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Message from Rev. D.

A NEW YEAR!!

AKEMASHITE OMETOU GOZAIMASU!! We have made it to another year! 2025 is the Year of the Snake. It is said that the Snake is a symbol of intelligence and charm, and much respected in the Chinese culture. Along with Mochi, Mikan, Bamboo and Pine, our various cultures offer symbolic images of hope, growth, and wellness as we look forward to another cycle of events in our lives. This year I hope we continue to grow our appreciation and awareness of the Nembutsu Path that guides us to stability and meaning in our lives.

The temple cycle begins with **Shusho-E, the New Year Day Service** on the 1st of January at 10:00 AM. In earlier days of agrarian life, winter 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.

As the year winds down at the temple, we find out which families have fruit trees bearing kaki or mikan. Abundance is shared as fruits are brought in to the temple for others to enjoy! First the colors, then the flavors call our attention to the seasonal change unfolding. It's beautiful! Many of our families still enjoy the traditions of getting the family together for New Years with special foods, treats, and Osechi selections. We look forward to these very special times.

The temple will also have our **All Beings Memorial Service on January 12** at 10:00 AM. The various forms of life that we share this world with remind us that we are not the center of the universe. Our special Guest Speaker for this service will be Dr. Dorothy Okamoto. Please come to welcome her and to enjoy this service together. Remember to bring pictures of pets and animals to place on the altar tables. It is always a nice addition to share their lives and their stories with the others gathered here.

The special service for February will be by our **Eitaikyo and Nirvana Day Service on February 9**. We honor those special members whose names have been entered into our Eitaikyo Registry. On the day of passing, the morning sutra is chanted in their honor in perpetuity. Then at the annual Eitaikyo Service, we acknowledge everyone in the registry and hold service in their memory. We combine this with the Nirvana Day Service, and recall the day the historical Buddha passed away. We recall his life. We can wonder in amazement that the path of his awakening has traveled this far to reach, touch, and open each of us!! Causes and conditions never ending!!



Gassho,
Rev. Dennis Fujimoto
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New Year's Greeting from OHTANI Kojun Monshu, the 25th Hongwanji Head Priest who leads our entire Buddhist organization as our spiritual leader.

Happy New Year!

At the beginning of the New Year, I would like to extend my warm regards to you all. As in previous years, many people throughout the world have been affected by natural disasters, including earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere

hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to normalcy.

In addition to the continuing Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, armed conflict in the Middle East since October 2023 has intensified, putting a toll on civilians. As Buddhists, let us embrace the words of Sakyamuni Buddha that "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

We, as human beings who have received life in this world, shall have our human rights equally guaranteed regardless of reason, and must never have our lives threatened. However in reality, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists as well as Nembutsu followers who aspire to achieve peace, we must keep seriously in our hearts the words of Sakyamuni Buddha as well as Shinran Shonin who aspired for a peaceful world in pursuing our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

Through the Jodo Shinshu teaching, we are guided to appreciate Amida Buddha's working that enables us to become aware of our true self. Being caught up in our self-centered thinking and desires, we are unable to accept the Universal Truth of dependent origination and impermanence, and that is why we constantly suffer from our human desires. Unable to leave us in such a state, Amida Buddha continuously works to lead us to the Dharma. By regarding each individual as a fellow traveler following the same path being guided and embraced by Amida Buddha, we are enabled to respect and help each other while courageously coping with difficult social issues. Let us continue listening and appreciating Amida Buddha's working as Buddhist followers while cherishing each and every day.

January 1, 2025

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も世界各地で地震や洪水、山火事など様々な災害が起こり、多くの方が被災されました。災害によってお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。皆さまが一日も早く、日常の生活を取り戻されますことを願っております。

また、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦によるウクライナ侵攻はいまだに続いており、2023年10月以来の中東における武力衝突でも多くの犠牲者が出ています。私たちは仏教徒として、「すべての者は暴力におびえ、すべての者は死をおそれる。己が身にひきくらべて、殺してはならぬ。殺さしめてはならぬ。」（『ダンマパダ』第129偈）というお釈迦様のお言葉を大切にいたしましょう。

