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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

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FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11 - DFS & [Interfaith Panel Discussion](#)

**November 18 - [Ho-on-ko service](#);
[BBWA Sushi & Crafts Sale](#)**

November 25 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

December 2 - Bodhi Day service

December 9 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

December 16 - Temple Clean-up

Hō-on-kō 報恩講

EVERY YEAR, we observe a very important service called Hō-on-kō. Let's learn a little about it.

What does Hō-on-kō mean?

The formal name of this service is Goshōki Hō-on-kō, which means "a gathering to repay our debt of gratitude to Shinran Shōnin, the Founder of Jōdo Shinshū, on the anniversary of his death." In Asia the tradition is to give more emphasis to a person's death-date than her/his birth-date. Hō-on-kō also gives us an opportunity to learn from Shinran's life and teaching.

When did Hō-on-kō begin?

Shinran Shōnin passed away on the 28th day of the 11th month of the year 1262. Shortly thereafter, his immediate disciples began to hold monthly memorial services for him. Kakunyo Shōnin later made the service in memory of the Founder an annual observance.

When it is observed?

Most temples of the Hongwanji-ha (Nishi Hongwanji) branch of Jōdo Shinshū observe Hō-on-kō on January 16. Temples of the Ōtani -ha (Higashi Hongwanji) branch do so on November 28.

November 28 is the date of Shinran's death according to the lunar calendar, while January 16 is the date based on western calendars. Nishi Hongwanji officially adopted the January 16 date in 1872, but many BCA temples—including the Berkeley Buddhist Temple—continue to observe Hō-on-kō in November.

Where did Shinran Shōnin pass away?

Shinran died in the city of Kyoto, at the age of 90 years. When he was 35, Shinran had been exiled to the northern region of Echigo. There he married Eshinni, with whom he had a number of children. At the age of 42 he moved to the Kanto area with his family in order to propagate the nembutsu teaching. Then, when he was 62, he and his family moved to Kyoto, so that Shinran could complete his magnum opus, the *Kyōgyōshinshō*.

21 years later, Eshinni and three children returned to Echigo to oversee her family's lands. They were never to see Shinran again. During the next 6 years he maintained a humble life in Kyoto as a guest in various temples. Shinran died quietly at Zenbōji temple, with his eldest daughter, Kakushinni, by his side.

Where are his ashes interred?

Shinran's body was cremated and his ashes were interred in a simple shrine at a place called Ōtani, outside of Kyoto. His daughter Kakushinni served as the guardian of his remains. This was to be the beginning of the Hongwanji organization, which has continued to grow as the mantle of leader has been passed on through Shinran's descendants for over seven hundred years. Currently, Shinran Shōnin's remains are interred at the Ōtani Mausoleum in eastern Kyoto.

Hō-on-kō, of course, is much more than just a collection of a few historical facts. I hope, however, that these facts will help us to develop a greater appreciation for this event. I also hope that everyone will attend our Hō-on-kō Service on November 18 so that we all may come to understand the meaning and importance of Shinran Shōnin's teachings in our lives today.

Namu Amida Butsu
Rev. D. Matsumoto
November 2012

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Although we are certainly now well into autumn, it certainly does not feel that way at times. As I write this in mid-October, the forecast for the next week seems more like a continuation of Indian summer than it does the beginning of our rainy season.

Whatever the weather may be like in the upcoming weeks, we know some things will definitely be on the horizon this month. With the variety of holidays in November and December and the general election this year, the next two months looks to be eventful at the very least. This is definitely the time of year in which there are many demands for our time and attention.

Moreover, as a part of the general election it is natural to feel some level of apprehension about the election and its potential outcomes. As our political system in recent years has become more polarized, the choices we make from simple local ordinances to state referendums and the presidential election, do appear to be between two very different potential directions for our society.

As such, should you find yourself discombobulated, dismayed, or even elated by this time of year or by outcomes from our election or even the entire process, might we recommend a stop at our temple on a Sunday? As Buddhists, we know that change is inevitable and constant but it is often not easy to deal with. From personal experience we can both attest to the ability of a simple Dharma Family Service to put it into perspective and, at the very least, give us an excuse to catch our proverbial spiritual breath.

