



# U P A Y A

Newsletter of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

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## Message from Rev. D.

### Spring Ohigan – Other Shore

A series of storms have brought us concerns of flood, wind and downed trees. The grounds are soaked and the hillsides are unstable. The news reports are full of trouble spots and words of warning. Please be cautious and safe as we maneuver around town to get our chores and responsibilities completed.

Each March, we look forward to the **Spring Ohigan Service**. This is one of our major services on the Shin Buddhist calendar. We can anticipate the milder weather and the balance and harmony of the spring equinox. Hopefully, we are not only able to recognize the harmony of nature surrounding us, but also to sense this harmony within. The equinox is "in here" as well as "out there". We can take a moment of quiet to see if we sense this connection and settle into it.

The Meditation Sutra encourages us to a meditative mind, sitting while facing the direction of the setting sun to the west. We can each find images stored in our memory of the sun setting, surrounded by reddened clouds. Depending on the time of day, Sharon and I are able to view the shades of pink, red, and purple in the skies as we drive from Shadow's home down the hill and towards the bay. The sky is almost sizzling as the light of day is extinguished once again. **The west is the symbolic direction of Amida's Pure Land.**

**The Ohigan Service will be held March 16 at 10:00 AM.** The 16<sup>th</sup> is also **the Gomeinichi Service (monthly memorial) for our founder Shinran Shonin.** A service is **held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each month** to chant the Shoshinge in honor and appreciation of Shinran Shonin. This past February and this month, the 16<sup>th</sup> just happens to fall on Sunday. The Sunday Gomeinichi Service will take place at 9:00 AM before our Ohigan Service. If you are up early and would like to take in this service, you are most welcome to attend.

**Hanamatsuri – Flower Festival: each April at the temple, we celebrate the birth of the historical Buddha.** April 8, 565 BC is the date we recognize as the day Prince Siddhartha was born in Northern India. His parents, King Suddhodana and Queen Maya of the Sakya clan were so happy to welcome the baby prince into this world, that they named him Siddhartha. The name means "Every Wish Fulfilled".

**This year, we will have special guest speaker, Minister Assistant Sydney Shiroyama of the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple.** Many of you will know Sydney from her involvement in Bay District youth events. Others will recognize her as one of the voices and dancers of Lantern Song that we danced to at our Bon Odori last summer. Still others will remember the articles she has provided to the Wheel of Dharma. Sydney is everywhere, and she will be at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda on **April 13 at 10:00 AM.**



## Everyone is Welcome

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.

### March

- 2** 10:00 **BCA Eitai-kyo Service via ZOOM  
WATCH PARTY at BTOA**  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 9** 9:30 Dharma School Service  
10:00 Monthly Memorial/Shotsuki Hoyo  
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 Monthly Memorial/Shotsuki Hoyo  
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 Treasures Sale**
- 27** 9:30 Dharma School Service  
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis  
11:00 **Hidden Treasures Sale**

### May

- 4** 10:00 Monthly Memorial/Shotsuki Hoyo  
11:00 Sangha Time
- 11** 9:30 Dharma School Service  
10:00 **Parents Day Family Service**  
w/Birthday Sunday  
11:00 Sangha Time

### Rev. D's Message Continuation:

**We will also have a Hanamatsuri play presented by the Dharma School students, teachers, and friends!** Our DS Students are like flowers blooming in the garden, in both numbers and height! The Dharma School continues to grow with vibrant energy, and we will be able to have them re-enact the story of Hanamatsuri for us to recall.

At the temple, **we build the Hanamido or Flower Shrine** to symbolize the mystery of the flowers that bloomed out of season that day in Northern India. The Hanamatsuri Service is always one of the most colorful and memorable services on the temple calendar.

Gassho,  
Dennis Fujimoto  
[revdjoshin@btoa.org](mailto:revdjoshin@btoa.org)  
(916) 416-0919

### **Hanamido/Flower Shrine Creation Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**

Flower donations are greatly appreciated! Feel free to bring blooms from your lovely garden or a bouquet from Trader Joe's—any type is welcome, including small potted plants.

We invite everyone to help us set up our hanamido. No RSVP required—just come and join us!



**Hanamatsuri Service  
(including a play by the Dharma School kids)  
Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**



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

Please join us for Birthday Sundays and celebrate our sangha members' birthday with us.



January Birthdays



February Birthdays

**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.**

## 2025 BTOA Membership

Thank you to those who already renewed their membership dues for this year. If you have yet to renew, please send in your membership due to the temple. If you're a new and need a form, you can find it on our website.