この世に生を受けた私たちは、いかなる理由があろうとも等しく人権が保障され、命が脅かされるようなことがあってはなりません。しかし、現実には世界各地で紛争やテロが勃発し、また貧困や政治的・宗教的な対立により、生存の権利が脅かされている人々が数多くおられます。平和主義を掲げる仏教徒であり念仏者である私たちは、お釈迦様のお言葉を深く心に刻み、世の安穏を願われた親鸞聖人のお心を体して、国際社会の平和と安全に大きく貢献することが求められています。

浄土真宗のみ教をいただく私たちは、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって、自分自身の真実の姿を知らされます。それは、自身の思いや欲望にとらわれ、お釈迦様が明らかにされた諸行無常や諸法無我といったこの世界の真実を、そのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ凡夫の姿です。

しかし、そのような私を救いの目当てとして阿弥陀様ははたらき続けて下さっています。私たちは等しく阿弥陀様から願われた者同士、互いに敬い合い助け合って、困難な社会の課題にも果敢に取り組んでいくことができます。本年も、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、仏教徒として一日一日を大切に歩んでまいりましょう。

2025年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主大谷光淳

Rev. Dennis Report for 2024

Dharma School	16
Family Service	27
Shotsuki Monthly Memorial	12
Special & Major Services	15
Gomeinichi Service	12
Family Memorial Services	7
Temple Funerals	5
Off-site Funerals	2
BEC Classes	8

General Meeting	1
Temple Board Meetings	11
ABWA Meetings	9
Dharma School Meetings	9
Temple Planning Meetings	14
Temple Maintenance Appts	8
Temple Visitations	7
BEC Meetings	4
Bazaar/Obon Meetings	5
Planning Meetings (Funerals)	10

Home/Hospital Visitation 8
Temple Outreach 10

Bay District

Minister's Assoc Mtgs	8
District Council Meetings	3
Bay District BWL	5
Bay District DSTL	1
Gagaku	5
District Service	1
BD Jr. YBA Conference	1

BCA

2024 MA/NC & NC Events	3
2025 NC Planning Mtgs	6
Funerals	3
Ministers' Assoc. Fuken	4 days
MCE (Ministers Continuing Ed)	4 days
BCA Art Committee	10
BCA Music Committee	3
IBS/BCA Service & Planning	5
Other	5

Along with being the Resident Minister for our Temple, Rev. Dennis is the Supervising Minister for the Enmanji Buddhist Temple and is the BCA Ministers Association co-Secretary, the Ministerial Advisor for the BCA Student Financial Assistance Program and the Bay District Buddhist Women's League and is Chairperson for the BCA Art Committee.

ARIGATOU!!

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 that allows the temple to grow and shine!! Let's work towards this next cycle of temple services and events together.

Rev. Joshin Dennis & Sharmon Fujimoto

Ask Rev. Dennis – on the **4th Sunday of each month** after the service Rev. Dennis has a Q&A session with us. You can email your questions into him in advance or ask him a question on the spot.

This month, Rev. Dennis has a question for us. What do you say when someone finds out that you're Buddhist and asks you about it? A simple one (1) to two (2) sentence answer. What words do you use to explain your thoughts on these types of questions:

What is Buddhism all about?

Why are you Buddhist?

Please send questions and your answer to Rev. Dennis' questions to revdjoshin@btoa.org or info@btoa.org (if you want to list anonymously).

Everyone is Welcome to Attend Services "In Person"

Mask Optional

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.



Birthday Sundays 2nd Sunday of the Month

January

- 1** 10:00 Shusho E - New Year Day Service
11:00 Sangha Time

- 5** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time

- 12** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **All Beings Memorial Service**
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time

- 19** 10:00 Family Service
**Installation of BTOA Board &
ABWA Cabinet Members**
11:00 **New Year Party**

- 26** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time

February

- 2** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time

- 9** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **Eitai-kyo/Nirvana Day Service**
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time

- 16** 9:00 Go Mei Nichi Service
10:00 Family Service
11:00 Sangha Time

- 23** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 **Movie - ALTERNATIVE FACTS: The
Lies of Executive Order 9066**

The entire 2025 calendar is included in this issue of the Upaya; however services and programs are subject to change.



November



December (plus a few November B-days)

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 donations are used for Dharma School Programs.**

Photo of Rev. Dennis from his December 15th service.



ABWA NEWS

Happy New Year! Thank you for your support and friendship throughout the past year. It was a busy year! May you have a safe and healthy 2025!