Elect to Gassho,

Art Nishimura and Willie Fernandez
BBT Co-presidents

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

November 25, 2012
9:30 am

Shōtsuki Hōyō Service – November 25, 2012, 9:30 AM

The following persons will be remembered during the Shōtsuki Hōyō (monthly memorial service) for November.

Yoshiko Adachi	Isamu Doi	Nancy Louie Fujikawa
Shizuko Fukada	Chie Fukunaga	Sumie Gluck
Ayako Hino	Chiyo Hirose	Eddie K. Hitomi
Rae Imamura	Haruko Inadomi	Isao Ishikawa
George Ishino	Sunae Ishino	Seiichi Kami
Sumiko Kawaguchi	Shizuko Kawakami	Hatsuye Konishi
Fusayo Kono	Fujino Kosakura	Ayako Kurakazu
Tetsuo Kurihara	Waiko Lindquist	Haruno Marutani
Sumie Matsubara	Masakazu Miyamoto	Misuko Miyamoto
Sadie H. Mizusaki	George Morishige	Hayao Nakagawa
Shigeru Oki	Shizuko Oki	Uhachi Okubo
Tadahiro S. Sameshima	Joseph Sasaki	Kunikazu Sasaki
Joe Shimada	Yasue Shimada	Kayo Shinoda
Kiyooki Shinoda	Kazuyoshi Sumisaki	Wayne T. Sumisaki
Kazue Takahashi	Toshie Takahashi	Yoshikazu Takahashi
Ben Takao	C. Mae Tanaka	Yukiye Terazawa
Chio Tominaga	M. Melvin Tominaga	Aileen A. Tsukada
Kizo Umawatari	Fumiye Uyeshima	Milton S. Wakayama
Ben T. Wakaye	Nellie Wralstad	Tosao Yamada
Miyeko Yoshimura	Nobuo Yoshimura	

Note: If there are any additions, corrections or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at 510-841-1356.

Ruthless Compassion: The Dentist

by Diane Ames

“Alas,” said the dentist, “I’m afraid your gums show signs of infection about here. That’s not surprising; gum infections tend to accompany old age and are a precursor of death. Does it hurt when I poke it? I gather from your shrieks that it does. My assistant will show you how to clean and disinfect it every night for a while. It will hurt and bleed at first, but genuine compassion on yourself and your dental future requires it. At your next visit we’ll see whether that takes care of it or we have to do something more drastic. And speaking of your next visit, you had better schedule one next week. The filling that I did fifteen years ago to replace the forty-year-old filling that fell out of this tooth has itself succumbed to impermanence and cracked.”

“So I’ll need yet another filling?”

“I’m afraid not. It was a small tooth to begin with, and decades of decay and dentistry have largely rotted and drilled it away. You’ll need another dental crown.”

I gulped. “Is that all?”

“Well, no. There’s a reason for the toothache that brought you here in the first place. The x-rays show that the root canal that you got in 1998 has, well, let’s say, failed.”

“How could an old root canal fail? After fourteen years?”

“Who knows? But I’ve often seen that the tooth it saved may seem healthy one week, and in the next week infection returns. With it come decay and death—of the tooth, if you don’t get another root canal. So I’ll have my assistant prepare your nitrous oxide gas, your novocaine, and your ojuzu beads.”

Buddhist teachers sometimes speak of ruthless compassion, the idea that doing the compassionate thing sometimes involves inflicting temporary emotional or physical pain. Of course we often see some such concept (“this is for your own good”) invoked to rationalize abuse or as a cloak for self-deception about one’s real motives. Nonetheless ruthless compassion is sometimes necessary, as exemplified by the dentist who must perform occasional root canals to keep my teeth from proving more impermanent than the rest of me. Of course being a dentist requires years of training as well as a commitment to saving teeth. Likewise the exercise of ruthless compassion requires knowing what you’re doing, and above all, being sure of your own motives. And since that is difficult, it should be exercised only sparingly and reluctantly.