**\$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 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.

### **2024 New Members**

Clara Blume

Ben Fong

Alex Rivadeneira

Mark Sato

Patricia Yoshiwara

### **2025 New Members**

Kathy Lilienstein

Barbie Wong

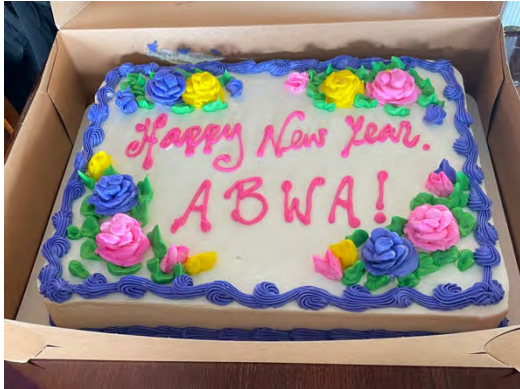
**Upaya Articles, Announcements Deadline:** If you'd like to submit an article, community flyer or announcement—such as a graduation, wedding, birth of a child or grandchild—please email it to [info@btoa.org](mailto:info@btoa.org) by April 14<sup>th</sup> for the May/June edition.

## **ABWA NEWS**

### **ABWA New Year's Luncheon – Sunday, February 16, 2025**

Our luncheon was held at Pier 29 Restaurant in Alameda. Toban Group #2 took care of the arrangements. Jackie Ito-Woo coordinated with the restaurant, Kimberly Kato Chambliss took care of the RSVP's, and Maria Piper created the online registration form and ordered the cake. As a team, we worked together to set up the menu and they assisted me in putting together the announcement and invitation. Thanks for the great teamwork!

33 ABWA and Temple members and guests attended the party. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food, drinks and socializing. It was a great way to begin the new year!



### **ABWA Members Photo 2025**

Since it had been a while since we took our last ABWA group photo, we had one taken at the family service before the luncheon. We hope to get other photos taken at future gatherings and events with more members present!



### **ABWA Annual Fall Dana Food Drive – 2024**

Since our food drive was extended through December 2024, the results were not reported in the last Upaya. We collected a combined total of \$2455. As in the previous year, those present at the last meeting agreed to donate \$2500 to each food bank (Alameda County and city) with ABWA making up the difference. An extra \$50 was donated separately to the Alameda city food bank, so their donation was \$2550. These results do not reflect the addition of the online donations which will be reported later. Thank you to all for your generous donations!

### **Toban Group Changes**

A small committee met and updated the toban lists. There are now only two toban groups (Group 3, the smallest, was evenly divided between Groups 1 and 2). Each group will be responsible for 3 events (restaurant, light refreshments, and otoki). The final list with the event assignments was distributed to the members and toban helpers.

### **Donations to Southern California Wildfire Relief**

At the February meeting, the two options to donate were to the BCA Fund Drive and to the Pasadena Buddhist Temple (Eaton Fire) Relief Fund Drive. Those present voted to donate \$1000 to each fund.

### **Upcoming ABWA Toban Event:**

This year, our Hanamatsuri service is on Sunday, April 13. Toban Group #1 is responsible for the otoki luncheon after the service. Toban leaders, Jacqui Yamaoka and Gayle Okada will be in contact with the Group 1 members.

### **Next Meetings:**

Our next two meetings will be held on:

- **March 2** - after the Virtual BCA Eitaikyo Service viewing at our Temple
- **April 6** - after the Shotsuki Monthly Memorial service and refreshments

Gassho,

Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President



## **Condolences**

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Mrs. Satoko Furuichi**. Satoko passed away February 9, 2025, at the age of 86. Satoko was the wife of Mr. Jim Furuichi and mother of Derek Furuichi and Michele Yost. Satoko grew up at the Temple and prior to the pandemic she supervised the production of our Kuri Manju for our bazaar and was taught many of us how to cook at our Temple kitchen.

A temple funeral service will be held Saturday March 8, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda. The service will be followed by an Otoki meal in the social hall. The family will provide main items for the meal. If others would like to assist and contribute, sides, salads, and desserts it would be helpful and appreciated.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family at 1323 Cornell Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702. Jim may be contacted at (510) 333-5686.

## Donation of Eshinni and Kakushin-ni Framed Artwork



Now hanging in our Temple hondo.

We commissioned an artist in Japan to paint portraits of Lady Eshinni, Shinran Shonin's wife, and Lady Kakushin-ni, Shinran Shonin's daughter, who made invaluable contributions to the foundation of Jodo Shinshu.

