

Prajna

SENSHINJI

# BON ODORI

SATURDAY  
JULY 2  
2016

**SENSHIN**  
**BUDDHIST TEMPLE**  
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**5p** Hatsubon Service

**7p** BON ODORI

Intermission  
Raffle Drawing

**9p** Omairi in Hondo / Sento  
Shogon (1,000 oil lamps) /  
Otoki

**10p** Horaku: Kinnara Taiko



# Obon

We will have our *Obon Odori* on Saturday, July 2, 2016 and the *Obon (Kangi-ye)* service on Sunday, July 17. Please invite your family and friends to the dance and the service. When we ask people to come to our *Obon*, we may need to explain the meaning of *Obon*, so this month, I would like to give you some information about *Obon* for your review and for your cheat sheet.

## Custom of Obon

Generally, *Obon* means Japanese summer religious event when people gather at temple to attend the service and to dance in remembrance of their ancestors and dead relatives. In Japan, family members gather at their home to observe Obon. They welcome their deceased family members to their home by adorning their *Butsudan* (Family Buddhist altar) with *chochin* lanterns and offerings of fruits, vegetables and manju. Sometimes, they also offer the deceased family members' favorite things such as sake, beer, cigarettes, etc.

## The meaning of the word *Obon*

There are several interpretations on the origin of the word *Obon*. Some say it came from Sanskrit; others say it originated in Iran or China. The popular interpretation is that it came from Sanskrit. *Obon* means "being hung upside down." *Obon's* "O" is an honorific prefix to *bon*. *Bon* is thought to be an abbreviation of *Urabon*. Its original word is an Indian Sanskrit word *Ullambana* which means "being hung upside down," and it denotes the suffering that comes from being hung upside down. It is believed that after Buddhism was introduced in Japan, the *Ullambana Sutra* belief merged with the folk custom of ancestor worship

and became *Obon*. Some say *Obon* came from *Zoroastrianism*. They have their ancestor worship event which is held in the month of *Aban*. A Persian word, *Aban* is pronounced *Obon*. Their custom and Buddhism merged somewhere at some time and became Buddhist *Obon* custom. Others say *Obon* literally means a "tray" that is used for the offering of food to the ancestors, gods or Buddhas.

## *Obon* in Jodo Shinshu

In our sect, *Obon* is called "Gathering of Joy (*Kangi-ye*). We celebrate *Obon* as a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us and the joy of awareness that we all are embraced by Amida Buddha. Generally, in Japan, people believe that *Obon* is the time when the "souls or spirits (called *Tamashii*)" of one's ancestors return to this world like the original belief of Halloween or *El Dia de los Muertos* (the day of the dead.) Also people thought that holding a religious service, offering food to a family altar, and dancing at the temple are for soothing the spirit of dead relatives. However, in Shin Buddhism teaching, we do not have to soothe the dead relatives. Our belief is Amida Buddha takes really good care of the deceased relatives. The service, the

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# お盆

洗心寺のお盆踊りは7月2日（土）に開催されます。お盆法要（歓喜会）は7月17日（日）に営まれますので、みなさまぜひお参り下さい。今月はお盆の意味や由来などについて復習してみましょう。みなさまは、何度もお盆の由来のお話を聞いておられることでしょうか、覚えておられるでしょうか？

**お盆は、夏の仏教行事ですが、日本ではそれも含めた期間のことをい**

います。お盆には仕事が休みになり、多くの人々が実家に帰ります。そしてお仏壇を荘厳し、仏さまへ感謝を表し、あたかも亡くなった家族が家に帰ってきたかのように、故人の好きな食べ物や飲み物などをお供えします。また、各地でお盆の法要が営まれ、お盆踊りが開催されます。

**お盆の語の由来には**、いろいろな説があります。一つは、インドのサンスクリット語のウーランバーナから来たというものがあります。ウーランバーナとは、逆さづりという意味らしいのですが、それをタイトルにしたお経があります。インドの言葉に盂蘭盆（うらぼん）という字をあてはめ、盂蘭盆経のお話の影響でお盆がはじまったといわれ、盂蘭盆をちぢめて言ったのが「お盆」だということです。他には、イランの死者の魂が帰ってくる宗教行事がもとだという説もあります。イランでは魂をウルバンといい、それがなまって、オボンと呼ばれるようになった、ともいい、そのイランの宗教行事がある月がオーボーン月と呼ばれているから、という説もあります。また、日本でお仏壇にお供えするときにお盆を使うから、ということから、お盆になったという人もいます。

**浄土真宗ではお盆を歓喜会（かんぎえ）**と呼び、亡くなった家族

を思い出し、故人も生きている私たちも、皆が阿弥陀仏の本願力により往生させていただける、ということを楽しむ法要です。一般的には、お盆にご先祖の魂が家に帰ってきて、読経やお供えが故人の魂を慰める、というように考えられていますが、浄土真宗では、故人も私も阿弥陀様が往生させてくださり、さらに仏にしてくださるので、故人を慰める必要はなく、むしろそのようなありがたい教えにであえたことを喜ぶときがお盆だと考えるのです。けれども、そういったことを知っておいたうえで、お盆に故人が家に帰ってきたというように、想像して楽しむのもいいかもしれません。

**盂蘭盆経は**、お釈迦様のお弟子様の目連さんが、母を餓鬼道から救う物語で、それがお盆の行事の由来になったといわれています。目連さんは神通力が優れていたといわれ、その力をつかって亡くなった母がどこにいるのかを探されました。すると、優しくった母が、餓鬼道という常におなかをすかして苦しむ世界に生まれていたことがわかります。母は目連さんには優しくったが、我が子のかかわいさのあまり、ほかの子供を邪険にしたことが原因で餓鬼道に落ちたというのです。その母を救うために、果物や水や野菜などを送りますが、母が食べようとすると、食

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offerings and the dances are for sharing the joy of awareness that we, regardless dead or alive, all are favored by Amida Buddha.