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October 23, 2012

Dear Members and Friends of the Temple,

The Fall season is upon us and we hope you are enjoying the brisk weather and changing leaves.

On November 18, 2012 the Berkeley Buddhist Temple will be observing HO-ON-KO (Feast of Thanksgiving and Gratitude) commemorating the attainment of Nirvana by Shinran Shonin who handed down to us the teachings of the Buddha.

For this year's service we are fortunate to have as guest speaker, Rev. George Shibata, retired minister from Reedley Buddhist Temple, now living in Stockton.

We hope you will attend the HO-ON-KO family service on November 18, 2012 at 9:30 AM. The Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association will be having a Sushi and Crafts Sale fundraiser as well. Please support them in raising funds for their 100th Anniversary celebration in 2014.

The Temple would appreciate your special donation for HO-ON-KO. An envelope is attached for your convenience.

In gassho,

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Dharma Family Service
§
Interfaith Panel Discussion

hosted by BBWA
November 11, 2012 9:30 AM
Tea Time following service

HO-ON-KO SERVICE

November 18, 2012
9:30 AM

REV. GEORGE SHIBATA, guest speaker
Retired minister of Reedley Buddhist Temple

BBWA Sushi & Crafts Sale following service



The following is a list of special service years. If you have a dear departed relative who passed away in any of the listed years, and would like to make arrangements for a memorial service, please contact Rev. Matsumoto at (510) 841-1356.

2012 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2011	1 st Year
2010	3 rd Year
2006	7 th Year
2000	13 th Year
1996	17 th Year
1988	25 th Year
1980	33 rd Year
1963	50 th Year
1913	100 th Year

Taige-kai (体解会)

**Berkeley Buddhist Temple
Study Session**

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple invites you to take part in a gathering to learn and experience (体解 *taige*) the Path of the Buddha.

Ondokusan

恩徳讃

Its author, history and meaning.

Sunday, November 4, 2012, at 9:30 am

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Please invite you friends! We hope to see you at the *Taige-kai*!

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BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SUSHI & CRAFTS SALE

Following Ho-On-Ko Service
November 18, 2012

OSUSHI COMBO \$5.00 SPAM MUSUBI \$3.00
(Inari, makizushi)

Proceeds will be used for
the Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association's
100th Anniversary in 2014

Deadline: November 10, 2012

Contact: Yuki Otake (510) 234-6761 or Caroline Fernandez (510) 367-9166

Donations of craft items to sell would be greatly
appreciated!

Osushi Combo: \$5.00 Spam Musubi: \$3.00

PRE-ORDER FORM

NAME PHONE NUMBER

Osushi Combo Quantity @ \$5.00 each Amount \$

Spam Musubi Quantity @ \$3.00 each Amount \$

TOTAL \$

Please make check payable to Berkeley BWA
Mail to: Berkeley BWA
Attn: Maya Murashima-Yonemura
2121 Channing Way
Berkeley CA, 94704

THANK YOU!

ARIGATO!

Mahalo!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!

Danke schön!

¡GRACIAS!

Obrigada!

Many, many thanks to the following people who helped to insure the success of the Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association food booth fundraiser at the recent J-Sei Family Festival:

Lucy Hamai
Maya Murashima
Denise Gervais
Noel McGuire

Kylie Bondoc
Madison Lew
Naomi Furuya
Janet Yokoyama

Ariana Bondoc
Maya Haruyama
Sky Nikaidoh

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Lena Yin, Denise Kanashiro, Alan Hirahara, and Ashi Mou for preparing such delicious chicken wings. And thank you to Lena for shopping and purchasing many of the supplies.
- Linda and Craig Griffin for not only working in the booth but, most importantly, for making the snow cone machine platform that worked so well.
- Amy, Russell and Maile Ware and, of course, Grandma, for setting up and working in the booth and also for ordering the snow cone supplies.

Our sincere apologies if anyone has been overlooked.

