

A tall, narrow, grey stone tower with a white triangular top. It is inscribed with the Japanese characters "慰霊塔" (Ireito) in black. The tower stands in a desert landscape with snow-capped mountains in the background.

慰霊塔

Manzanar, a Beautiful Place Filled with Sand

On Saturday April 28, I attended the 49th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage to conduct a memorial service in front of the *ireito* (tower to console the spirit). As I was chanting sutra, about a hundred attendees gathered to *oshoko* (burn incense) and bow to the *ireito*.

As I was getting ready to leave my house that morning, my eight-year-old son, Goh, said he wanted to go with me to the pilgrimage. He did not know about the history of relocation camps so he probably thought I was going camping.

During the long drive, I practiced chanting sutra and Goh enjoyed reading *manga* comics. After an hour and a half, Goh had read all the *manga* comics that he brought. He had nothing to do but to listen to my chanting. As he looked out, he noticed we were driving through the desert and it was very windy. He

asked, “Why are we driving through such a strange area?” I explained, “Because some of our temple members and their families and friends were sent to Manzanar camp when Japan and America were at war many decades ago. About 150 people passed away in camp during that time. I am going to

road to Manzanar and saw the same sand and felt the same strong wind. I somehow felt like I could understand their feelings.

We often say *Shikatanagai*, which means, “There is no way to avoid this situation,” or “It cannot be helped.” I think the *Issei* and *Nisei* must have said *Shikatanagai* often. When they were sent to Manzanar, they said, “*Shikatanagai*.” Some people may think this word is negative and discourages people to face difficult issues. But others think this word has a positive side. By saying this word, they are encouraged to accept the situation and to move forward. Many Buddhists prefer this meaning of *Shikatanagai*.

On the backside of the *ireito*, the word Manzanar is engraved in *kanji*. I do not know who chose the *kanji* Manzanar, but I found *Shikatanagai* spirit in the *kanji*. In *kanji*, Manzanar is written “満砂那.” It means “the beautiful place filled with sand.”

Manzanar means an apple orchard in Spanish, but in *kanji*, there is no meaning of apple.

満(*man*) means filled with, 砂(*za*) means sand, and 那(*na*) means beautiful place. Manzanar is in the desert, so it is filled with sand. The people in the camp chose the *kanji* 那(*na*) which means a beautiful place.

We can presume that Manzanar was a harsh place to live. It is not beautiful. But they could not change the environment of Manzanar nor could they change their nationality. It was *Shikatanagai*. So, by accepting their situation and by thinking Manzanar is a beautiful place, they made an effort to make the best of life in camp.

When I saw the *kanji* Manzanar, I

recalled the lyrics of *Seiya*:

More than the grains of sands on the banks of the river Ganges are the number of Buddhas who say they will protect me day and night. Hearing this, my heart is made quiescent.

If they thought each grain of sand of Manzanar was the Buddha who protected them, they could see the sands differently. If the camp is filled with Buddhas, it can be a beautiful place.

Shinran Shonin wrote a *wasan*



(Japanese hymn):

When we say Namu-amida-butsu, the countless Buddhas throughout the ten quarters, surrounding us a hundredfold, a thousandfold, rejoice in and protect us. (CWS p.355)

The *nembutsu* followers in Manzanar recited the *nembutsu* and remembered this *wasan*, imagining the grains of sand are the Buddhas who guide them and protect them. I do not know who put *kanji* to Manzanar but I think the *kanji* are very meaningful from a Buddhistic view.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

「満砂那」砂の満つる美しいところ 古本竜太

4月28日にマンザナーに行って来ました。第49回マンザナー日系人収容所ピルグリメッジツアーで法要をつとめるためです。このツアーにはロサンゼルス仏教連合に加盟している寺院が毎年順番に行くことになっていて、今年が洗心の順番だったのです。

マンザナーには4時間ほどのドライブで、「人里離れた辺鄙なところに収容所をたてたのだな」と思いました。私はアリゾナにいた時にヒラの収容所を訪れたことがあります。マンザナーも砂漠の中にあり、街からだいぶ離れていて、雰囲気似ていると思いました。マンザナーは風が強く吹くので、収容所のバラックの中に砂が入って来て困ったと聞いたことがあります。キャンプでの生活は大変だったでしょう。「キャンプに行くのに家を売らないといけなかっただろうし、二世の人はアメリカ人なのにもかかわらず敵性外国人と見なされて嫌な思いをされただろうな。」と75年前に私が今ドライブしているのと同じ道を通してキャンプに行かれた1世や2世の気持ちを考えました。