Ho-onko – Shinran Shonin’s Memorial Otoki Luncheon – November 17, 2024

Toban Group #2 prepared a vegetarian luncheon for the otoki (tofu casserole, green beans gomaе, rice, persimmons and cake) following the Ho-onko service. Although there was low attendance, those who attended, including the 3 guest ministers from the IMOP program, happily took home the left-overs. Thank you to Group #2 for all your hard work over two prep days.



ABWA Annual Fall Dana Food Drive – Until December 31, 2024

The results of the food drive will be reported in the next Upaya. However, we have already received many generous donations. Thank you to all!

Upcoming in 2025:

2025 & 2026 ABWA Cabinet:

President: Lenni Terao-Doerr
Vice President: Joyce Maniwa
Recording Secretary: Maria Piper
Treasurer: Jackie Ito-Woo

Thank you to Joyce and Jackie for their willingness to continue with me for another term! I am also grateful to Kimberly Kato Chambliss for being our Recording Secretary for so many years! We welcome Maria Piper to the cabinet as our new Recording Secretary!

Toban Group Changes

After much discussion at the last meeting, we have decided to make changes to the current Toban list. A small committee is working on it, and updates will be forthcoming.

ABWA New Year’s Party Luncheon – Sun- day, February 16, 2025

Our first ABWA event of the year will be our New Year’s luncheon. Once we have the new Toban list and schedule completed, the assigned group will be working on the details for the New Year’s Party. Stay tuned!

Annual Membership Dues

Dues are currently \$20 and will remain the same for 2025. No dues for those 88 years and older, our honorary members. Please write checks payable to ABWA and submit to Jackie Ito-Woo by early February. We need to submit our BDBWL dues in February, and FBWA dues in early March. Thank you!

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 5, 2025** after the Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service and refreshments.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year to all!

We'd like to give a big THANK YOU to our guest speakers:



Amy Tomine shared the history of origami and taught us a few things to make.

Joan DeStefano had us think about gratitude and we made cards for someone in our lives that we appreciated – not just family members...

Denny Terao gave us insight into his history, travels, volunteer work, living overseas and life connected to the Dharma.

Jane Naito talked to the kids about her travels to Lumbini and what it looks like today.

Doug Doerr shared how he became interested in Buddhism in high school, and then taking classes in college and his continued interest to this day. He also showed us a pic of himself as a hippie!

As you can see, we had a variety of guest speakers on various topics. Please consider being a guest speakers for our Dharma School. It can be just a short talk (10-20 minutes). Contact Yumi at yumiyasuda50@gmail.com to sign up!

Halloween Photos:



More Dharma School Halloween Photos



Coffee Hour

Come join us online for our Temple's coffee hour where our members who have moved away can come socialize with their Temple friends online.

Jan 25, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85007576604?pwd=UgZd6e2UhtM48aPjBqmxJgt7F5Vb9j.1>

Meeting ID: 850 0757 6604

Passcode: 992526

Feb 22, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84196846198?pwd=IRPqh1jeiFLPa2swV3RgFjtSiFjLLd.1>

Meeting ID: 841 9684 6198

Passcode: 480860

*Please feel free to forward this email to your friends and family.
Kindly refrain from posting the Zoom link on the internet or social media.*

Hoonko Service Guest Speakers



We were fortunate to have 3 guest speakers, Rev. Keiya Yasutake, Rev. Yuki Himeji and Rev. Kensho Hashimoto for our Hoonko Service this year. They were visiting our Temple as part of the International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP).

Omigaki/Onajin Cleaning – Thank you to Kent Masuda from the Enmanji Buddhist Temple for giving us a new type of cleaning product for the delicate bass on our onajin. Rev. Dennis took down several of the pieces, cleaned them and put them all back himself. It has made a big difference. Come see for yourself at our Sunday service.



Image of before and after



The Temple has an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** device on-site in the Social Hall. By having members trained with CPR, First Aid and how to use the AED device, we hope to be able to assist in an emergency until an ambulance can arrive.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING LIFE-SAVING PROCEDURES?

As a special offer, the Temple is inviting paid members to sign up for an AED, CPR, and First Aid Class, which will cover these life-saving procedures for both adults and infants/children.

Class size is limited, so enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The Temple will cover the \$275 class fee, as well as the \$134 fee per person. The length of the class is five (5) hours, so if you are interested, you must be available to attend the entire class.

The class date has not yet been set until the number of students is determined, but we are shooting for a Saturday date in February or early March.