In Appreciation,
Berkeley Buddhist Women's Association

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 2012

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Art Nishimura, Susan Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Ron Hiraga, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Judy Kono, Takashi Nikaidoh, Emi Nakao, David Ushijima, Russell Ware, Marrie Yamashita, Yuki Otake, Judy Fujimoto. Proxies: Wayne Sugihara, Lena Yin.

President Art Nishimura called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

August minutes: Judy Kono noted that Rev. Shigaraki's name had been misspelled. Judy Kono moved to accept the corrected August minutes; seconded by Lucy Hamai and passed.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto issued a written report for the period August 14-September 11, 2012, which included 7 meetings; 4 consultations; 3 Family Memorial Services; 8/18 Memorial (Funeral) Service @ BBT; 8/26 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 8/31-9/2 Eastern Buddhist League Conference, Minneapolis, MN; 9/4 Start of the IBS fall semester; 9/5 English Study Class, "Birth in the Pure Land", San Mateo BT; 9/9 Start of the BBT Dharma School year; 9/9 J-Sei Family Festival, El Cerrito. Upcoming events & activities: 9/13 BDMA meeting; 9/16 BBT Fall Ohigan Service & Keirokai Luncheon; 9/21 BCA Meeting @ JSC; 9/22 IBS Numata Symposium: "Domestic Drama" w/ speakers Lisa Grumbach and Paula Arai; 9/23 SACBC 50th Anniversary Service & Luncheon; 9/23 BBT DFS w/ guest officiant and speaker Edythe Vassall and gatha practice w/ Sangha Singers; 9/30 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 10/3 San Mateo BT English Study Class, "Birth in the Pure Land"; 10/4 BDDSTL Meeting @ BBT; 10/5 Lecture @ CBE MAP Workshop, JSC; 10/7 BBT Eitakikyo Service with guest speaker Rev. Katsuryu Kusunoki, Lodi BC. In reporting on the BBT Minister's assistants, Rev. Matsumoto described Edythe Vassall's various activities and noted that Matthew Hamasaki is in Japan undergoing Tokudo instruction.

Lucy Hamai moved that the Temple give a \$100 oiwai for SACBC's 50th Anniversary; seconded by Kiyoshi Katsumoto and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a report for the period 8/1-8/31/2012.

CORRESPONDENCE: Pres. Nishimura reported that the BBT received from the BCA a signed copy of the Group Exemption Authorization Agreement and the EIN Application Procedure, which will be filed under "Tax Exemption Number" in the Temple office. Kiyoshi Katsumoto will inform the Temple's banks of the revised EIN for the BBT and its affiliated organizations. Also, the Temple received a draft of the minutes for the June National Board meeting and a renewed 5 year contract with the NJA Museum for archival services.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Yuki Otake thanked all who helped with the shaved ice and chicken wings fund raiser at the 9/9 J-Sei Family Festival. She reported that the FBWA conference will take place on October 12-14 in San Jose, with 3 BBWA members attending the event, and that Edythe Vassall has been selected as one of four members from the BDBWL to participate in the 26th annual BDBWL/Hoppo and Fukuoka Sister District Exchange Program, which includes attendance at the Kyushu BWA Conference on November 7 and an hour visit with Lady Otani.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported the following: Dharma School started the school year on 9/1; Stacey Uyeda has agreed to be the 2012-13 co-superintendent with Karen Kato; a 10/14 planning meeting for the 2013 FDSTL Conference will take place at the BBT; DS has purchased new playground equipment for the students.

JR. YBA: Mali McGuire issued a written report, which included the following: Chapter Cabinet for 2012-13—President Mali McGuire, VP Maya Kato, Treasurer Kinji Steimetz, Corresponding Secretary-open, Recording Secretary Maya Haruyama, Religious Chair-open, BD Chapter Representative-open; the Sangha chapter is looking for members to fill the open cabinet positions; 9/8 Sangha chapter hosted the BD Jr. YBA meeting; upcoming events include 11/10/12 CC Jr. YBA Conference in Fresno, 2/1-2/2/13 BD Ski Trip, 3/16/13 Coast District Conference at San Jose Betsuin, 5/25-5/26/13 BD Volleyball Tournament; community service and fund raiser projects will be discussed at the next meeting. Robin McGuire is the BBT Jr. YBA advisor.