マンザナーに着くと数百名の人々が屋から始まったピルグリメッジのイベントに参加していました。マンザナーの慰霊塔の前で法要のための準備をしていると、数名の方が慰霊塔の字の意味は何か?と問われたので、英語で意味を伝えました。慰霊塔の文字はガーデナ仏教会におられた永富先生が三日三晩を費やして書かれたものだそうで、味わい深い書です。そして慰霊塔の裏側にはマンザナーの日本人が1943年8月にこの塔を建立した、と刻まれてあります。

そこにはマンザナーはカタカナでなく、漢字を当てて「満砂那」としてありました。マンザナーはスペイン語でリンゴの果樹園の意味ですが、漢字にはリンゴを連想させるような文字は使われていません。砂漠であることを表現して、「満砂」砂が満つる、と当て字をされています。そして、「那」の字を選ばれたことが、面白いと思いました。

「那」には美しいところ、という意味があるそうで、「砂が満つる美しいところ」とキャンプを表現したことは、仏教徒の人生の苦を受け入れて、明るく生きて行く姿勢に通ずるものがあります。それには、キャ

ンプに収容された状況を受け入れて、できるだけ楽しく生活しようとする気持ちを感じられます。

私はまた、仏教賛歌「聖夜」の歌詞を思い出しました。「ガンジス河のまさごよりあまたおわする仏たち 夜昼つねにまもらすと 聞くになごめるわが心」

砂の一粒一粒が仏様だと思ったら、キャンプも美しいところだと思えるようになるかもしれません。

親鸞聖人は浄土和讃で「南無阿弥陀仏をとふれば 十方無量の諸仏は百重千重圍繞して よろこびまもりたまふなり」

と詠まれ、念仏者はどこにいてどのような状況におかれても、無数におられる仏様や無量の仏法のはたらきによって強く明るく生きていけると示唆されておられます。

1世や2世の先輩方も聖人のご和讃や聖夜の一節を唱えたことでしょう。マンザナーを美しいところと表現されたのは大変意義深いように思えました。

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial Service JUNE

Sunday, June 3, 2018 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, Ted	Sister	Kawaye, Kathryn
Castellon, Josyel	Grandmother-in-law	Takahashi, Misuko
Enami, Mariko	Mother	Kuramoto, Tsutayo
Enami, Mariko	Husband	Enami, Frank
Hisamune, Catherine	Mother	Fujita, Shizuye
Ikegami, Sumiko	Mother	Shigaki, Suzu
Imamura, Kikuye	Father	Yoshimura, Arakichi
Isomoto, Kiyoko	Friend	Furutani, Yasuko Jean
Kitayama, Glen	Grandfather	Kitayama, Eizaburo
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandfather	Yamada, Shigenosuke
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Father	Yamada, Masao
Matsuda, Misao	Stepmother-in-law	Nishimoto, Rise
Matsumura, Henry	Uncle	Yamaguchi, Tetsuro
Minami, Jean	Mother-in-law	Minami, Suma
Murakami, Eugene	Grandfather	Murakami, Shinkichi
Murakami, Hisako	Father	Takahashi, Hirokichi
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Mother	Nakawatase, Toku
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Brother	Nakawatase, Toshinobu
Nakawatase, Yasuko	Mother	Kuramura, Kikue
Nishida, Kikuko	Father	Yamaguchi, Kinai
Nishida, Russell	Grandfather	Yamaguchi, Kinai
Nishikawa, Edith	Mother	Yoshida, Isayo
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Father	Sanada, Yukimasa
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Grandfather	Yamamoto, Eijiro
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Sibling	Baby Sanada
Phuntshog, Gedun	Mother-in-law	Takahashi, Misuko
Rogers, Beverly	Mother	Nishi, Chitose
Rogers, Beverly	Father	Nishi, Soichiro
Sato, Terry	Mother	Kishaba, Fusa
Sugita, Hideo	Father	Sugita, Yoshiaki
Takahashi, Elaine	Mother	Takahashi, Misuko
Takahashi, Sumiji	Grandmother	Takahashi, Misuko
Takahashi, Zen	Great-Grandmother	Takahashi, Misuko
Takashima, Wilbur	Great-Grandmother	Sato, Mika
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandmother	Taniguchi, Hisayo
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Kiyoshi
Takemoto, Jon	Grandmother	Takemoto, Kanayo
Takemoto, Kazumi	Mother-in-law	Takemoto, Kanayo
Takeuchi, Yo	Son	Takeuchi, Alan
Terakawa, Alan	Aunt	Matsumune, Hisayo
Terakawa, Alan	Mother	Terakawa, Yoshiko
Uyeno, Matsuko	Sister	Nakamura, Agnes
Watanabe, Marsha	Father	Imai, Akio
Yamaguchi, Toshiko	Father-in-law	Yamaguchi, Kinai
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Mother-in-law	Yoneda, Tsugi