**The Story of Ullambana Sutra**

Among Sakyamuni Buddha's disciples, there was one disciple named Maudgelayana, Mahamaudgalyayana or Moggallana. In Japan, he is known as Mokuren. He was one of the ten great disciples of Sakyamuni Buddha and he was pre-eminent with exceptional divine powers.

When Mokuren achieved the divine power, he used the power to visualize what was happening to his mother after her death. He found that his mother was suffering in the realm of the hungry spirits, which is the world where greedy or unkind people would fall after their death. There, whatever she tried to eat turned into fire, so she was always hungry. Mokuren wondered why she should have fallen into

such a realm because his mother was very kind to him. He used his divine power to seek the reason for it and he found that she was greedy enough to be born in the realm of hungry ghost. His mother loved Mokuren so much that she only thought of her son's happiness and disregarded other children's happiness. Mokuren was deeply shocked about this and thought that he was responsible for her plight. Mokuren wanted to help his mother, so he filled a bowl with food and sent it to his mother by using his divine power. But the food burst into fire each time she put it in her mouth. Mokuren was at a loss to help his mother whose suffering was so great as if she had been hung upside down. So, he went to Sakyamuni Buddha seeking help.

The Buddha then told Mokuren to donate food or offerings to the sangha at the end of their rainy season study session, which is called Ango. On July fifteenth, which was the last day of the **Ango**, Mokuren donated food and clothes to other monks as the Buddha

instructed him. Because of his donation, Mokuren received meritorious and virtuous power that was able to relieve his mother of suffering and allowed her to go to the realm of heaven. The monks and Mokuren were very happy that Mokuren's mother was saved. They clapped their hands and danced for joy. This is said to have been the beginning of the *Bon Odori* (dance).

**Senshin Tradition**

In Senshin, everybody must dance. *Obon* dance is not only for the expression of our joy, it is a reminder for us to reflect on our self-centeredness. Because of our ego, we have our preference of music to dance with or we are concerned about how we appear to others. In order to reflect on it and try to be less ego, we dance. No one is watching us; they are watching the dance teachers, so please join the circle and just dance.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

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べ物や水が火にかわってしまうのです。（そういった苦しみか、あたかも逆さづりにされたときの苦しみだということで、ウーランバーナ、盂蘭盆という名前が付いたといわれています。）困った目連さんはお釈迦様に相談します。すると、お釈迦さまは、目連さんに、「供養する方向を正したらいいのです。お母さんにあげるのではなくて、まわりの方々に供養したらいいのですよ。」とアドバイスします。そして、お釈迦様の教団の夏の修行期間の最後の日に、ほかのお弟子さん方に食べ物や飲み物、着るものなどをお布施したところ、その功德によって目連さんのお母さんが餓鬼道から抜け出て、天界にうまれることができた、といいます。そして、それを知った目連さんやほかのお弟子さんたちが手をたたき喜んだことが、お盆踊りの由来となったともいわれています。

**洗心寺では**、お盆踊りに来た人は皆踊らないといけないように、なっています。お盆踊りは、自己中心性をみさせていただく、一つのよい縁だとしているのです。お盆の音楽が好きでないとか、踊っているのをみられたらはずかしい、とか、自分のエゴが邪魔をして踊れないのです。ですから、できるだけエゴの働きを弱めるささやかな練習、またエゴを捨てきれない自分をそのまま救ってくださる、仏様への感謝と自己内省の表れとして、踊るようにします。

南無阿弥陀仏  
古本竜太



# SENSHINJI KANGI-E OBON SERVICE

## Sunday, July 17, 2016

- 9:30am** Japanese Study Class
- 10am** *Kangi-e Obon Service* with guest speaker  
**Rev. George Matsubayashi** *BCA Minister Emeritus*
- 11am** Study Class and Dharma School
- 12noon** *Otoki* by BWA

In Jodo Shinshu, *Obon* is called *Kangi-e*, or The Gathering of Joy. It is the major festival of our Buddhist calendar year. It is a memorial service and celebration in memory of our ancestors and all who have died. It is an occasion to remember our indebtedness to all who have gone before us, to appreciate and thank those lives and to reaffirm the sanctity of all living beings.

## MEMBERSHIP



## SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

**Senshin membership dues for 2016,**

together with fundraising activities and donations throughout the year, generate the funds that enable us to enjoy Senshin temple program activities and services (including a full-time minister), as well as maintain the temple grounds. The 2016 Senshin dues include the BCA assessment paid for each Senshin temple member.