J-SEI: Yuki Otake reported that the Family Festival was very successful with good attendance and food booths selling out early.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Art Nishimura presented an updated schedule, with the following additions, 11/11/12 is the Interfaith Panel sponsored by the BBWA and that 12/31/12 is the Joyae Service. Art reported that as each Bay District temple holds its own educational activities, the BD Buddhist Education Committee has been dissolved and BEC Ad Hoc committees will be organized as needed.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: no report.
BUILDING MAINTENANCE: no report.
GARDEN MAINTENANCE: no report.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that the Fulton Street apartment building is newly painted and that there is a vacancy at Channing Way, Apt. #3.

OTHER REPORTS

LIBRARY CART: Reporting for the Ad Hoc Library Committee, Emiko Katsumoto noted that Irene Asao-Wells has purchased the first book cart. Lucy Hamai reported that the committee has sorted all the library books into the following categories: General Buddhism, Jodo-Shinshu, Children's, and General Interest (e.g. history, biography). There are a number of books which are difficult to categorize, and these books have been placed in the Temple office for Rev. Matsumoto to examine further. The proposed opening hours for the library are Sundays during the Coffee Social or Tea Time, with Temple members allowed to sign out books on an honor system and with no specific due date for returns.

TROPHIES: Emiko Katsumoto reported there are still a sizeable number of trophies with plaques that need to be removed so that they can be mounted and the trophies themselves recycled. The Board discussed organizing a Trophy Clean-up Day and how best to preserve the plaques.

ARCHIVES: Lucy Hamai reported that Emiko Katsumoto, Irene Asao-Wells, and she re-organized the photos in the second floor archive closet into boxes and placed the boxes on a shelf built by Russell Wells. Irene is producing an information guide to the boxes.

BOARD ELECTION NOMINATIONS: Takashi Nikaidoh and Ron Hiraga will prepare for the October meeting a slate of nominees for the Board term 2013-2015.

VISITATION TO THE SFBC: Art Nishimura reported that the proposed 9/23 date for the DS to visit the SFBC must be rescheduled.

IT SURVEY: Art Nishimura reported that the survey indicated that there was only limited IT usage of the office computer. David Ushijima will prepare a report on Temple IT needs based on the survey and give the information to Mark Sugihara, who will help make recommendations on purchasing a new computer and peripherals.

NEW REFRIGERATOR: Emiko Katsumoto reported that Mrs. Iyama will donate a new refrigerator for the social hall kitchen and that Kiyoshi Katsumoto and Craig Griffin are doing research on the best model for the Temple needs.

TEMPLE SECURITY: Rev. Matsumoto reported that Gary Oda devised a new mounting for the mercury switch device, which Norm Hirose then constructed, and that an appointment will be made with the security alarm company to attach the device. Art Nishimura thanked Rev. M and Gary for their perseverance in seeing this project completed.

FAC: Lucy Hamai reported that the FAC met on 8/19 to discuss the proposal from Chapel of the Chimes for a partnership with the BBT which would offer Temple members a discount on mortuary services. The FAC recommended an acceptance of this partnership and has requested that Rev. Matsumoto compose a letter to the Sangha explaining its details. Also, the FAC clarified the services the Temple will provide for a Temple sponsored funeral.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Matsumoto noted that Leroy Morishita's investiture as president of CSU East Bay will take place on 10/12. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved that the Board send a letter of congratulations to Dr. Morishita on his investiture; seconded by Judy Kono and passed.

Yuki Otake stated applications are now being accepted for the 2013 Bazaar donation gift of \$500 to a non-profit community organization.

Thank you to Susan Gabriel and Judy Fujimoto for the meeting's refreshments.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:13PM with closing gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fujimoto

Please contact a Board member if further clarification of these minutes is needed.