Donated from Joyce Maniwa, Jane Naito and Doug Doerr & Leni Terao-Doerr.

Lady Eshin-ni was extremely dedicated in her support of Shinran Shonin, as seen in her letters which were discovered in the archives of Hongwanji in 1921. She made it possible for him to commit his life to spreading and writing the Nembutsu Dharma. After Shinran Shonin's passing, Lady Kakushin-ni wanted to keep his teachings alive. She built a small temple in Higashiyama, Kyoto to enshrine his ashes and portrait. As a result, the Nembutsu teachings began to reach more people. The temple grew and, about 50 years later, was named the "Hongwanji." Because of Lady Eshin-ni's and Lady Kakushin-ni's vision and devotion in supporting Shinran and his teachings, the Hongwanji has transmitted the Nembutsu teachings for many, many generations.

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## 2025 Installations



2025 BTOA Board Officers & ABWA Officers

2025 BTOA Board of Director  
Missing from photo: Joe Klein, Dwight Meitzenheimer, Vickie Miyashiro & Jane Naito

## DHARMA SCHOOL

We started our year with our annual soba party. This year we were able to share with all that came to service that day.... sorry -no pics – I guess we were too busy in the kitchen!

We were also able to hear Dr. Okamoto's interesting Dharma message for the living beings service. Maybe we'll be able to have her take us birding at one of our local parks.... We're so lucky to have an abundance of nature all around..

Dr. Okamoto was also able to share a picture book that she has written. She needed feedback from the students as far as some of the concepts and the ending. We're looking forward to seeing the finished product! Who knew of her artistic and creative talent? (Some of us remember her statue of liberty for our first 4<sup>th</sup> of July float!)

Hope to see you in April at our "annual" Hanamatsuri play!

Metta, Dharma School Teachers

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**DINE & DONATE @ TOMATINA in Alameda!**

***Save the Date – Wednesday, March 26th***

Tomatina will donate 15% of food and beverage sales from lunch, dinner and takeout orders on March 26<sup>th</sup>, back to our Temple from anyone who presents a special promotional flyer. We didn't get the flyer in time for the newsletter, but we'll send it out in an email blast and have it at the Temple as soon as we get it. Meanwhile, please save the date.

Tomatia is a Bay Area Favorite Since 1997. At Tomatina, hearty sauces, flavorful soups, tasty dressings and delectable desserts are handmade every day at every restaurant in open-air kitchens. Nothing is ever microwaved or packaged—our chefs prepare each and every dish to order. That's what fresh means to Tomatina, and that's why here - fresh means everything.

**<https://tomatina.com> @ 1338 Park Street, Alameda**

## Congratulations to Grandparents, Kent & Pat Yoshiwara

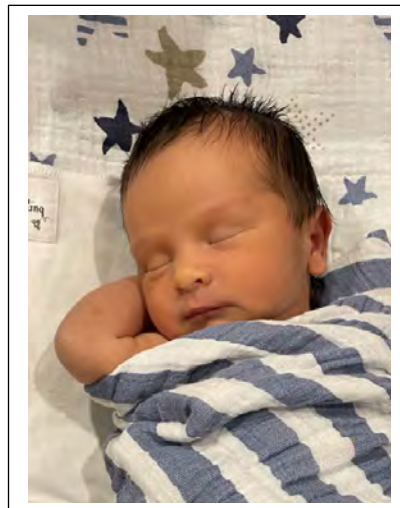
### Mika Elaine Yoshiwara

April 29, 2024

5 lbs 12.4 oz & 17.75 inches

**Parents:** Lisa Forbes / Kaz Yoshiwara

**Big Brother:** Bodhi Yoshiwara



**Coffee Hour**  
**Sunday,**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Join Via Zoom

Meeting ID:

841 9684 6198

Passcode:

480860

Please contact  
Wayne Nakano  
([wnakano@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wnakano@ix.netcom.com)) with any  
questions  
regarding Coffee  
Hour or if you need  
help navigating  
Zoom.

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### Eiichi Julian Del Simone

December 27, 2024

7 lbs 5 oz & 19.0 inches

**Parents:** Carole Yoshiwara/Derek Del Simone

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March 9, 2025

Guest Speaker — Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi



Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi began his professional life as a dentist. He holds a Master's degree in transpersonal psychology and has conducted Buddhist retreats across California, Washington, and Hawaii since 1998. He also conducts workshops that offer a contemporary perspective of Shin Buddhism. Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi retired from his role as resident minister at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego in 2021 and now lives in San Jose with his wife, Karen (Terao) Akahoshi.