Please return the form with your payment, so we can keep our information updated. If you have any questions or wish to make special payment arrangements, please feel free to leave a message for Kathy Ikari at Senshin (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continuing support and participation in making Senshin a very special place. We look forward to seeing you at Temple.

Name	Birthdate*		
Name	Birthdate*		
* Required if claiming Senior Membership Category			
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email		

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

☐ Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): **\$395**

☐ Individual: **\$205**

☐ Senior (80 years+ without BCA membership): Complimentary\*\*

☐ Senior (80 years+ with BCA membership): **\$115\*\***

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:**

\*\*For couples, if there is only one qualifying senior, the non-qualifying spouse is asked to pay for an Individual membership.

Please make checks payable to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**

Send/bring to: 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, California 90007



Monthly Memorial Service JULY

Sunday, July 10, 2016 10:00am

The monthly memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month in memory of those who have passed away in that month. At the service, the list of names of the deceased, the person observing the memorial and the person's relation to the deceased is read. The Monthly Memorial List is also published in the Prajna newsletter. To have a name entered into the Monthly Memorial List, please call the office as names may not automatically be entered after a funeral.

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Tomi	Brother	Uyetake, Keiso
Akahori, Ted/Tomi	Friend	Shigeyasu, George & Emiko
Fujimoto, Noriko	Husband	Fujimoto, Hisashi
Hashimoto, Miwako	Brother-in-law	Hashimoto, Harry
Hashimoto, Miwako	Father	Nishimura, Kanichi
Hosokawa, Gloria	Grandmother	Maruichi, Hatsu
Imamura, Kikuye	Mother	Yoshimura, Hisa
Ito, Maryann	Father	Ito, Tokuo
Kanagawa, Elso	Mother-in-law	Kanagawa, Mitsuru
Kitano, Gerald	Father	Kitano, Melvin
Kitano, Jane	Mother	Otamura, Sumiko
Kojima, Chikako	Daughter	Kojima, Noreen
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Mother-in-law	Kunitake, Shizue
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Mother	Yamada, Eiko
Matsubayashi, Kazuo	Mother	Matsubayashi, Atsuko
Matsukawa, Hidehiro		Matsukawa/Kitano Families
Meigneux, Emma & Teia	Father	Meigneux, Patrice
Meigneux, Kate	Husband	Meigneux, Patrice
Miyata, Satoshi	Wife	Miyata, Sue
Mori, Wendy	Mother	Sahara, Chiyo
Murakami, Yomiko	Husband	Murakami, Kazuo
Ota, Joanne	Mother	Ota, Sydney
Saneto, Motoko	Mother-in-law	Saneto, Koima
Sato, Terry	Mother-in-law	Sato, Kogimi
Segawa Family		Segawa/Kawamoto Families
Sugano, Michiko	Mother	Yoshimoto, Sayo
Takashima, Iris	Uncle	Yasuda, Minoru
Takemoto, Jon	Father	Takemoto, Ben
Takeyama, Yo	Husband	Takeyama, Ray
Terrell, Jackie	Mother	Howard, Marty
Tomita, Misao	Brother-in-law	Tomita, Akira
Toyama, Beverly	Aunt	Murata, Hatsuye
Toyama, Beverly	Uncle	Murata, Kenji
Toyama, Tory	Spouse	Guerrero, Chase
Wakinaka, Bernice	Sister-in-law	Nagaoka, Meta
Yamashita, Betty	Grandmother	Ito, Toku
Yokoyama, Arlene	Sister	Yamada, Ellen

Monthly Memorial Service AUGUST

Sunday, July 10, 2016 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Tomi	Father	Uyetake, Senichi
Domoto, Lily	Father-in-law	Domoto, Eiichi
Domoto, Lily	Cousin-in-law	Domoto, Tsutomu
Ebata, Donna	Mother-in-law	Ebata, Emiko
Ishizuka, Karen	Brother	Ishizuka, Tadao Kirk
Isomoto, Glen	Grandmother	Isomoto, Sakuyo
Isomoto, Glen	Grandfather	Isomoto, Ikusuke
Isomoto, Kiyoko	Father	Kurokawa, Kiyoshi
Kanagawa, Elso	Husband	Kanagawa, James
Kiriyama, Iku	Husband	Kiriyama, George
Kishi, Mabel	Mother	Ota, Michiko
Kitano, Jane	Father	Otamura, Masao
Kodama, Nancy	Husband	Kodama, Malcolm
Kojima, Chikako	Mother-in-law	Kojima, Natalia
Kuwata, Yuriko	Mother-in-law	Kuwata, Kogiku
Kuwata, Yuriko	Sister	Yamada, Chizuko
Marubayashi, Roy	Mother	Marubayashi, Setsuko
Matsumura, Henry	Grandfather	Matsumura, Kunishiro
Matsumura, Henry	Uncle	Matsumura, Kuniyoshi
Minami, Jean	Father	Yokomi, Itsuto
Mori, Tsutaye	Mother-in-law	Ishigaki, Tane
Murakami, Yomiko	Father	Inouye, Kenso
Murakami, Yomiko	Mother	Inouye, Komina
Nakashima, Jean	Mother	Shigeyasu, Emiko
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Father	Nakawatase, Suyekichi
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Sister	Inahara, Toshiko Lily
Okita, Sumiye	Husband	Okita, Kiyoshi
Ono, David	Father	Ono, Akira
Rooks, Mariko	Friend	Hearn, Bobby
Sakakura, Michiko	Father	Sakakura, Kotaro
Shimada, Satsuki	Husband	Shimada, Saburo
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Mitsuo
Tanaka, Lillian	Father	Shiosaki, Rodney
Tanaka, Nobuko	Brother	Sugimoto, Shigeo
Tanezaki, Barbara	Mother	Kakita, Hisako
Tomita, Misao	Father-in-law	Tomita, Chohei
Torio, Taye	Father	Sugimoto, Heiji
Toyama, John	Brother	Toyama, George
Yamashita, Betty	Mother	Takahashi, Nancy

