temple of Alameda  
BCA Art Committee

## Chef's Table: Taste of the Dharma



Bishop Marvin Harada

A few of our members attended the first ever *Chef's Table – Taste of the Dharma*, a fund-raising event for Dharma Forward held at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley.

The chefs were Bishop Marvin Harada, Rev. Michael Endo and Ministers' Assistant, Koicho Mizushima.

Everything was delicious and it was all paired with sakes from Takara Sake.



MA Koichi Mizushima

**Dharma Forward** is BCA's vision to build the future of Buddhism in America. A major investment in our future through these initiatives:

- Buddhist Education
- Technology & Outreach
- Facilities & Operations
- Scholarships & Support

**Donate today at:**  
<https://bca.kindful.com>



Rev. Michael Endo

After dinner we sat for a fireside chat monitored by Michiko Miyaji Inanaga, Director of Development with Bishop Harada and Rev. Dr. Matsumoto, President of the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

Followed by music by Dii Lewis and Sangha Plus. Dii Lewis, musician and member of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple will be our guest speaker at our BTOA Hamamatsu service this year.



## Condolences

**Rev. Dr. Seigen Yamaoka**, BCA Minister Emeritus, passed away on December 15, 2023 in Seal Beach, California at the age of 89.

Throughout his ministry in the BCA, Rev. Dr. Yamaoka served as the resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Oakland and Buddhist Church of Stockton. He also served as Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and President of the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS).

The funeral service for Rev. Dr. Yamaoka, co-officiated by the Buddhist Churches of America and the Buddhist Church of Oakland will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1pm at the Buddhist Church of Oakland, 825 Jackson Street, Oakland, CA, 94607.

The service will also be live streamed on the Buddhist Church of Oakland's YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/c/buddhistchurchofokland>

Rev. Yamaoka was Rev. Dennis' IBS advisor and his temple minister at the Buddhist Church of Oakland.

Those who attended the recent Chef's Table event were able to chat with Rev. Yamaoka. He was in good spirits and was enjoying Bishop Harada's oden.

The Buddhist Temple of Alameda offers our deepest condolences to his family and friends of the late Rev. Yamaoka.

Rev. Dr. Yamaoka is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Davis (Ryan Davis), residing at 17111 Newquist Lane, Huntington Beach, CA, 92649, and Stacy Yamaoka (Christopher Anderson).



*Namo Amida Butsu*

**SHOTSUKI HOYO**  
**MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**Sunday, February 4, 2024 & Sunday, March 3, 2024**  
 In Person & Living Streaming on our BTOA YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the February & March Memorial Service for those listed below.  
 If 2024 is a special service year as indicated below, please contact Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto  
 to arrange a special memorial service for your family.

<b>Special Service Year of Death</b>		<b>Special Service Year of Death</b>	
1 year	2023	17 year	2008
3 year	2022	25 year	2000
7 year	2018	33 year	1992
13 year	2012	50 year	1975