## SENIOR SAFETY AWARENESS

### Empowerment Self Defense (EDS) COURSE @ BTOA

DATE: Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
LOCATION: BTOA Social Hall  
WHO: Ages 12-100 years old, everyone is welcome  
COURSE GOAL: YOUR SAFETY

**Empowerment Self-Defense (ESD)** is a comprehensive system designed to help individuals recognize and avoid danger, de-escalate conflict, enhance problem-solving skills, and develop practical physical self-defense techniques.

This class is adaptable to all experience levels, ensuring that each participant can learn and grow at their own pace. **Suggested Donation: \$20.00**

We are honored to welcome **Laura Armstrong** from Canada and our local expert, **Janice Okamoto**. Both are highly respected ESD trainers with over 30 years of experience in martial arts. Their impressive backgrounds include national and international titles across various disciplines in martial arts. This is a rare opportunity to learn from such accomplished instructors, who are generously sharing their knowledge to give back to the community.

For more information, please contact **Dorothy Okamoto** at [dorothyokamoto@aol.com](mailto:dorothyokamoto@aol.com). \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 making a donation 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.**

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

Gayle Okada

510-918-4390 text or leave message

[gayle.okada@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.okada@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS** will be needed. Please save the sale dates to assist us with cashiering and customer service duties. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



## ***Roots, Removal and Resistance: Japanese Americans in Berkeley***

**LOCATION:** Berkeley Historical Society & Museum

**DATES:** October 13, 2024 – April 12, 2025

**TIMES:** Please double check at <https://berkhistory.org>



One of the remarkable features of this exhibit is a newly developed database of more than 1,100 names and 260 addresses documenting all the Berkeley residents of Japanese descent who were forcibly removed from their homes during World War II and sent to internment camps such as Topaz in Utah. The searchable Berkeley "Here Lived" database will be available digitally in the museum and displayed as a printed list to memorialize a traumatic history that is within living memory. It was inspired by the *Stolpersteine* ("stumbling stones") memorial project in Europe.

The exhibit also features historic artifacts, contemporary artworks, and illustrated panels about housing and redlining; the robust Japanese American business, religious, education, and sports communities; and activism. Personal memories of growing up in Berkeley and family photos are included. Research for the project included multiple oral history interviews.

## **Ireicho**

**LOCATION:** Palo Alto Buddhist Temple (PABT)

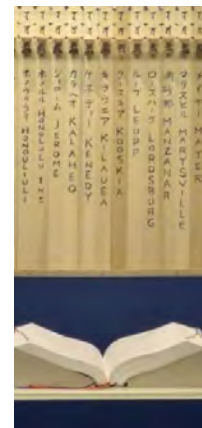
**DATES:** June 5-7, 2025 (by appointment only - at <https://ireizo.org/tour/>)

Ireicho, the Book of Names, contains the names of the 125,284 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II.

By appointment only, visitors are invited to honor individuals who were incarcerated by using a hanko to stamp a blue mark next to names on pages of the Ireicho.

The Ireicho monument is named after the Japanese term for "consoling the spirits." The Ireicho national tour began on the Day of Remembrance at the National Archives and Smithsonian National Museum and will continue through 2026.

More information about the Ireicho: <https://ireizo.org/ireicho>



**SHOTSUKI HOYO**  
**MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**Sunday, April 6, 2024 & Sunday, May 4, 2024**  
 In Person & Living Streaming on our BTOA YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the April & May 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