Senshin Vehicle Donation

This is a reminder that Senshin will take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a donation to the temple. The funds realized from these donations are earmarked for the Senshin-ji Building Fund. Donors can report the full amount of funds received from the vehicle donation as a deduction on their tax returns.

We work with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS) to have the vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not operational, it can still have salvageable value, sometimes for more than we could expect.

Once the proceeds from the vehicle donation are received by Senshin, a letter is sent to the donor to acknowledge the vehicle donation. The letter includes details of the donated vehicle and the amount for which the vehicle was sold or salvaged. All donors will be acknowledged in the *Prajna*.

If you have any questions about the program, or wish to donate a vehicle, please contact either Jean Minami (323) 938-0048, or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558.





MAY 2016 DONATIONS

5/1/2016	Richard & Masako Murakami	In memory of Dorothy Tamura
	Katherine Otamura	In memory of Dorothy Tamura
	Eugene & Elaine Murakami	In memory of Dorothy Tamura
	Koichi Uyemura & Linda Wong	Special
	Lynnette Takemoto	In memory of Chiyo Takemoto
	Hideko Noriyuki	Special
	Beverly Rogers	In memory of Masao & Kaname Tokaji
	Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Tak Yamashita 89th B-day, Betty Yamashita B-day
	Elso Kanagawa, Celia Huey	Special

5/8/2016	Iris Takashima	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Carole Yokota	49th day memorial, Sanaye Yokota
5/15/2016	Janis Ishitani	1st year memorial, Kayoko Wada
	Douglas & Gayle Wada	1st year memorial, Kayoko Wada
	Rose Hom	Special
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	James Okazaki	7th cycle memorial Karol Osae
	Anonymous	Orei for USC Graduation Parking
	Kiyome Hirayama	Birth of Great Grandson, Larson James Hirayama
	Neil & JoAnn Komai	3rd cycle memorial, Alice Yamada
5/22/2016	Erik & Yumi Saiki	3rd cycle memorial, Toshiko Yoshida
	Neal & Taeko Hayashida	Special
	Michiko Sugano	Orei

5/29/2016	Yoshiko Takeuchi	In memory of Brent Alan Takeuchi
	Yoshiko Takeuchi	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Dennis & Marilyn Miyamoto	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Satomi Saneto	17th cycle mmorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Yukiko Saneto	17th cycle memorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Jane & Keith Hirayama	17th cycle memorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Kiyome Hirayama	17th cycle memorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Bruce Hirayama	17th cycle memorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Motoko Saneto	17th cycle memorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Dana & Ann Saneto	17th cycle memorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Kristine & Glenn Kawaguchi	17th cycle memorial, Tsukasa Saneto
	Don Akamine	Special
	Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey	Special

SENSHIN 2016 HATSUMAIRI DANA

Ellen Shimohara for baby Jordan Chiyoko Lee
John & Debbie Hiramoto for baby Ramon Calzadias, Jr.
Frank & Susie Usui for baby Eleanor Broberg
Doug & Chris Aihara for baby Eiji Aihara
Susan Nagata Bottari for baby Brooklyn Bottari

MAY BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Wayne Fujita	Saneto, Dana & Ann*
Kawaguchi, Harumi & Glenn*	Saneto, Motoko*
Matsubara, Tammy & Dale	* <i>In memory of Tsukasa Saneto</i>

Listed are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer:

**Special:** donation received with no specific reason given

**Orei:** donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.

**Nokotsudo:** donation by families who have family cremains in the *Nokotsudo* (columbarium)

The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.

JUNE FLOWER DONATIONS

- Ted & Tomi Akahori
- Sumiko Hiramoto
- Catherine Hisamune
- Kiyoko Isomoto
- Misao Matsuda
- Jean Minami
- Yuri Nishisaka
- Edith Nishikawa
- Ron & Fuji Ohata
- Doris Shigaki
- Nobuko Tanaka
- Misao Tomita
- Matsuko Uyeno
- Toshiko Yamaguchi
- Kiyo Yoneda

Senshin-ji Building Fund July 2016 Update

As mentioned in the last article, we are taking a three steps approach to the matter of financing the renovation of the Social Hall. Beginning last month, we initiated the first of those steps by re-starting the fundraising appeal for the Building Fund. New contributions have been made since that time, and we deeply appreciate any and all donations that are received.