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

In order to express our appreciation at *Obon*, we are called to a gathering to dance, however embarrassed or however boastfully so that in the meditation of dancing, we can momentarily forget the self. It is at that moment that we suddenly remember our indebtedness to others and truly dance joyfully. Happiness is the ego getting its way, joy is being free of ego.

Senshin has always begun the *Obon* dances with *Awa Odori*, the Dance of Fools. Within the song is the famous line, "*Odoru aho ni miru aho, Onaji aho nara odoranya son son.*" – "A dancing fool and a watching fool, since they are both fools, what a waste not to dance." To truly dance *Bon Odori* is to be truly connected. It must be done without a calculating mind, without a mind needing to always be in control. It is "just dancing" in its purest form—without guile, without pretense, without embarrassment, without ego asserting itself in any direction.

We invite you to connect with each other and all things living and dead in this Gathering of Joy. After the dancing, you are invited to *Oshoko* in the *Hondo* and light one or more of the 1,000 oil lamps in the courtyard made by Senshin member, the late Mr. Leo Sugano. You are invited to light an oil lamp in memory of a loved one, one you are indebted to, a friend and enemy alike. Following the lighting of the memorial lamps will be *otoki* of cold noodles and a *Horaku* presentation by the Kinnara Taiko, and others.

Hatsubon service will be held from 4:30pm. *Hatsubon* means the first *obon* service in memory of the deceased family member. Invitation letters will be sent to families that lost family members between June 2017 to May 2018.

Senshin Hatsubon & Bon Odori

Saturday, June 30, 2018

- 4:30pm *Hatsubon* Service
Rev. Ryuta Furumoto &
Rev. Kakuryu Kodani
初盆法要—古本竜太開教使、
小谷寛龍名誉開教使
- 5:30pm *Otoki* for *Hatsubon* Families
- 7-9pm *Bon Odori*
- 8:30pm Raffle Drawing
- 9:00pm *Hondo Omairi Sento Shogon*
(1000 memorial lamps)
Otoki
本堂お参り、千燈荘厳、お齋
- 10pm *Horaku*: Kinnara Taiko and others
法楽、緊那羅太鼓



APRIL 2018 DONATIONS

4/8/2018	David & Judy Kanagawa, Celia & Dennis Huey	In memory of Elso Kanagawa
	Matsuko Uyen	In memory of Elso Kanagawa
	Jean Minami	In memory of Elso Kanagawa
	Keiko Kono	In memory of Elso Kanagawa
	Keith Shimabukuro	Memorial Service, Shigeichi & Shikko Shimabukuro
	Dale Tamashiro	Memorial Service, Shigeichi & Shikko Shimabukuro
	Betty Shimabukuro	Memorial Service, Shigeichi & Shikko Shimabukuro
	Amy Asato	Memorial Service, Shigeichi & Shikko Shimabukuro
	Gilbert & Marilyn Leong	Memorial Service, Shigeichi & Shikko Shimabukuro
	Gilbert & Marilyn Leong, Keith Shimabukuro	Memorial Service, Shigeichi & Shikko Shimabukuro
	Doris & Al Shigaki	Memorial Service, Shigeichi Shimabukuro
	Doris & Al Shigaki	Memorial Service, Shikko Shimabukuro
	Janice & Andrew Shiozaki	Memorial Service, Shigeichi Shimabukuro
	Janice & Andrew Shiozaki	Memorial Service, Shikko Shimabukuro
	Dennis Taguchi	Memorial Service, Shigeichi Shimabukuro
	Edmond & Susan Young	Memorial Service, Shigeichi Shimabukuro
	Harry Higa	Memorial Service, Shigeichi Shimabukuro
	Harry Higa	Memorial Service, Shikko Shimabukuro
	A. Higa	Memorial Service, Shigeichi Shimabukuro
	Howard, Ann, Tyler Oshiro	Memorial Service, Shigeichi & Shikko Shimabukuro
	Kevin & Elizabeth Masushige	In memory of George Masushige
	Terry Masushige	In memory of George Masushige
	Judy Masushige	In memory of George Masushige
	Natsuko Masushige	In memory of George Masushige
	Mark Masushige	In memory of George Masushige
	Mizutani Family	In memory of Hana Unno
	Ikuko Matsubayashi	Orei
4/15/2018	Wallace Nakagawa	Dana
	Madalyne Adams	In memory of Takeo Yamada
	Lynn Oyanagi	Dana, for Prajna
4/22/2018	Matsuda Family	Orei, Ronnie Matsuda Funeral
	Paul Humphreys & Susan Crozier	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Sharon Hasegawa	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Joann Tahara	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Patricia Honkawa	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Donna Ebata	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Chikako Kojima	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Joe & Amy Yukawa	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda

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.

APRIL FLOWER DONATIONS

Anonymous
Marilyn Shimabukuro
Patti Honkawa
Jean Minami
Yoko Miyagawa
Lori Nishida
Edith Nishikawa
Ron Ohata
Motoko Saneto
Yo Takeuchi
Misao Tomita

MAY FLOWER DONATIONS

Ted & Julie Akahori
Andrew Chandler Estate
Anonymous
Anonymous
Miwako Hashimoto
Sumi Hayamizu
Yuri Nishisaka
Yoko Nishikawa
Patty Honkawa
Reiko Soday
Yo Takeuchi
Betty Yamashita

APRIL 2018 DONATIONS cont'd

4/22/2018	Ron, Fujie, Laura Ohata	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Janet Hasegawa	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Jean Minami	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Masao Kodani	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Saishin Dojo	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Kinnara Taiko-Gagaku	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Janice Nabara Huey & Victor Huey	Special Donation
	Asa & Bernice Wakinaka	Nokotsudo
	Lance Nagano	In memory of Mary M. Nagano
	Patricia Ito	Service, Sadame Iwasaki
4/26/2018	Ross Leong	Donation for help in Eagle Scout Projects
	Kenjun & Jeanne Kawawata	Donation
	Mark Skulstad	Donation, to Karate Club
	Madalyne Adams	In memory of Kijiro Kuwata
	Madalyne Adams	Nokotsudo
	Fred & Patty Yamano	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Prapancha Inc	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Matsuda Family	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda, to Karate Club
4/29/2018	Misao Matsuda	In memory of Ronnie Matsuda
	Kathy & Martin Umemoto	Orei, Ronnie's service
	Anonymous	Dana
	Ted & Julie Akahori	Buppo Expenses
	Don Akamine	
	Kenneth & Joji Iriye	
	Ruby Kiyohara	
	Michiko Masada	
	Richard & Yoko Miyagawa	Nokotsudo
	Frank Nakano	
	Roy & Terry Nakawatase	Higan
	Kikuko Nishida	Higan
	Russell & Lori Nishida	Higan
	Alfred Shigaki	
	Ellen Shimohara	Higan
	Yoko Elaine Takahashi & Gedon Phuntshog, Sumiji Takahashi,	
	Josyel Castellon & Zen Takahashi	
	Misao Tomita	Higan
	Toshiko Yamaguchi	

ONAIJIN & 75TH ANNIVERSARY FUND – APRIL

Kiyome Hirayama	In Memory of Art Hirayama & Kanaye Saneto
Satomi Saneto	In Memory of Kanaye Saneto

HANAMATSURI, APRIL 2018

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Geremie & Stacy Camara
Donna Ebata
James T. Harada
Kenneth Hatai
Sumiko Hayamizu
Bert & Dorothy Higa
Stephanie Higa
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Deb & John Hiramoto
Paul Hiramoto
Kiyome Hirayama
Catherine Hisamune
Patty Honkawa
Robert Hori
Edna Horiuchi
Kathy Ikari
Lily Inatomi
Kenny & Joji Iriye
Denise Ishitani
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Karen Ishizuka & Bob Nakamura
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Hidehiro & Kimiko Matsukawa
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HANAMATSURI, APRIL 2018 *con'd*

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SHOTSUKI HOYO: RECEIVED APRIL, 2018