**April**

Doi, Mr. Raiji 1928  
**Fukuoka, Mrs. Nobuko 1992**  
 Futagaki, Mr. Shigeo 1998  
 Hasegawa, Mrs. Toshiye 2020  
 Ikeda, Mrs. Kikuno 1927  
 Imura, Miss Sadae 1927  
 Ishii, Infant Kiyoshi 1916  
 Iwahashi, Mrs. Yukino 1963  
 Kaida, Mrs. Alice N. 2013  
 Kanzaki, Mrs. Sada 1933  
 Kataoka, Mrs. Yumi 1968  
 Kawano, Mr. Katsufusa 1957  
 Kihara, Mrs. Tsuru 1933  
 Kimura, Mrs. Ryoko 2010  
 Kinoshita, Mrs. Fukuno 1925  
**Kitajima, Mr. Tamotsu 1975**  
 Komatsu, Miss Louise 1993  
 Kuge, Mr. Don 1997  
 Kuge, Mr. Hatsuzo 1940  
 Kusada, Mr. Yaozo 1926  
 Machida, Mr. Jurouyemon 1939  
 Maniwa, Infant Kevin 1984  
 Matsuzaki, Mr. Yokichi 1932  
 Mayegoto, Mr. Gohei 1929  
 Mitoma, Infant 1919  
 Morotomi, Infant Kachiyo 1920  
 Nagai, Mr. Tagoro 1931  
 Nakamura, Mr. Kohei 1940  
 Nakano, Mr. Jumi 1948  
 Nakata, Infant 1920  
 Nakashima, Miss Kimi 1919  
 Nakayama, Mrs. Akiko 1928  
 Nakayama, Mr. Minoru 1945  
 Nakaso, Ms. Virginia Tomie 2002  
 Narahara, Mrs. Tokie 1952  
 Nishino, Infant Takashi 1931  
 Obata, Mr. Tomejiro 1970  
 Okabe, Mrs. Mieko 1979  
 Okada, Mr. Gary 2007  
**Okamoto, Nobuko 2018**  
 Rice, Mr. Wilbur 1988  
 Sakai, Mr. Makitaro 1957  
 Sekigahama, Mr. Hiroshi 1953  
 Setogawa, Mr. Tsurutaro 1919  
 Shigematsu, Mr. Tosaka 1928  
 Shimada, Mr. Kumataro 1954  
 Shimada, Mr. Taichi 1984  
 Soma, Mr. Gendayu 1919  
 Sugiyama, Mrs. Shizue 1993  
 Suyeyasu, Mr. Susumu 1998  
 Taguchi, Miss Hisako 1932

Takayama, Mrs. Marue 2007  
 Takayanagi, Mrs. Shigeo 1997  
**Takayanagi, Mr. Tadao 2012**  
 Takizawa, Mr. Thomas 1950  
 Tanaka, Mr. Kumao 1986  
**Terao, Mrs. Joyce Mitsuko 2022**  
 Tsuchiya, Infant Hisashi 1923  
 Tsuchiya, Infant Tsukie 1922  
**Umene, Yoshiko 2018**  
 Ushijima, Mrs. Lillie Y 2013  
 Wada, Mrs. Komino 1985  
 Yamamoto, Mr. Totaro 1971  
 Yamamoto, Mr. Yoshisuke 1925  
 Yamaoka, Mr. Fumio 1990  
**Yamaoka, Ms. Hideko 1992**  
 Yamaoka, Mr. Jim K. 2002  
 Yamaoka, Mrs. Kayo 1971  
 Yamashita, Mr. Hideo 1971  
**Yamasaki, Mr. Satoru 1992**  
 Yanari, Mrs. Betty 2010  
 Yonekura, Mr. Rinzo 1965  
 Yoshida, Mrs. Toki 2013

**May**

Abe, Infant Seitaro 1922  
 Ago, Infant Kimiye 1926  
 Akinaga, Mr. Nobuo 1977  
 Akiyama, Mrs. Shina 1920  
 Arima, Infant Kazuo 1926  
 Ariyoshi, Mr. Keitaro 1934  
**Doerr, Mr. Richard 2012**  
 Fujikawa, Mr. Kenneth 1999  
 Fujisaki, Mrs. Yoshiko 1919  
 Fukuoka, Mr. Heiji 1979  
**Genger, Sachiko 2018**  
 Hanada, Mr. Tetsunosuke 1917  
 Hasegawa, Miss Misuzu 1951  
**Hashimoto, Mrs. Yaeko 2008**  
 Iijima, Infant Paul 1983  
 Ikeda, Mrs. Kikuno 1937  
 Ishikata, Mr. Isamu 2002  
 Isoda, Mrs. Ai 1925  
 Jelinek, William 2006  
 Kaida, Mrs. Alice N. 2013  
 Kaji, Infant Masayuki 1930  
 Kamada, Mr. Tokumatsu 1940  
 Kato, Miss Sumiko 1954  
 Kazusaka, Master Haruto 1935  
 Ken, Mr. Umeichi 1930  
 Kikugawa, Mr. Sadao 1932  
 Kita, Mrs. Oyoshi 1967  
 Kitashima, Mr. Sakaye 1934