Secondly, we have had two meetings with the Satoh Brothers designers and construction supervisors to pare down some aspects of the project as much as possible, without affecting the kitchen and restroom renovations. As previously indicated, significant added costs were the result of requirements from the various agencies that reviewed our construction plans, and those requirements cannot be negated. Still, the meetings resulted in a savings of about \$40,000 from the previous bottom line. Additionally, a four-person committee from the temple Board will be conducting a review to seek any further value-engineering revisions that we might be able to apply to the project for additional savings.

Pending the findings of the committee, we are planning to draw money from the *Zaidan* (Investment) Fund to supplement both the current balance in the Building Fund and any subsequent donations that are received by the Building Fund prior to the completion of the project. This is the third step.

For those who may not be familiar with the *Zaidan* Fund, the idea for it was conceived at the time of the new *Hondo* Dedication Ceremony and Service that was held on May 1, 1966. (We recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of that dedication ceremony.) The *Zaidan* Fund was formally established on August 8, 1971, which was the day that the mortgage on the new temple complex was paid in full, and the day on which the 20th Anniversary of the temple itself was observed.

The four *Zaidan* Committee mem-

bers in 1994 wrote a brief article in the January issue of the *Prajna* describing the reason for, and the process of withdrawing, the funds that had accumulated, and would continue to accumulate as the years went by. The committee was composed of Tsukasa Saneto, Kikuo Ogawa, John Tomita, and Ted Ishikawa. The following was stated in the article:

“It was the unanimous feeling of the *sangha* that with the completion of the new temple complex, it was imperative to establish a fund to ensure the sustenance and perpetuation of our temple for the benefit of our children and the propagation of Jodo Shinshu.”

The initial policy that governed the use of the *Zaidan* funds was amended over time, and about 15 years ago, they were revised again to permit use of funds to assist with major maintenance issues and capital improvement projects. The Social Hall renovation falls under this policy and will be a worthy recipient of *Zaidan* funds. It was the foresight of the *Issei* and *Nisei* that brought this fund to fruition and their generosity sustained it. Since the Senshin-ji Building Fund was established 11 years ago, our past and

current members and friends, many in the *Sansei* generation, have helped this fund to grow and contribute to the remodeling of the area behind the *Onajin*, to the construction of a totally new *Nokotsudo* and to a complete renovation of the Education building.

As the Building Fund receives supplementation from the *Zaidan* Fund, it can be imagined that the *Issei*, *Nisei* and *Sansei* generations have joined together to work towards the remodeling of the Social Hall. As many of you know, this building is 78 years old and it served as the first *Hondo* for Senshin, and since 1966, it has served our members well as a gathering place for our many activities. It is a vital part of our temple complex and we look forward to leaving every part of this complex to our coming generations.

We continue to ask for your support, both financially and spiritually. Although we repeat it often, we can never thank you enough for your patient support of the Social Hall remodeling project.

In *Gassho*,  
WILBUR TAKASHIMA

Senshin-ji Building Fund

1311 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
State	Zip
Donation Amount: \$	

(Please make checks payable to: **Senshin-ji Building Fund**)

**NOTE:** In order to maintain compliance with IRS policy, whenever we receive a check in the amount of \$250.00 or more, we will send an acknowledgement letter to the donor for his/her records. For amounts less than \$250.00, your cancelled check will serve as a receipt for the donation. *However*, if you wish to have a letter of receipt sent to you, regardless of the donation amount, please let us know and we will be most happy to comply.



# Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## Last Movie Night (and potluck) at the old Social Hall, Saturday 23 July, *Goyokin*

Finally, the renovation of our Social Hall will start from August 2016. Before the renovation, we are going to hold a Last Movie Night at the old Social Hall on Saturday, July 23. Our Social Hall was built in 1938 as a Multipurpose Hall, used for Buddhist services, Japanese school, and social activities.

After our *Hondo* was built in 1966, the Multipurpose Hall became the Social Hall. We have been using it as the place to warm up and strengthen the tie of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Sangha, by doing a lot of

cooking parties, receptions, *mochitsuki*, Jr. YBA activities, boy scouts, movie night, etc. Also, our Kinnara Taiko, Gagaku and Bugaku have been practicing there for over 40 years. According to *Mas-sensei*, the movie *Goyokin* is one of the films that Kinnara Taiko players were influenced by at their early days. It was released in 1969, starring Tatsuya Nakadai, and directed by Hideo Goshu. We will gather at 6pm in the Social Hall for a potluck dinner and then the movie will start at 7pm, 123 minutes, not rated.



## Religious Committee HATSUMAIRI

As a part of our 2016 *Gotan-ye* service on May 15th, the temple also observed our annual *Hatsumairi* (infant presentation ceremony) that introduced five infants to Senshin and to the members of our Sangha. More importantly, they had their first experience of coming before the image of Amida Buddha, where their parents stood in front of the *Onaijin* with them. Furumoto-sensei read a passage that welcomed them into the temple family.

We hope that these infants will continue to visit Senshin as they grow, and become active members of our temple.

The following five infants and their parents participated:

Nolan Eiji Aihara  
Parents Cindy & Garrett Aihara  
Brooklyn Le Tran Bottari  
Parents Sam Bottari & Jamie Tran  
Eleanor Suzuko Broberg  
Parents Michael Broberg & Esther Kim-Broberg  
Ramon Damian Calzadias, Jr.  
Parents Erica & Ramon Calzadias  
Jordan Chiyoko Lee  
Parents Jared Lee & Lynn Shimohara-Lee

Welcome, young ones!