If you are interested, please send an email to Jackie at j.itowoo@btoa.org no later than January 19. We will accept requests for enrollment until that date or until the class enrollment is full, whichever comes first. If you are interested, please provide the following information:

1. Your first and last name
2. The Saturday dates you are available in February as well as March 1 and 8, 2025.

We will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible.

Howard Shintani will be returning as your BTOA President for 2025-2026.

2025 BTOA Board of Directors

Karen Fong
Tom Hashimoto
Jackie Ito Woo
Kimberly Kato Chambliss
Joe Klein
Joyce Maniwa
Jane Naito
Ron Nakano

Mary Nakahara
Vickie Miyashiro
Gayle Okada
Dorothy Okamoto
Brian Piper
Hiko Shimamoto
Howard Shintani
Lenni Terao-Doerr

Ron Tsuchiya
Jacqui Yamaoka-Panzella
Kent Yoshiwara

THANK YOU

We had five Board members resign off the Board this year after many, many years of service. We would like to express our deep gratitude to them for all that they did on our Board, providing valuable input on Temple matters, plus volunteering and assistance on organizing fund-raising event and being on various committees (even chairing some) over the years. ARIGATO.

Judy Oda
Amy Tomine
Late Dianne Matsuoka

Late Marilyn Ishida
Marc Ishida



Brian Piper joins our Board in 2025.

Brian Piper grew up in the midwest, mainly in Minnesota. After going to school in the east, he moved to California in 2013 with his wife, Maria, where he has worked in tech.

They have lived in Alameda since 2014, and have three kids, Cora, Caelan, and Clara. In 2022, his wife suggested they come to the Buddhist Temple of Alameda and check out a service. Since then, both Brian and Maria have enjoyed getting to know the Temple better and learning about Shin Buddhism.

You may see their kids racing around the garden after their Dharma School classes while Maria is sitting in on the service, and Brian is volunteering in the back room to provide our services onto our YouTube streams. He has been instrumental in improving our process in the past year. Brian is excited to help us out more as a Board member in 2025. Maria has become very active in our ABWA.

All Living Being Service – January 12th



Dr. Dorothy Okamoto, past President of BTOA and a regular at our Sunday services will be our guest speaker on Sunday, January 12th to talk at our All Living Being Service.

Dorothy is a retired optometrist and has been an avid birder for years. Please join us for what is ensured to be a fun talk by Dorothy.

Remember to bring pictures of your pets and animals to place on the altar tables.

GOMEINICHI

The Buddhist Temple of Alameda follows the Jodo Shinshu tradition of holding the Gomeinichi Service on the 16th of each month. Gomeinichi is a memorial service honoring the passing of our founder, Shinran Shonin. **We chant the Shoshinge**, written by Master Shinran. We offer incense. We sit in quiet reflection.

In the Shoshinge, Shinran Shonin delineates the development of the Jodo Shinshu path. The wisdom awakened to is not individual accomplishment, but the unfolding of truth itself rooted in the reality that is Amida. Shinran looks back upon the evolution of the teachings that were provided to him by his teacher, Honen Shonin.

Shinran selects 7 teachers whose thoughts, work, and influence brought the Shin Buddhist teachings forward through history. These 7 teachers are depicted on the far left scroll hanging in our temple altar, known as **The Seven Masters of Jodo Shinshu**. They are: **Nagarjuna and Vasubandhu of India, T'an Luan, Tao ch'o, and Shan tao of China, and Genshin and Honen of Japan**. We are able to note the path taken by the teachings of these masters from India through China and then to Japan and finally reaching Shinran.

As we chant the Shoshinge, each of the masters is brought to our attention. The virtues of their teachings and their contributions to the development of the Nembutsu path are extolled through the verses written by Shinran Shonin. **Our own voices become Shinran's voice as he continues to announce the movement of the Nembutsu teachings through time, history, language, and cultures.** It is much more than a glimpse into the past. It is the ever-unfolding movement of wisdom and compassion as it opens to become the reality that we live in here and now.

It is a journey of mythic proportions that we have the good fortune to stumble across and to participate in. His awakening becomes our awakening as we dare to look deeply into life and into our own lives. Gomeinichi. The Breakfast of Champions ... and Bodhisattvas.