Kuwahara, Mr. Jusaku 1925  
 Maeda, Mrs. Dakino Toki 2008  
 Marlin, Mrs. Mariko J. 2013  
 Marubayashi, Infant Tadashi 1925  
 Marubayashi, Mrs. Takeko 1943  
 Maruyama, Mr. Hyakutaro 1936  
 Matsui, Mr. Seinosuke 1937  
 Matsuura, Mrs. Sumiko 1995  
 Mayegoto, Infant Kazuye 1922  
 Misumi, Mrs. Miyono 1930  
 Mitani, Mr. Jitsuo 1977  
**Naito Kyoshi 2023**  
 Nakagawara, Mrs. Shigeno 1933  
 Nakano, Mr. Ataru 1983  
 Nose, Mrs. Kazuye 1929  
 Ohye, Mr. Senichiro 1980  
 Okada, Ms. Kazuko 1991  
 Okada, Mr. Kinji 2007  
 Okada, Mr. Minoru 1955  
 Okami, Mr. Taneo 1922  
 Okamoto, Mr. Henry S. 2014  
 Okamoto, Mr. Takaharu 1932  
**Okamoto, Mr. Tomio Thomas 2008**  
 Rubly, Mrs. Clara 1952  
 Sadamori, George Tadashi 2015  
 Sadamori, Tagoro 1972  
 Sakamoto, Mrs. Merry S. 2017  
 Sakata, Mrs. Akino 1934  
 Sekiyama, Mrs. Shina 1920  
 Shibata, Mr. Zenjuro 1947  
 Shikano, Miss Tomiye 1960  
 Takahashi, Mr. Eitaro 1938  
 Takeda, Mr. Taro 2010  
 Takei, Mr. Matsugoro 1921  
 Takimoto, Mrs. Masami 1918  
 Tamura, Mr. Kenichi 1947  
 Tanaka, Mrs. Kameye 1929  
 Tou, Mr. Reisui 1984  
 Tsuromoto, Mrs. Setsuko 2014  
 Wada, Mr. Genjiro 1967  
 Yamagami, Mrs. Hisano 1951  
 Yamamoto, Mr. Koei 1933  
 Yamamoto, Mr. Nobuso 1990  
 Yamasaki, Mr. Suyekichi 1981  
 Yamasaki, Mr. Yasuji 1941  
 Yamashita, Mrs. Shige 2009  
 Yamashita, Mr. Tom 1993  
 Yonekura, Mr. Hisakichi 1919  
 Yoshida, Mr. Kiyosuke 1938



## Dharma Jewels

An Introductory course on Buddhism

The *Buddhist Temple of Alameda* will offer spring classes on Buddhism this April on ZOOM. We will utilize the words and thoughts in Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka's book,

**Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts, and the Young at Heart.**

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, April 3, 10, 17, & 24.

The class will be able to meet Dr. Tanaka and ask questions directly when he joins our session on April 17.



Life responsibilities of work, home, and family increase the demands upon each of us. Declining health of those we care for as well as ourselves is an ongoing process. Age and illness confront us all. The Buddhist perspective provides stability and grounding. We are able to proceed through life with strength as the Dharma is accessed.

As followers of the Dharma, our practice is to live our lives guided by the principles of Wisdom and Compassion.

This class will guide our exploration of general Buddhist principals. The Buddhist teachings have settled into the fabric of American life and culture. Now we are able to find the many varied flavors of Buddhist paths as they appear all around our neighborhoods and society.

These classes are free of charge and open to the public. For those interested, please email [AlamedaBEC@btoa.org](mailto:AlamedaBEC@btoa.org) to receive the registration link. **Registration is required.**

The deadline to register is **Monday, March 31, 2025**. The book is available to download at:

<https://www.bdkamerica.org/product/jewels-an-introduction-to-buddhism-for-youth-pdf-only/>

Classes are hosted by the Alameda Buddhist Education Committee, Buddhist Temple of Alameda, 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501. For further information and updates, please view our website [btoa.org](http://btoa.org). You can also call or text Rev. Dennis Fujimoto at (916) 416-0919, or email him at [revdjoshin@btoa.org](mailto:revdjoshin@btoa.org).

# Thank You - Arigato

Donations Received and Processed  
From 12/21/2024 to 2/21/2025

Donations can be listed as Anonymous with the donation amount shown, or with the Donor Name shown but the donation amount not listed.  
If you would like your donation to be listed as Anonymous, or with the donation amount not listed, please include a note with your donation.