BERKELEY BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
October 7, 2012

PRESENT: Caroline Fernandez, Diane Ames, Denise Gervais, Fumi Matsubara, Maya Murashima Yonemura, and Yuki Otake.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Caroline Fernandez opened the meeting with gassho at 11:20 a.m.

II. PRIOR MONTH'S MINUTES: To be reviewed at next meeting.

III. REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report, Maya Murashima Yonemura

1. A written report for September was submitted and approved by Denise Gervais/s. Diane Ames.

Membership, Fumi Matsubara

2. No report. Fumi requested that on the first Sunday of each month an announcement be made to remind members to pay their dues.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Keiro Kai: Joyce Oishi will be reimbursed for gifts to honorees. Dharma school students wrapped the gifts.
2. Eshinni/Kakushinni, October 21: Light lunch of sandwiches and lettuce wraps. Denise will purchase sandwich items from Costco.
3. FBWA, October 12 – 14, 2012 San Jose: Caroline Fernandez and Yuki Otake will be delegates representing the BBWA. A resolution to be proposed at delegates meeting to encourage temples to hold a service for Rennyō Shōnin.
Due to decreasing FBWA membership the treasury is experiencing less income and will allocate the \$2.00 for Dana Day Fund and Federation of Dharma for omimae, orei, koromo etc. The chapters will have 90 days to respond to request.
4. Interfaith Panel, November 11, 2012: Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto will serve as moderator. A vegan lunch will be served after service.
5. Ho-On-Ko-Service/ BBWA Sushi and Craft Sale, November 17, 2012: Sushi and possibly chicken wings bento (depending on the cost of the chicken wings.) Denise will contact a friend who is employed at Safeway regarding the chicken wings.
6. 2012 BBWA cabinet: To be discussed at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: November 4, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Caroline Fernandez adjourned meeting at 12:40 p.m. with gassho.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yukiko Otake, Acting Secretary



Pledged Members through August 23, 2012

The following members have pledged in amounts ranging from \$250.00 to \$400.00. Amounts are not intended to correspond to the alphabetical listing below. Pledges sent in after this date may not have yet been processed, and any omissions will be published in subsequent issues upon advisement. The temple gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions and thanks you for your dana and understanding.

Alfred & Arline Chinn

Ted & Asako Mayeda

Akio & Chiyoko Fujinaga

Dean Ito Taylor & Lori Suzuki

Sadao & Ami Oki

Toshiko Iwata

Abe & Terry Watamura

Thank you all for your generous and continuing support!



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Shop at Safeway to earn money for the Temple.

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RENEW BY NOV. 1

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- Go to eScrip.com
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- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter your Club Card number
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or visit www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org and click on CBE

Available for the 2012 Holiday Season! CBE Aprons
Itadakimasu... gratefully, we receive...



White hiragana characters appear above the double wisteria crest and *BCA Center for Buddhist Education*. The aprons have two large pockets, an adjustable over-the-head strap, and a waist tie. Available in regular size (purple, 27" length, \$20 each) and wide (black, 26" length, \$25 each). Order through the BCA Bookstore at www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org.

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State of California only

* Free pick up and DMV paperwork * Tax-deductible at the vehicle's selling price * Supports BCA CBE's Annual Program Fund

Please support your local vehicle donation program!

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To donate vehicles, contact Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC):

Phone: (714) 827-9590 Fax: (714) 827-2860 Email: ocbc909@aol.com

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Name: _____ Temple Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Credit Card Type: VISA MasterCard Name on Credit Card: _____

Card Number: _____ CCV: _____ Expiration Date: _____

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____

J-Sei DayTrip to San Jose...

JapanTown, San Jose *Friday, November 2, 2012*

For our final daytrip this year we will travel to San Jose. The Japanese American Museum of San Jose along with guest curators Connie Young Yu and Leslie Masunaga will feature a special exhibit, "Common Ground: Chinatown and Japantown, San Jose," focusing on the story of Heinlerville, San Jose's last Chinatown. The exhibit will tell the personal story behind Heinlerville's residents and chronicle that community's relationship to and influence on today's Japantown.