This year, 2025, the Gomeinichi dates for February and March coincide with our Sunday Service on the 16th of those months. We will hold the Gomeinichi Service at 9:00 AM on those dates and welcome everyone who may want to participate. Please come early for the Gomeinichi and stay for our scheduled family service at 10:00 AM. We'll see you at the temple. Rev. D

Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Mrs. Marilyn Ishida-Lew**. Marilyn passed on October 27, 2024. Marilyn is the wife of Barney Lew. Marilyn grew up at the temple, attending Dharma School school as a child and served on our Temple's Board of Directors for many years. A funeral service was held for Marilyn at our Temple on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Mr. Barney Lew at 6625 Girvin Drive, Oakland, CA. 94611.

2025 Japanese Goods and Hidden Treasures Sale

We're once again seeking donations for our Japanese Goods and Hidden Treasures Sale to be held the weekend of **April 26-27, 2025**.

If you're downsizing, changing your décor or wanting to free yourself of things that no longer bring you joy, please consider donating to this major Temple fundraiser. The BTOA will gratefully accept your donation of new to gently used **Japanese items**. Community members have demonstrated an appreciation of the beauty and craftsmanship found in Japanese goods by enthusiastically supporting our sale.

Popular items include, but are not limited to:

- Housewares/tea sets
- Home décor items, especially decorative baskets and wooden boxes
- Kimono/yukata/haori /happi coats and obis
- Fabrics and other Japanese textiles
- Ikebana/bonsai items such as vases/planters/kenzan pin frogs)
- Trinkets
- Tansu

Regretfully, we cannot accept small appliances.

Donations may be dropped off in the Temple's Social Hall from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Sundays when services are held from January through March, 2025. Tables will be set up to receive your donation.

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

VOLUNTEERS will be needed. Please save the sale dates (April 26-27, 2025) to assist us with cashiering and customer service duties. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Contact for questions or to arrange an alternative drop off date:

Gayle Okada * gayle.okada@gmail.com * 510-918-4390 text or leave message

Upaya Coordinator Wanted - We are considering going back to a monthly Upaya publication, but need a volunteer to work on putting the Upaya in a printable format for us each month. Word processing skills and some graphic layout experience needed. If you're interested in working on part of the Upaya or coordinating all of the publication, please contact Jane Naito at j.naito@btoa.org.

Garden Coordinator Wanted - We are looking for a volunteer who can research and schedule some of the special projects that the garden is in need of; coordinating adding more compost/mulch/pebbles/stones, maintaining and improving the irrigation systems, scheduling the fertilization of our various trees/flowers/plants, organizing Temple weeding days.

Garden Volunteers - Currently our core garden volunteers, Kenny Narahara, Gary Takeda, Doug Takeda, Allen Sakamoto and Hiko Shimamoto (pond) are doing an amazing job in keeping our garden nice and clean each week. In addition, we are grateful for the Merritt College Pruning Group for coming out twice a year to prune our Pine, Maple and Bodhi tree, plus whatever they see needed.

If you're interested in these opportunities or to do any other type of volunteer work at the temple, please contact Jane at j.naito@btoa.org. Always looking for volunteers!

2025 Membership Drive

Membership Form Enclosed – please fill it out and send it back with your membership check or pay online.

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

\$250 Adult

\$125 New Adult Membership (first year)

\$50 Young Adults less than 30 years old

\$200 Senior adults 80 years and over

Most of the membership dues you pay will be going to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). We hope that you will give a little extra with your membership dues to help us with our educational programs, maintaining our facilities and to pay for us being able to hire 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 \$125.00.
Discount on first year only.

BTOA Annual New Year's Party

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

The party will begin immediately following the family service at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 19th. Hope to see you all in service and party.

EITAIKYO SERVICE & REGISTRY

In February, we have the Eitaikyo Service/Nirvana Day Service on February 9th 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 9th.



The Board members will be cooking our famous prime rib. There will be a vegetarian option as well.

Please RSVP with Gayle Okada at gayle.okada@gmail.com or (510) 918-4390 by January 12th.