Date	Donor Last Name(s)	Donor First Name(s)	Purpose	Detail	Amount
2/5/25	Kato-Chambliss	Kimberly	All Beings	Ellie and Sal	25
1/17/25	Naito	Jane	All Beings		50
1/19/25	Matsuoka	Jen	All Beings		25
1/17/25	Takeda	Margaret and Gary	All Beings		25
1/7/25	Maniwa	Joyce	Donation	Altar Offering	50
1/7/25	Akiyama	Misako	Donation	Altar Offering	35
12/31/24	Yoshiwara	Patricia and Kent	Donation	Birth of Eiichi Julian Del Simone	500
12/31/24	Yoshiwara	Patricia and Kent	Donation	Birth of Mika Elaine Yoshiwara	500
1/17/25	Naito	Jane	Donation	Parking	50
12/30/24	Maniwa	Joyce	Donation	Pictures	500
1/8/25	Naito	Jane	Donation	Pictures	500
1/7/25	Terao-Doerr and Doerr	Lenni and Douglas	Donation	Pictures	500
1/17/25	Shodo Kai Shigin		Donation	Use of Facilities	300
1/8/25	Hashimoto Family		Donation	Use of Hall	300
1/1/25	Hashimoto	Vickie and Tom	Donation	Use of Hall	50
2/10/25	Fong	Karen	Donation		500
1/19/25	Taniguchi	Dr. Shoyo and Rev. Zuikei	Donation		500
12/31/24	Yuen	Tamiko and Chris	Donation		350
1/11/25	Myer	Margaret	Donation		300
1/11/25	Taira	Josephine and Troy	Donation		250
12/31/24	Kato-Chambliss	Kimberly	Donation		225
12/26/24	Dye	Mamie	Donation		100
2/10/25	Komatsu	Rodney	Donation		100
1/17/25	Akimoto	Tsunetoshi	Donation		50
1/17/25	Dye	Mamie	Donation		50
2/5/25	Kato-Chambliss	Kimberly	Donation		50
1/17/25	Okada	Gayle	Donation		50
2/18/25	Yamaoka	May	Donation		50
2/10/25	Muraca	Tsueko	Donation		30
1/19/25	Di Stefano	Joan	Donation		25
1/19/25	Anonymous		Donation		20
1/31/25	Lew	Barney	Eitaikyo	Marilyn Ishida-Lew	2000
1/11/25	Myer	Margaret	Eitaikyo	Richard Myer	100
12/26/24	Nagahisa	Alison	Joya-E		50
2/5/25	Takano	Betty	Memorial	Amy Nakamura	35
12/26/24	Suyeyasu	Ted and Family	Memorial	Ann Suyeyasu	5000
2/10/25	Dye	Mamie	Memorial	David Dye	50
1/11/25	Ohye	Susan	Memorial	Dick Ohye	100
2/5/25	Tsuchiya	Ronald	Memorial	George Tsuchiya	100
1/7/25	Nakano	Wayne	Memorial	Haru Nakano	150
2/5/25	Ito-Woo	Jacquelyn	Memorial	Hiroshi and Yasuko Ann Ito	100
2/10/25	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	Memorial	Honji Abe	100
1/7/25	Morikawa-Won and Won	Stacey and James	Memorial	Ida and Frank Morikawa	200
1/7/25	Takano	Betty	Memorial	Ineko Takano	35
1/7/25	Takano and Kotcher	Lani and James	Memorial	Ineko Takano	25
2/5/25	Bailey	Michael	Memorial	Jody Bailey	100
12/26/24	Wong	Susan and Kevin	Memorial	Joyce and Rev. E. Terao	100
2/5/25	Tomine	Amy	Memorial	Kanzo Otsu	50
1/7/25	Kato-Chambliss	Kimberly	Memorial	Karen Kato and Roy Kato	100
1/7/25	Shintani	Leslie and Howard	Memorial	Kazuo Shintani	100
1/1/25	Tsuchiya	Ronald	Memorial	Kazuo Tsuchiya	50
12/31/24	Sato	Jean and Kaz	Memorial	Kimiko Sato	35
12/26/24	Tsujimoto	Marsha and Dennis	Memorial	Marilyn Ishida-Lew	100
1/11/25	Sugiyama	Karen and Glenn	Memorial	Marilyn Ishida-Lew	50
12/26/24	Isono	Gail and Richard	Memorial	Mas Takano	100
12/26/24	Isono	Liz and Steve	Memorial	Mas Takano	100
12/26/24	Takano	Betty	Memorial	Mas Takano	100
12/26/24	Takano and Kotcher	Lani and James	Memorial	Mas Takano	100