Donor	In Memory of
Geremie & Stacy Camara	Hana Unno
L.T. Kanda & D.J. Gleeson	Paige Kiyoko Kathleen Gleeson
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Kiyome Hirayama	Dick Imamura
Kiyome Hirayama	Tsukasa Saneto
Jeanne Imamura	Dick Imamura
Sharon Koga	IMO Friends & Chickens
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Glenn & Kristine Kawaguchi	Tsukasa Saneto
Keiko Kono	Father, Komeichi Kono
Jean Minami	Kichitaro Minami
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Kikuko Nishida	Misa Yamaguchi
Lori & Russell Nishida	Joe Nishida & Misa Yamaguchi
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Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong	Shikko Shimabukuro
	Mother Kimi Shinoda
Ellen Shimohara	
Elaine Takahashi & Gedun Phuntshog	Komatsu Nakamura
Elaine Takahashi & Gedun Phuntshog	Yoshiharu Takahashi
Zen Takahashi	Great-Great-Grandmother, Komatsu Nakamura
Zen Takahashi	Great-Grandpa, Yoshiharu Takahashi
Sumiji & Josyel Takahashi	Komatsu Nakamura
Sumiji & Josyel Takahashi	Yoshiharu Takahashi
Takahashi Family	Komatsu Nakamura & Yoshiharu Takahashi
Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Yoshiko Takashima & SetsugoTaniguchi

HANAMATSURI, APRIL 2018 *con'd*

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BODHI TREE PROJECT DANA

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Patricia Honkawa
Satoshi Miyata
Miki Fujimoto
Iris & Wilbur Takashima
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Ron & Fujie Ohata
Kiyoko Yoneda
Jerry Ogawa
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Greg Yee
Sue Omori
Yuriko & Merrie Nishisaka

Bodhi Tree Project Update

Thanks to the hard work of the Jrs. and parents, the many people involved in planning, design, and support financial-ly from the Sangha, we are very close to completion of the project.

The relocation of the roof tiles, pouring new concrete, relocating the gate, installation of the breezeway lighting, painting of the stairs, installation of the bamboo fencing, design and installation of the plaque have been completed. We plan to have the seating platform and final details completed by mid-June.

The above improvements are quite costly, not to mention the man-hours the volunteers have contributed. It is not too late to make a contribution to this important temple project. Checks can be made out to SenshinJi WasabiKai, memo Bodhi Tree.



Senshin Vehicle Donation

This is a reminder that Senshin will take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a dona-tion 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.

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.

Updates

& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Chicken Teriyaki Thank you!

Thank you Everyone, who took the time to come out and help with the Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser on April 29th.

From all reports, the chicken came out very tasty with some saying it was the best ever! While I'd like to take all the credit for making it all happen, nothing of course could be further from the truth. It is because of contributions of members of the sangha that we are able to produce such a wonderful meal for all of us to enjoy.

This fundraiser is a big production. To those that cook the secret teriyaki sauce, to the guys that get up early in the morning to set up the steamers, to those that soak the chicken in teriyaki sauce, to those that sweat over the barbeque pit all day, to those who cook the beans and make the tsukemono, to those that plate the chickens, and finally, to Marilyn who

keeps track of all your orders, it is a big team effort!

So again, I'd like to thank all the members of the sangha that came out and made the day go very smoothly!

Hope to see you out there next year!

Gassho,
DOUG
AIHARA



Religious Committee

The Religious Committee welcomes anyone with an interest in providing religious themes or guidance for temple activities. If you would like to participate, please contact Neil Komai, nkomai49@gmail.com. *Gassho*.

New Class: Buppo & Lunch Wednesday June 13, at 10:30am with Rev. Tets Unno

Buppo means Buddha Dharma, or Buddha's teaching. This is a study class for people enjoying or not enjoying retirement life. The class takes place at 10am on the second Wednesday of each month. We will have a free talk on *Buppo* followed by discussion. After the class, we will eat lunch together. Even though you are not retired, you can come to the class. Registration is free but feel free to make donation to the temple.

B W A

Thank you all for supporting our Dessert, White Elephant and Craft Sale. Hope you enjoyed the desserts and found some great finds! We will be back again next Chicken Teriyaki!

Looking forward to serving *oden*, spam *musubi*, and *kyuri* on a stick at *Obon*.