## S L O PRIVATE OBON

SLO's public *Obon* held in August is a big fundraiser for the temple, but everyone is so busy working they don't



have the time to appreciate what the essence of *Obon* is

really all about. In order to give their members the opportunity to remember their ancestors and "Just Dance!" they decided to have a simple, private event



only inviting other temples, on May 21. Our Senshin contingent was 11 people traveling together in a van. If they do it again, please join us next year.

## B W A

BWA acknowledges the following donations:

Kiyome Hirayama – Birth of Great-Grandson, Landon Hirayama  
Suzanne Toji – Special  
Motoko Saneto – 17th Memorial of Tsukasa Saneto  
Yo Takeuchi – 49th Day Service for Nell Sawada  
Yo Takeuchi – In Memory of Hisaye Matsumune.

## Jr Y B A

On Sunday June 5th, the Jr's hosted their annual Parents Day Breakfast. It was a great turnout for a delicious breakfast of Johnny Mori's Famous Fried Rice, Danishes and fruit. Thank you to everyone for coming out early and supporting the Jr's. A very special thank you to Johnny Mori for his great support and delicious recipe.

Come and visit our Shave Ice booth at Senshin's Obon. The SD JrYBL is selling 2016 obon

T-shirts for \$20. Flyer and order forms are posted outside the office on the bulletin board.

If you're a high school student and want to join, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720.



## Book Group

The last meeting was May 22 with the book *Retiring Upstream: Finding Happiness and Security in the Transition of a Lifetime* by Alan Kondo. We had a great meeting with Alan giving a power point presentation on his book. Sorry if you weren't able to make it.

The next Book Group is meeting July 24 and will be reading Pema Chodron's, *When Things Fall Apart – Heart Advice for Difficult Times*. This is the next to last Sunday before we break for the August Harvest. Check out Amazon to purchase this book.

New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.



## Social Media

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WasabiKai completed a *Raku* workshop this June. It was a trial run of the workshop we plan to hold after we return to our studio space at the conclusion of Saishin Dojo, July 15. We hope to have the studio up and running by the end of July.

The *Raku* workshop will



include an interesting history of tea by Rev. Mas, making a bowl or two for *matcha* and a small plate for a sweet. It will be followed by a *raku* firing and a demonstration of preparing a cup of *matcha*. This is not about tea ceremony, but about a simple cup of *matcha* made and enjoyed by its maker.

The photo is of our current class, a trimming lesson on the wheel by potters Kaz Ota and Mark Sondag. We will post pictures of completed work on our Facebook page, Wasabikai. If you are interested in classes contact Bob Miyamoto at bmiyamoto@mac.com.

Be sure to check out the Wasabikai Art tour display featuring pottery, in the library.

## Kinnara Gagaku and Bugaku

Classes are held at Senshin on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Beginners or experienced are welcomed.

**GAGAKU** (the music) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. **BUGAKU** (the dance) meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Call (323) 731-4617 for more info.

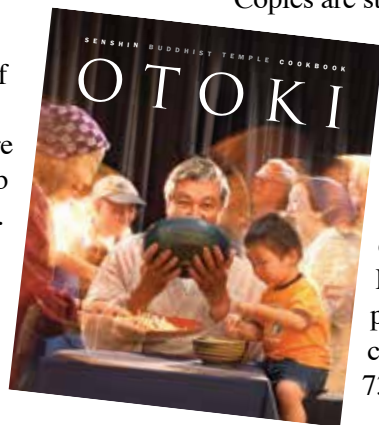


## Senshin Karate Club

We are now forming a Karate Club. The purpose of this club is to enhance the physical and mental health of the temple members and their friends as well as learning Buddhist thoughts through the training.

We will have Senior class (over 60), Adult class (younger than senior or who think they are young), and Children class. Senior class focuses on balance training and good blood circulation. Children class focuses on self discipline and strengthen the energy and body coordination. Adult class focuses on everything. Instructor is Rev. Furumoto. If you are interested, please ask Rev. Furumoto for more information.

## Otoki Cookbooks



Copies are still available from the Hongwanji Place Bookstore, located next to the Library at Senshin. For price and details, email Hongwanji-place@yahoo.com or call (323) 731-4617.

## Chicken Teriyaki 2016 Postscript

On behalf of Senshin, I wanted to express our thanks for your support of our recent Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser. It is an important part of our annual fund raising. We could not do what we do without friends like you.

I was informed that some burned and less than perfect chicken dinners were packed and given to our supporters. We are very sorry. It was very disappointing to hear that some of our long-time friends were given substandard meals. We take great pride in our chicken teriyaki dinners and try very hard to assure their quality. Unfortunately, we fell short.

We have made plans for next year for a number of ways to better supervise and manage the cooking process. We expect to have tighter quality control so that we serve consistently delicious meals to our friends and supporters.

Please accept my personal apology and my assurance that we will do better in the future.

*Gassho,*

NEIL KOMAI

Chicken Teriyaki Chairman

## Obon Raffle Fundraiser

If you have questions about tickets or are interested in donating a raffle prize, please contact Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com.