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12/26/24	Takano and Peters	Julie and Sean	Memorial	Mas Takano	100
12/26/24	Takeshita	Ikuko	Memorial	Mas Takano	100
2/5/25	Takano	Betty	Memorial	Masaye Sumimoto	35
1/7/25	Shimamoto	Susan and Hiko	Memorial	Michiyo Endo	25
1/7/25	Matsumoto	Michiko	Memorial	Miye Matsumoto	100
12/31/24	Lau	Joyce	Memorial	Monthly Memorial	50
12/26/24	Nagahisa	Alison	Memorial	Nagahisa Family	50
1/7/25	Okada	Gayle	Memorial	Noboru Okada	75
1/7/25	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	Memorial	Osamu Sugiyama	100
1/11/25	Sugiyama	Karen and Glenn	Memorial	Osamu Sugiyama	100
1/17/25	Naito	Jane	Memorial	Rev. S. Naito	100
1/7/25	Hashimoto	Daphne and Frank	Memorial	Ron Nakai	50
2/5/25	Kato-Chambliss	Kimberly	Memorial	Roy, Joshua, Jenny Kato	100
1/7/25	Maniwa	Joyce	Memorial	Seitaro Date	50
1/7/25	Akiyama	Misako	Memorial	Seitaro Date	35
1/7/25	Akiyama	Don	Memorial	Seitaro Date	30
1/7/25	Terao	Dennis	Memorial	Setsuko Suga	50
1/7/25	Terao-Doerr and Doerr	Lenni and Douglas	Memorial	Setsuko Suga and Umeko Tateyama	50
1/7/25	Matsumoto	Michiko	Memorial	Shoji Matsumoto	50
2/5/25	Yoshiwara	Patricia and Kent	Memorial	Tomio Yoshiwara	100
2/5/25	Hashimoto	Yoko	Memorial	Tomio Yoshiwara	30
1/7/25	Terao	Dennis	Memorial	Umeko Tateyama	50
2/18/25	Tashiro	Judie, Yvonne, and Ken	Memorial	Yoneo and Toshi Tashiro	150
12/31/24	Shimamoto	Susan and Hiko	New Years		1000
1/1/25	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	New Years		500
12/31/24	Yasuda	Yumi	New Years		300
1/7/25	Terao-Doerr and Doerr	Lenni and Douglas	New Years		200
1/8/25	Fujikawa	Toshiko	New Years		100
1/1/25	Hashimoto	Vickie and Tom	New Years		100
1/19/25	Ito-Woo	Jacquelyn	New Years		100
1/19/25	Kataoka	Nan	New Years		100
1/7/25	Maniwa	Joyce	New Years		100
1/7/25	Morikawa-Won and Won	Stacey and James	New Years		100
1/1/25	Muraca	Tsueko	New Years		100
1/1/25	Nakano	Ronald	New Years		100
1/7/25	Schmidt	Mariko	New Years		100
1/1/25	Shintani	Leslie and Howard	New Years		100
12/31/24	Taira	Josephine and Troy	New Years		100
1/1/25	Tsuchiya	Ronald	New Years		100
1/19/25	Yoshiwara	Patricia and Kent	New Years		100
1/7/25	Okada	Gayle	New Years		75
1/7/25	Akiyama	Don	New Years		50
1/19/25	Hashimoto	Yoko	New Years		50
12/26/24	Nagahisa	Alison	New Years		50
1/1/25	Narahara	Chikako and Ken	New Years		50
1/19/25	Narahara	Chikako and Ken	New Years		50
1/19/25	Oda	Judy	New Years		50
1/19/25	Takano	Betty	New Years		50
1/19/25	Akiyama	Misako	New Years		35
2/5/25	Ito-Woo	Jacquelyn	Nirvana Day		100
2/10/25	Maniwa	Joyce	Nirvana Day		100
2/10/25	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	Nirvana Day		100
2/21/25	Taira	Josephine and Troy	Nirvana Day		100
2/5/25	Terao-Doerr and Doerr	Lenni and Douglas	Nirvana Day		100
2/10/25	Hashimoto	Vickie and Tom	Nirvana Day		50
2/10/25	Nakano	Ronald	Nirvana Day		50
2/10/25	Oda	Judy	Nirvana Day		50
2/10/25	Akiyama	Misako	Nirvana Day		35
2/5/25	Hashimoto	Yoko	Nirvana Day		30
2/10/25	Narahara	Chikako and Ken	Nirvana Day		15

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