2025 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		\$250	
New Member 1 st Year		\$125	
Young Adult (18-30 years old)		\$50	
Child (under 18 & parent is member)		FREE	
Senior Adult (80 years and older)		\$200	
Additional Donation			
Note: The majority of your membership dues will go to support 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 its 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:
 Buddhist Temple of Alameda
 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501**

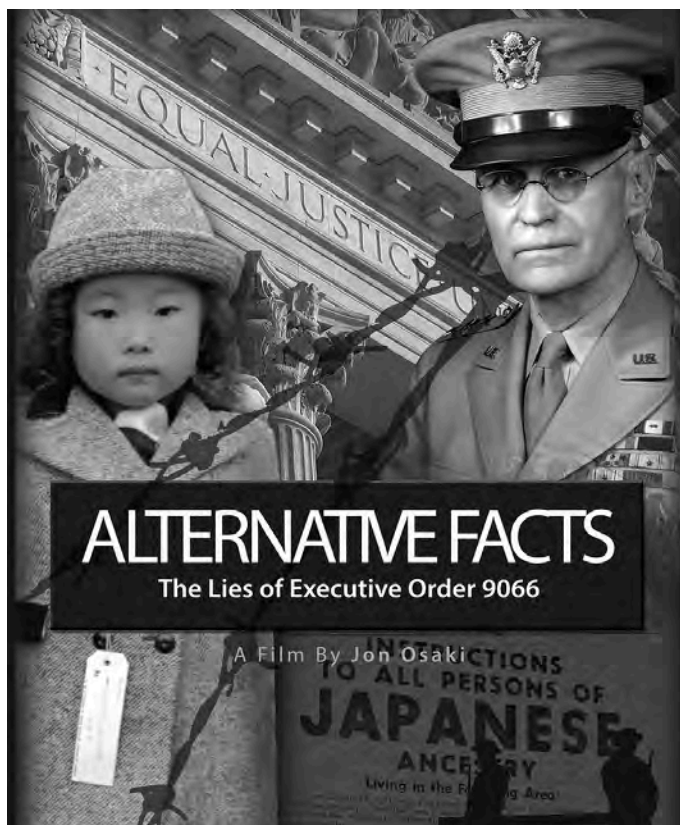
Day of Remembrance

February 19th is a significant date for the Japanese American community. On this day in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which gave the U.S. Army the authority to remove civilians from the military zones established in Washington, Oregon, and California during WWII. This led to the forced removal and incarceration of some 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast, who had to abandon their jobs, their homes, and their lives to be sent to one of ten concentration camps scattered in desolate, remote regions of the country.

No Japanese Americans were ever charged, much less convicted, of espionage or sabotage against the United States. Yet they were targeted, rounded up, and imprisoned for years, simply for having the “face of the enemy.”

Every February, the Japanese American community commemorates Executive Order 9066 as a reminder of the impact the incarceration experience has had on our families, our community, and our country. It is an opportunity to educate others on the fragility of civil liberties in times of crisis, and the importance of remaining vigilant in protecting the rights and freedoms of all.

This year, BTOA will commemorate the **Day of Remembrance** by showing **ALTERNATIVE FACTS: The Lies of Executive Order 9066** on **February 23rd** immediately following our Family Service and Ask Rev. Dennis in our Social Hall. Family and friends are welcome.



ALTERNATIVE FACTS: The Lies of Executive Order 9066 tells the untold story of false information and political influences which led to the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans. The film also examines the parallels to the targeting of groups today and similar attempts to abuse the powers of the government.

SHOTSUKI HOYO MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, January 5th &

Sunday, February 2nd

In Person & Living Streaming on our
BTOA YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to
the Memorial Service for those listed be-
low.

If 2025 is a special service year as indi-
cated below, please contact Rev. Joshin
Dennis Fujimoto to arrange a special me-
morial service for your family.

Special Service Year of Death

1 year 2024	17 year 2009
3 year 2023	25 year 2001
7 year 2019	33 year 1993
13 year 2013	50 year 1976

January

Akinaga, Mrs. Kosuzu 2009

Arai, Mrs. Mariko 1986
Ago, Mr. Matao 1952
Bell, Mrs. Georgianna 2015
Date, Mr. Seitaro 1978
Endo, Mrs. Michiyo 2013
Fuji, Mrs. Aso 1925
Fujikawa, Infant Haruko 1928
Fujishima, Mrs. Shige 2003
Fukuda, Mr. Kasuke 1921
Goto, Mrs. Kazuo 1999
Hamachi, Mr. Arajiuro 1950
Haramaki, Mr. Saburo 1962
Hashimoto, Mr. Inokichi 1922
Hirai, Mr. Yasoji 1952
Hirosuka, Mr. Yoshitaro 1924
Honda, Infant Patty Ann 1956
Ikeda, Darlene 2021
Ikegaki, Mr. Shima 1957
Imazumi, Mr. Shigetoshi 1988
Imazumi, Mr. Tetsujiro 1958
Ishii, Infant 1926
Iwamuro, Mrs. Yoshiko 1995
Jelinek, Mrs. Harriet 1998
Kadowaki, Infant Seisen 1921
Kamiji, Mr. Sakuei 1958
Kanda, Mr. Mitsugi 1957
Kato, Karen 1997