## Bon Odori Practices at Senshin

Here are the last practices that start at 7:30pm in the corner parking lot at Senshin:

June 27 Monday

June 29 Wednesday

*\*The July 1 Friday practice is cancelled.*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Bon Odori, July 2, 2016, Saturday OBON is almost here!!!

We ask for your help and participation in this Temple event. The temple organizations coordinate the different aspects of this *Obon* event, but need your help to make the night successful. No experience is required, only a willingness to help and enjoy. Please call Greg Yee, *Obon* Chairperson, at (626) 289-6712, or please leave a message and he will call you back; or leave this sign-up sheet in the Temple Office. All are welcomed!

*Please circle one or more areas you are able to help during the approximate time schedule listed below and leave in Obon mailbox.*

We hope to see everyone Saturday, July 2, 2016, helping and having fun at Senshin's *Bon Odori*.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

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### Morning: 8am–10am

1. Set-up *Yagura*
2. String up Lanterns and Light bulbs
3. Set up Chairs and food Booths
4. Cook *Somen*
5. Cut-up Green Onions and *Kamaboko*

### Starting: 3pm

1. Cook and wrap Hot Dogs
2. Package Cha Shu Bao into bags
3. Cook Rice

### During Dancing Help in Booths: 5pm–9pm

1. Selling Food and Drinks
2. Selling Raffle Tickets
3. Pass out Treats and Drinks to Guest Dancers
4. Check Trash Cans and Restrooms

### After Dancing: 9pm–10pm

1. BEFORE the last dance is over, go to the kitchen and help Serve *Somen*
2. After Taiko ends, help put away the chairs in the Social Hall and Clean-Up

### Take Apart *Yagura* & CleanUp Parking Area: 9pm–10pm

1. Help taking apart and putting away *Yagura*, Chairs, Lanterns, Lights, and Booths.
2. Close Up the Temple

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 2016 Southern District Bon Odori Schedule

	DATE	DAY	TEMPLE	BON ODORI	BAZAAR
June	11	Sat	Arizona Buddhist Temple	6:45	5–9p
	18	Sat	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	7p	5–10p
	19	Sun	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	6:30p	5–9p
	25	Sat	West Covina Buddhist Temple	7p	1–9p
			San Fernando Valley Temple	7p	4:30–10p
	26	Sun	San Fernando Valley Temple	6:30p	4:30–9p
July	2	Sat	<b>Senshin Temple</b>	<b>7p</b>	
	9	Sat	Oxnard Buddhist Temple	6p	1–8:30p
			Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	7p	3–10p
	10	Sun	Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	6:30p	3–9p
	16	Sat	Santa Barbara Buddhist Temple	4p	12noon–6p
			Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2–9p
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	3–9p
	17	Sun	Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2–8:30p
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	1–9p
	23	Sat	Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4–9p
			Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon–8p
	24	Sun	Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4–8:30p
			Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon–8p
	30	Sat	WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4–10p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	5:30p	1–9p
	31	Sun	WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	3–9p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	5:30p	1–9p
August	6	Sat	San Diego Buddhist Temple (at Balboa Park)	6:30p	5–8:30p
			Las Vegas	12:45p	11a–3:30p
	13	Sat	Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	3–10p
	14	Sun	Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	3–9p



洗心仏教会

2016年7月

6月感謝録:

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金川エルソ/ヒュイチェリア,ホムローズ,赤嶺ドン  
林田ニール/たえこ

お祝い: 山下タク89歳: 高島ウイルバー/アイリス  
孫ラルソンジェムス平山誕生: 平山きよめ

お礼: USC卒業式駐車: 匿名. 菅野みちこ

納骨堂: 高島アイリス,竹内よー,宮本デニス/マリリン

49日法要横田さなえ: 横田キャロル

追悼故田村ドロシ: 村上リチャード/まさこ,  
おたむらキャサリン,村上ユジーン/イレイン

追悼故竹本ちよ: 竹本リンエット

追悼故とかじまさお/かなえ: ロジャズベブ

追悼故竹内ブレント: 竹内よしこ

故和田かよこ1回忌: 和田ダグラス/ゲイル  
石谷ジャニス

故山田アリス3回忌: 駒井ニール/ジョアン

故吉田としこ3回忌: 佐伯エリク/ゆみ

故おさえキャロル7回忌: 岡崎ジェムス

故実藤つかさ: 実藤さとみ,ゆきこ,もところ  
ダナ、アン,平山きよめ,ブルース,ジェイン/キース

7月日程:

1日(金)	午後7時半	盆踊り練習
2日(土)	午後5時	初盆法要
	午後7時	洗心盆踊り
	午後9時	本堂お参り、千灯荘厳、おとき
	午後10時	豊楽緊那羅太鼓
3日(日)	休日	
7日(木)	午後7時半	理事会
10日(日)	午前8時半	婦人会例会
	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	祥月法要(7、8月)
	午前11時	英語勉強会、キッズクラブ
15日(金)	西心道場卒業式	
17日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	お盆一歓喜会 松林ジョージ名誉開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会、日曜学校 おとき
23日(土)	午後6時	映画の夕べ: 御用金
24日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	家族礼拝
	午前11時	英語勉強会、日曜学校
31日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	家族礼拝 小谷正雄名誉開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会、日曜学校