It will feature artifacts from a 2008 Sonoma State University archaeological excavation of the Heinlerville site. Personal mementos and a video that incorporates interviews and photos from that time period will be available for viewing.

Lunch on-your-own and shopping will follow. After lunch and before we head home, we are arranging a docent led tour of the murals that have recently been added to the Japantown landscape created by local artists.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Please bring water to stay hydrated.

-----✂-----Cut & place on your refrigerator to remind yourself---✂-----

SCHEDULE: SAN JOSE DAYTRIP FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

- 8AM** Depart from J-Sei Senior Center, located at 1710 Carleton Street, Berkeley, CA. (510) 883-1106. Please arrive by 7:55am.
- 9:30am Docent tour of Heinlerville exhibit.
- 11:30am- Lunch-on-your-own, shop, and visit with friends for an hour & ½.
- 1pm Meet back at the Japanese American Museum of San Jose for a docent tour of the murals.
- 2pm-3:30pm Depart for Berkeley. We want to miss the traffic!

COST: \$32. Please make check to **J-Sei**.
Mail to **J-Sei, 2126 ChanningWay, Berkeley CA, 94704**.
Cancellations okay, refunds not.
Deadline October 22, 2012, or until bus is full!
More info: (510)883-1106.

WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I, (PRINT NAME) _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily registered to participate in the following activity provided by J-Sei:

**Japanese American Museum of San Jose
Friday, November 2, 2012**

I understand that J-Sei does not have to allow me to participate in this activity. In consideration for being permitted to participate in this activity, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, distributees, guardians, assignees and any representatives or agents of mine will not commence any action or make a claim against, or sue, J-Sei or any of its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents or representatives on account of any injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, however caused, of J-Sei's officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents or representatives due to my participation in this activity.

I further waive and release J-Sei and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents or representatives from all actions, claims or demands that I, my heirs, distributees, guardians, assignees and any representatives or agents of mine now have or may in the future have for injury or damage that results from my participation in this activity.

I have carefully read this release. I am aware that this contract is between J-Sei and me. It is releasing J-Sei and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives from liability. I sign it voluntarily of my own free will. By signing it I intend to signify that I understand the contents of this Waiver and Release.

Name (*Signature*): _____ Dated: _____

Submit this waiver with your check. Thank You!

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Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with 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	Shusho-e	New Year's Day Service
February 5	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March 18	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April 1	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May 13	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July 8	Kangi-e	Obon
September 16	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November 18	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December 2	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the last 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 child.

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 so you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Please invite your friends! We hope to see you!

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.

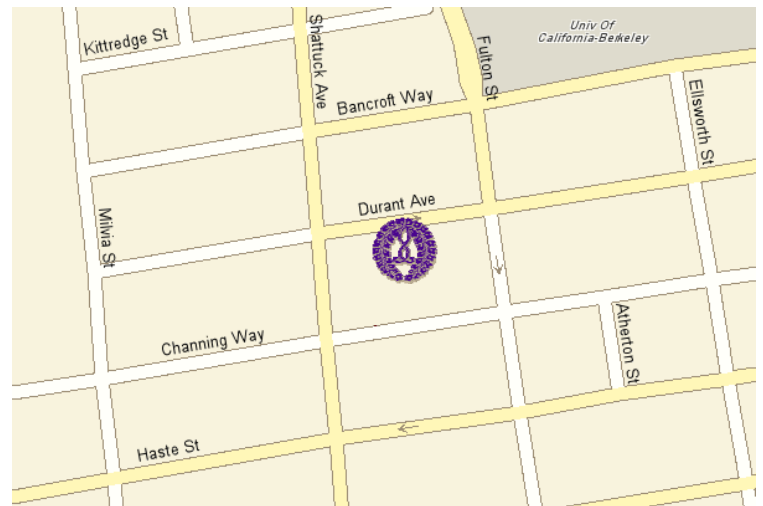
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

Membership is open to all who view our Temple as their religious home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

To join, complete a membership form, have your name entered on the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

To inquire about becoming a member, please speak with our Membership Chair or Minister.



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