**February**

Abe, Mr. Hikaru – 1976  
 Abe, Mr. Honji – 1961  
 Bailey, Jody – 2021  
 Hayame, Mr. Shigeru – 2002  
 Hayashi, Mrs. Hanaye – 1940  
 Hirai, Mr. Nobukichi – 1917  
 Hisoka, Mr. Toranosuke – 1955  
 Honda, Mrs. Akiko 1986  
 Ito, Infant Asako – 1024  
 Iwataki, Mrs. Koyuki – 1920  
 Iwataki, Mrs. Nami - 2010  
 Kano, Mrs. Ichi – 1052  
 Kawabata, Mrs. Rieko – 2017  
 Kawahara, Mr. Hideo - 2014  
 Kawakami, Mr. Yoshimatsu – 1965  
 Kawamura, Mr. Masumi - 1939  
 Kobashi, Mr. Shigeichi – 1990  
 Kono, Mrs. Eiko – 1929  
 Kozen, Infant Kenjiro – 1916  
 Matsumoto, Infant Masaru – 1920  
 Matsuo, Infant Shin – 1921  
 Matsuzaka, Mrs. So – 1930  
 Mifune, Mrs. Mitsuye – 1920  
 Miyake, Bety Tazue - 2016  
 Momii, Mr. Yutaka – 1960  
 Nakamura, Mrs. Emi – 2000  
 Nakamura, Mr. Shinsuke – 1949  
 Nakayama, Mr. Yutaka – 1988  
 Niita, Infant Kazumi – 1936  
 Nishida, Mrs. Hamako – 1994  
 Noda, Infant Hisashi – 1925  
 Noriye, Infant Mutsuo - 1934  
 Ogi, Mr. Hitoshi – 1991  
 Okino, Mr. Wataru – 2006  
 Okita, Mrs. Toshiko  
 Otsu, Mr. Kanzo – 1924  
 Shibata, Grace - 2020  
 Shimada, Mrs. Kiwa – 1995  
 Shiraishi, Mrs. Misao - 1999  
 Sugiyama, Mr. Keiichiro – 1967  
 Sunakawa, Infant Tsunetada – 1928  
 Suyeyasu, Mr. Sakae – 2001  
 Suzawa, Infant Yoshimi – 1928  
 Tajima, Mrs. Misa – 1977  
 Takagi, Mr. Shinichi – 1931  
**Takano, Masaki Mas - 2023**  
 Takara, Mr. Shohei – 1926  
 Tashiro, Mrs. Toshiko – 2011  
 Tawara, Infant Kaeo - 1922  
 Togiwata, Mr. Keichi – 1931

Togiwata, Infant Mitsuo – 1918  
 Tomotoshi, Infant Fumiko – 1921  
 Tsuchiya, Mr. George – 2010  
 Ushijima, Infant Kenjiro – 1916  
 Wada, Mrs. Hana – 1949  
 Yamagata, Mr. Katsuichi – 1979  
 Yamanaka, Ben - 2020  
 Yamaoka, Mr. Noboru Oscar – 2000  
 Yoshida, Mr. Iwazo - 1920  
 Yoshimura, Infant Kuniko – 1939  
**Yoshiwara, Tomiyo “Tee” – 2018**

**March**

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

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  
 Masuda, Mr. Muneto – 1938  
 Matsui, Mr. Kojiro – 1932  
 Matsuo, Mr. Hisao – 1987  
 Matsumura, Mrs. Sachi – 1947  
 Mori, Takeyo - 2021  
 Mune, Infant Mitsue – 1922  
 Murakoshi, Infant Shizuo - 1941  
 Naito, Mrs. Teruko – 2003  
 Nagahisa, Mrs. Hideo – 2011  
 Nakagawara, Mr. Hisakazu – 1983  
 Nakamura, Infant Mitsuko – 1928  
 Nakano, Mrs. Etsuko – 1992  
 Nakano, Mr. Kenji – 1999  
 Nakano, Infant Masami – 1916  
 Narahara, Joan Etsuko - 2019  
 Niizawa, Mrs. Yoshi – 1996  
 Nishi, Infant Sadako - 1922  
 Nishi, Mr. Sadasuke – 1962  
 Nishi, Mr. Teisuke - 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  
 Suehiro, Infant Hidemi Jenna - 1980  
 Shigemoto, Mrs. JoAnne – 1997  
 Shiota, Mr. Shuzo – 1994  
 Soga, Mrs. Sawa – 1935  
 Tabuchi, Infant Kaneko – 1925  
 Takagi, Mr. Kumagoro – 1936



## Continuation of March Monthly Memorial List

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Takayama, Mr. Hiroshi - 2014  
Tajima, Mr. Hikoichi – 1998  
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

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

We would like to thank **Allen Sakamoto** and **Dorothy Hashimoto** for their years of service on the BTOA board. They have both promised to remain active members of our sangha.

You can find Allen working in our garden every Wednesday and Dorothy continues to be instrumental in setting up and maintaining our YouTube Channel. Thank you both!