7月法要当番: 日曜学校

本堂当番: B.吉村,S.吉村,E.吉村,N.岩崎

内陣お花当番:2日:Q.山下/D.江畑,9日:P.森川/D.竹原,16日:J.駒井,K.メイグニュ,23日:J.平本/D.平本  
30日:J.南/J.中島

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富田みさを,赤堀テッド/とみ,西川エデイス, 紫垣ドリス,田中のぶこ, 久宗キャサリン,上野まつ,山口としこ

ソーシャルホールの改装工事が8月1日から着工します。8/28日は大掃除です。

夏休み、元気で楽しんでください。また9月にお会いしましょう。

映画“御用金”は1969年制作、五社英雄監督、仲代達矢主演。

マス先生によりますと初期の緊那羅グループが感銘を受けたそうです。

23日(土) 午後6時にソーシャルホールでポットラックディナーの後、7時から上映します。

床の間ギャラリー: 生命の輪

今月の床の間にはチベットの仏画を飾りました。この絵は、マス先生の娘さんのまゆみさんが、博士論文の研究でインドとネパールに調査に行かれた折、カトマンズで見つけられ、先生の70いくつかの誕生日にプレゼントされたのだそうです。

この絵はチベット仏画を意味するタンカ (TankaまたはTangka)に属し、バヴァカクラ、生命の輪、あるいはサムサラ (現世) の6つの状態と呼ばれます。

悪魔が4つの層のある大きな円を持っています。悪魔はヤマ(閻魔)と呼ばれ、地獄の王です。その円の最初の層に描かれている三匹の動物は、三毒の煩惱: 欲望(鳥)、怒り(蛇)、無知(豚)を示します。2番目にはカルマ(業)の行いが示しており、一つは上方へ、もう一つは下方に向かいます。3番目の層はサムサラ (現世) の6つの状態: 地獄、餓鬼、畜生、人間、阿修羅そして天国を示します。4番目は仏教の基本的な教えの一つである、苦悩の原因または存在を説明する12因縁を説明しています。

古本開教使  
訳松林和夫



Arizona Obon Travelers at Gila River  
More photos and report in August Prajna





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Senshin Obon</i>  <b>5p</b> Senshinji <i>Hatsubon</i> Service <b>7p</b> Senshinji <i>Obon Odori</i> <b>9p</b> <i>Omairi</i> in <i>Hondo</i> , <i>Sento Shogon</i> (1,000 oil lamps) / <i>Otoki</i> <b>10p</b> <i>Horaku</i> : Kinnara Taiko
<b>3</b> <i>No Services</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
			<b>7:30p</b> Kinnara Gagaku	<b>7:30p</b> Temple Bd Mtg <b>8p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>9:30a</b> Japanese Study Class <b>10a</b> Monthly Memorial Service: <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> (July/August) <b>11a</b> Study Class / Kids' Club			<b>7:30p</b> Kinnara Bugaku	<b>8p</b> Kinnara Taiko	Saishin Dojo Culmination	
<b>17</b> <i>Obon Kangi-e Service</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Farewell to the Social Hall</i>
<b>9:30a</b> Japanese Study Class <b>10a</b> <i>Obon Kangi-e Service</i> : Rev. George Matsubayashi BCA Minister Emeritus <b>11a</b> Study Class / Dharma School <b>12noon</b> <i>Otoki</i> by BWA	<b>7:30p</b> <i>Zadankai</i>	<b>9:30a</b> Exercise Class	<b>7:30p</b> Kinnara Gagaku	<b>9:30a</b> Exercise Class <b>8p</b> Kinnara Taiko		<b>6p</b> <i>Movie Night</i> Potluck Dinner followed by screening of <i>Goyokin</i>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>8:30a</b> BWA <i>Reikai</i> <b>9:30a</b> Japanese Study Class <b>10a</b> Family Service <b>11a</b> Study Class / Dharma School <b>12noon</b> Book Group Meeting	<b>Jr. YBA</b> <b>Japan Trip</b> July 25 thru August 4	<b>9:30a</b> Exercise Class	<b>7:30p</b> Kinnara Bugaku	<b>9:30a</b> Exercise Class <b>8p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>31</b>	<b>JULY TOBAN</b> <b>Sunday Service</b> Dharma School <b>Hondo Toban</b> Brett Yoshimura, Susan Yoshimura, Evelyn Yoshimura, Naomi Iwasaki		<b>JULY Onajin Flower Toban</b> <b>July 2</b> Qris Yamashita / Donna Ebata <b>July 9</b> Paige Morikawa / Denise Takehara <b>July 16</b> JoAnn Komai / Kate Meigneux <b>July 23</b> John Hiramoto / Deb Hiramoto <b>July 30</b> Jean Minami / Jean Nakashima		<b>UPCOMING IN AUGUST 2016</b> <b>August 1</b> Social Hall Remodeling begins <b>August 28</b> Temple Clean-up	
<b>9:30a</b> Japanese Study Class <b>10a</b> Family Service: Rev. Masao Kodani BCA Minister Emeritus <b>11a</b> Study Class / Kids' Club						

*All classes subject to change without notice.*

*Please call a group member to confirm meeting/rehearsal.*