Kato, Roy 1997
Kato, Mr. Teiju 1958
Kanzaki, Mrs. Sen 1933
Kawahara, Infant Masaru 1927
Kawakami, Miss Momoye 2005
Kihara, Mr. Tomekichi 1937
Kikugawa, Mr. Sadaichi 1931
Kitashima, Mrs. Yoshino 2005
Koga, Mrs. Toki 1920
Komatsu, Mr. James 2002
Komatsu, Mr. Shintaro 1943
Kuge, Mr. Utsuru 1919
Kumagai, Mr. Masakichi 1922
Kumamoto, Mrs. Kiyo 1934
Kuroki, Mrs. Susie 2016
Kwan, Mrs. Kazuko Hideshima 2017
Lu, Mrs. Yongju 2015
Matsuzaki, Mrs. Sue 1970
Maeda, Mr. James Shunso 2003
Mayeda, Mr. Sentaro 1973
Maruyama, Mr. Hatsutaro 1980
Maruyama, Infant Samantha 1991
Matsumoto, Mrs. Michiko 2004
Matsumoto, Mr. Shoji 2007
Matsushita, Mrs. Jiu 1919
Miyazaki, Mr. Jinkichi 1955
Mori, Mrs. Hisayo 2003
Morikawa, Mr. Frank 2011
Morikawa, Mrs. Ida 2017
Murakoshi, Mr. Keitaro 1937
Naito, Rev. Shozen 1964
Nakai, Mr. Ronald S. 2014
Nakamura, Mr. Aisaburo 1937
Nakamura, Infant Yoneo 1920
Nakano, Infant 1940
Nakano, Mrs. Haruye Lillian 2014
Nakano, Infant Mitsuo 1941
Nakaso, Mr. Jiro 2000
Nakayama, Ms. Hanae 2003
Nemoto, Mr. Yone 1929
Nishida, Mrs. Fude 1974
Nishida, Mr. Uichi 1969
Nomura, Infant Shizuye 1919
Nomura, Mr. Tomojiro 1959
Noriye, Mr. Tomojiro 1972
Ogata, Mr. Kijiro 1957
Ogawa, Mrs. Tsurue 2004
Ohye, Mr. Dick M. 2004
Okada, Infant Akira 1920
Okada, Mr. Noboru 2005
Patell, Mrs. Ryoko 1989
Rice, Mrs. Susie 2011

January continued

Rodriguez-Berriz (Endo), Fumiko 2016
Saito, Mrs. Kamekichi 1936
Sato, Mrs. Kimiko 1990
Sekigahama, Infant Chizuko 1937
Shibata, Mrs. Koyuri 1968
Shintani, Mrs. Harumi 1994
Shintani, Mr. Kazuo 2003
Sueyasu, Mr. Kiyono 1952
Suga, Mrs. Setsuko 2014
Sugaya, Mrs. Hisako 2003
Sugiyama, Mr. Matsutaro 1938
Sugiyama, Mr. Osamu 2022
Sugiyama, Mr. Shigeki 2019
Takada, Mr. Fusaji 1938
Takagi, Mrs. Machi 1941
Takano, Mrs. Ine 1978
Takeshima, Infant Isao 1927
Tamura, Mrs. Tatsuno 1983
Tateyama, Mrs. Umeko 2008
Tou, Mrs. Kinran 1991
Tsuchiya, Infant Kazuo 1919
Umene, Miss Mitsuko 1980
Wada, Mr. Chozo 1980
Yamagami, Mr. Yoneichi Tom 2010
Yamamoto, Mr. Kiyoshi 1954
Yamamoto, Infant Yoshio 1959
Yamaoka, Ms. Yoshiko 2005
Yamasaki, Miss Yoneko 2004
Yamashita, Mr. Kitaro 1940
Yano, Mr. Juro 1973
Yokoyama, Mr. Ralph 2015
Yonekura, Mrs. Moyo 1926