This year, we welcome **Dwight Meitzenheimer** to our board. Dwight has been attending our services since 2000 with his wife Cheryl. At the time, he was the distribution manager for the General Mills plant in Vallejo, where they produce Gold Medal flour.

Dwight has since retired and now lives in Fairfield, but you will see find him and Cheryl at our services. Welcome Dwight.

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## Current 2024 Board of Directors

### Officers

President:	Jane Naito
Vice President:	Howard Shintani
Treasurer:	Tom Hashimoto
Recording Secretary:	Kimberly Kato Chambliss
Advisor:	Rev. Dennis Joshin Fujimoto

### Appointed Positions/Committee Chairs:

Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Nakahara
BEC Committee Chair:	Amy Tomine
Facilities/Maintenance Chairs:	Yumi Yasuda Kent Yoshiwara
Apartment Manager:	Kimberly Kato Chambliss

## Monthly Memorial Reminder Letter

Starting in March we will begin to send out reminder letters to the families who have loved ones listed for the month.

We're working on updating our records. If you have loved ones that you would like to receive a reminder letter for, please email Nancy Kawabata-Poon at [pjpnkp@comcast.net](mailto:pjpnkp@comcast.net) with the name of the loved one, the month of their passing and your name, address and email.

### To Our BTOA Sangha, Family and Friends:

*Happy New Year and thank you for  
your support this past year.  
We look forward to seeing you in the new year  
and wish you all a healthy and safe  
2024!*

**BTOA Board of Directors**



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## FOUND at the TEMPLE

We're grateful for all our wonderful volunteers at the temple. On occasion, items are left behind. If you recognize an item in the photographs below, please pick it up during one of our Sunday services. Items still left at end of February, will be donated at our upcoming ABWA clothing drive.



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## VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!

**Webmaster** to manage our BTOA website site. Experience required. For more information, please contact Mary Nakahara at [mmnakahara05@gmail.com](mailto:mmnakahara05@gmail.com).

**Upaya Designer** to layout and put together our bi-monthly (every other month) newsletter. For more information, please contact Jane Naito at [janenaito@me.com](mailto:janenaito@me.com).

**Technical Video Assistant** during Sunday services. We're planning on getting a little fancier with our live streaming on YouTube and could use some technical assistance on site. For more information, please contact Yumi Yasuda at [yumiyasuda50@gmail.com](mailto:yumiyasuda50@gmail.com).

**Organists** to back up Lenni. For more information, please contact Lenni Terao-Doerr at [lterao@aol.com](mailto:lterao@aol.com).

**Chairperson & Greeter** for Sunday services. To sign up, please contact Amy Tomine at [msotomine@gmail.com](mailto:msotomine@gmail.com).

**Dharma School Guest Speakers** for our older kids. Give a short 10-15 talk about how your life relates to Buddhism or an experience that you had and want to share. Contact Yumi Yasuda at [yumiyasuda50@gmail.com](mailto:yumiyasuda50@gmail.com).

### **Students Who Need Community Service Hours**

We're sure we can find a project/task for you.

**These are just a few of the volunteers we're looking for. Lot of other volunteer opportunities available: construction, gardening, tech, office, etc...**

Contact Jane Naito to talk about how you might volunteer at the Temple. [janenaito@me.com](mailto:janenaito@me.com)

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## 2024 Calendar

### January

- 1** 10:00 Shusho E - New Year Day Service
- 7** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 14** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 All Beings Memorial Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 21** 10:00 Family Service  
11:00 New Year Party
- 28** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 Sangha Time

### February

- 4** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 11** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Eitaikyo/Nirvana Day Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 18** 10:00 Family Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 25** 10:00 BCA Virtual Eitaikyo Service  
(ALL BCA TEMPLES – link to follow)

### March

- 3** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 10** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 17** 10:00 Spring Ohigan Service  
11:00 Sangha Time