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 – 1924
Ito, Mr. Hiroshi - 1990

Ito, Mrs. Yasuko Ann - 2023

Iwataki, Mrs. Koyuki – 1920
Iwataki, Mrs. Nami – 2010

Kato, Mrs. Jenny – 2013

Kato, Mr. Joshua – 2013

Kato, Mr. Roy - 2013

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. Amy – 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
Sumimoto, Mrs. Masaye Wada - 2014
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

2025

As of 12/31/2024

January

- 1** 10:00 Shusho E - New Year Day Service
11:00 Sangha Time
- 5** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 12** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **All Beings Memorial Service**
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 19** 10:00 Family Service
**Installation of BTOA Board &
ABWA Cabinet Members**
11:00 **New Year Party**
- 26** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time

February

- 2** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 9** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **Eitaikyo/Nirvana Day Service**
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 16** 9:00 Go Mei Nichi Service
10:00 Family Service
11:00 Sangha Time
- 23** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 **Movie - ALTERNATIVE FACTS: The
Lies of Executive Order 9066**

March

- 2** 10:00 **BCA Eitaikyo Service via ZOOM
WATCH PARTY at BTOA**
11:00 Sangha Time
- 9** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time

- 16** 9:00 Go Mei Nichi Service
10:00 **Spring Ohigan Service**
11:00 Sangha Time
- 23** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time

30 NO SERVICE (5th Sunday)

April

- 6** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 12** **(Saturday) - Hanamido Set Up**
- 13** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **Hanamatsuri Service**
w/B-day Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 20** 10:00 Family Service
11:00 Sangha Time
- 26** **(Saturday) Hidden Treasurers Sale**
- 27** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 **Hidden Treasures Sale**

May

- 4** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 11** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **Parents Day Family Service**
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 18** 10:00 **Gotan E Service**
w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time

24 **(Saturday)
Memorial Day Cemetery Visitations**

25 No Service

June

- 1** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time

June

- 8** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **Graduation and Diversity Service**
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 15** NO SERVICE (Bazaar preparations)
22 NO SERVICE **Bazaar**
29 NO SERVICE (5th Sunday)

July

- 6** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 13** 10:00 Family Service w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 19** **(Saturday) Bon Odori**
- 20** 1:00 **Hatsubon & Obon Service**
2:00 Sangha Time
- 27** 10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time

August

- 3** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
w/ A Bomb Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time / Tsuru Display
- 10** 10:00 **Socho Ki (Bishops Memorial) &
Rennyō Shonin Memorial**
w/ Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 17** NO SERVICE (Sensei on Vacation)
24 NO SERVICE (Sensei on vacation)
31 NO SERVICE (5th Sunday)

September

- 7** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 14** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 **Fall Ohigan Service**
w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 **Keiro Kai Program**
- 21** 10:00 Family Service
11:00 Sangha Time
- 28** 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 **Outdoor Family Service**
w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Tim

October

- 5** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 12** 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 Family Service w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 18** **(Saturday) Chicken Obento Sale**
- 19** 10:00 **ABWA, Ladies of the Dharma
(Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Kujo,
Lady Ohtani) Memorial Service**
11:00 **ABWA Luncheon**
- 26** 9:30 Dharma School Service
Halloween Party
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time

November

- 2** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial
11:00 Sangha Time
- 9** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 Sangha Time
- 16** 9:00 Go Mei Nichi Service
10:00 **HOONKO Family Service**
11:00 Sangha Time
- 23** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time
- 30** NO SERVICE (5th Sunday)

December

- 7** 10:00 Shotsuki & **Bodhi Day Service**
11:00 Sangha Time
- 14** 9:30 Dharma School Service
10:00 Family Service w/Birthday Sunday
11:00 **Annual General Meeting**
11:30 Sangha Time
- 21** 10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
11:00 Sangha Time
- 28** NO SERVICE (Holiday)
- 31** 3:00 **End of Year Service**
4:00 Sangha Time



J-Sei's 34th Annual Crab Feed

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Fratellanza Club, 1140 66th Street, Oakland

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

Live band, no host bar, and raffle drawing : 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Doors to dining room and seating open : 6:00 pm

Dinner : 6:00 to 7:30 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 \$75, children 12 & under \$30
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Please RSVP by Sunday, January 26

at www.j-sei.org/34th-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 or phone (510) 654-4000 or email suzanne@j-sei.org



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