### March

- 24** 9:30 Dharma School  
NO Family SERVICE (Hidden Treasures Sale)
- 31** NO SERVICE (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

### April

- 7** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 13** Omigaki – Temple Cleaning Day
- 14** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Hanamatsuri Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 21** 10:00 Family Service  
11:00 Sangha Time  
11:30 Obento for Movie Goers  
1:00 Buddhist Artist Showing @ Rhythmix  
2:00 Carving the Divine Movie @ Rhythmix
- 28** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 Sangha Time

### May

- 5** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 12** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Parents Day Family Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 19** 10:00 Gotan E Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 25** (Saturday) Memorial Day  
Cemetery Visitations
- 26** NO SERVICE (Saturday Visitation)

## June

- 2** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 9** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Graduation and Diversity Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 16** NO SERVICE (Bazaar preparations)
- 23** NO SERVICE (Bazaar)
- 30** NO SERVICE (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

## July

- 7** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 14** Birthday Sunday  
10:00 Family Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 20** Bon Odori
- 21** 1:00 PM Hatsubon/Obon Service  
2:00 PM Sangha Time
- 28** 10:00 Family Service  
11:00 Sangha Time

## August

- 4** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time / Tsuru Display
- 11** Birthday Sunday  
10:00 Socho Ki (Bishops Memorial) Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 18** NO SERVICE (Sensei on Vacation)
- 25** NO SERVICE (Sensei on vacation)

## September

- 1** NO SERVICE (Holiday Weekend)
- 8** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 15** 10:00 Fall Ohigan Service  
11:00 Keiro Program
- 22** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Outdoor Family Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 29** NO SERVICE (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

## October

- 6** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 13** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 20** 10:00 ABWA, Ladies of the Dharma  
(Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Kujo, Lady  
Ohtani) Memorial Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 27** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis

## November

- 3** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 10** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 17** 10:00 HOONKO Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 24** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 Sangha Time

## December

- 1** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 8** Birthday Sunday  
9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Bodhi Day Service  
11:00 General Meeting
- 15** 10:00 Family Service  
w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 22** NO SERVICE (Holiday)
- 29** NO SERVICE (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)
- 31** 3:00 End of Year Service  
4:00 Sangha Time

## **Special Services**

To schedule a special service: wedding, funeral, memorial service, contact Rev. D Joshin Fujimoto directly at [revdjoshinfujimoto@gmail.com](mailto:revdjoshinfujimoto@gmail.com) or 916-416-0919.





## J-Sei's 33rd Annual Crab Feed

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fratellanza Club, 1140 66th Street, Oakland

(1 block east of J-Sei with on-site parking)

**Dinner** 5:00 to 6:30 pm  **Live band & no-host bar** 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Enjoy fresh Dungeness crab, Asian salad, garlic noodles, rolls, desserts, and beverages with your family and friends at J-Sei's in-person, sit-down, family-style crab feed!  
(Menu subject to change depending on availability of crab)

**Dinner tickets:** adults \$70, children 12 & under \$25  
(Sorry, no to-go meals)

Please RSVP by **Sunday, January 28**, at [www.j-Sei.org/33rd-annual-crab-feed](http://www.j-Sei.org/33rd-annual-crab-feed) or mail your check with the coupon below.

Very limited number of dinners may be bought at the door.

For more info  
visit [www.J-Sei.org](http://www.J-Sei.org) or phone (510) 654-4000 or email [suzanne@j-sei.org](mailto:suzanne@j-sei.org)

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**J-SEI'S 33RD ANNUAL CRAB FEED! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

MAIL ORDER COUPON

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of dinner tickets: \_\_\_ adults @ \$70 each, \_\_\_ children @ \$25 each. Total enclosed with check payable to J-Sei: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to J-Sei, 1285 66th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, to be RECEIVED in the office by Sunday, January 28.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!**





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## **JAPANESE HIDDEN TREASURES SALE**

***FREE ADMISSION***

**Sat. March 23: 11-3**

**Sun. March 24: 12-3**