We gratefully acknowledge the following *dana*:

Deborah Hiramoto: Special
Sumiko Hayamizu - General
Keith Sawada:

In memory of Neil Sawada

Marilyn Shimabukuro:

In memory of Fumi Shimabukuro

Iris Takashima: In memory of
Elso Kanagawa

Connie Matayoshi Nishiyama &
Gene Matayoshi: In memory of
Yoneko Matayoshi

Yoshiko Takeuchi: In memory of
Sharon Takeuchi

Misao Matsuda: In memory of
Ronnie Matsuda

Celia Huey Family & David

Kanagawa Family: In memory of
Elso Kanagawa

BWA meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 am. We welcome all ladies to join us.

A B A

The Temple Rummage Sale this year will be held on Saturday, August 4th from 8 am to noon. Further information will be in next month's *Prajna*.

We help with temple activities and have fun. Contact Russell Nishida at nishida257@cox.net

Jr Y B A

The Jrs. had an eventful month, chairing Sunday services and baking goods for the annual Bake Sale that raises funds for the So. District Jr. YBL Endowment Fund. Soon, the

temple chapters will vote on a worthy charitable organization to donate the funds to. Rounding out the month, the Jrs. along with other Jrs. across the region attended Seminar 2, the theme was "Mindful vs. Mind-full" at Camp Morning Star. It was an overnight seminar (reminiscent of a shortened version of LABCC), the Jrs. had a good time, meeting new people from other temples and participating in different activities such as small group workshops, basketball, scavenger hunting, and meditation day and night. After a day of fun, Jrs. enjoyed dinner and a dance party. On Sunday, all Jrs. attended temple service outside and then ended the morning with breakfast. It was a very fun weekend! Jrs. have another Bodhi Tree project workday planned and as well as the Parents' Day Breakfast.

If you are a high school student, and are interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Debbie Fukawa at deb-fukawa@gmail.com or Diane Yokoyama at hkyfan9@yahoo.com.

The Book Group

The Book Group attendees will read *Tannisho* from June 24. *Tannisho* (A Record in Lament of Divergences) is a *Jodo Shinshu* classic. This record of Shinran Shonin's words and teachings is easy to read, and each chapter is not

long, so it is often read as an introduction to *Jodo Shinshu* teaching. To deepen the understanding of Shinran Shonin's thought, several translations and the texts will be used at the class, such as "the Collected Works of Shinran," Dr. Rev. Taitetsu Unno's translation, and Japanese original text. Contact Rev. Furumoto for more details.



A picture album of the *Goinkyo Yaki-mono* class of 2018 is available to be viewed in the library. It is located on the coffee table and I encourage those who are interested in this class, which will only be offered once a year, to speak with Bob Miyamoto, Rev. Furumoto and Rev. Kodani.

The next *Raku/Tea* class will be held on Saturdays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, November 3, from 10am to 1pm. The class consists of a history of tea in Japan by Rev. Kodani, making tea bowls typically used in making *matcha* tea, and small plates for a sweet. The class will participate in the *raku* firing. Mark Sonday and Kaz Ota will teach the class. This will be the final class of the year. Sign up by email at 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com or (323) 791-2719.

Rev. Mas and I will be developing a new class on pottery and home *Ikebana*. This is not a traditional *Ikebana* class, but instruction on how to create a simple ceramic vase and arrangement for home or *tokonoma*. Stay tuned for updates.



Exercise Class / TBMM
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30–10:30a

Thinking Body, Moving Mind (TBMM) (TBMM) is a movement technique/ exercise class, held on every Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30am to 10:30am. The class is designed for senior adults, but all are welcomed.

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 information.

Karate Club
Wednesdays, 4:30pm

Senshin Karate Club is now gathering on Wednesdays from 4:30pm.

One of the mottos of the class is “no injury.” Seniors, Adults and Children all practice together and teach each other.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Rev. Furumoto at the temple.

Social Media

-  SenshinBuddhistTemple
-  @senshinji
-  @senshinji

Otoki Cookbooks

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

Senshin *Bon Odori* and Raffle

On Saturday, June 30, 2018, Senshin will hold its annual Raffle during *Bon Odori* intermission.

The *Obon* Raffle is one of our temple's major fundraisers. We will be sending out raffle tickets later this month and ask that if you are able to support the fundraiser by purchasing or selling tickets, please send back the ticket stubs and donation check so they are received by noon, June 30.

Tickets are \$3 each. We will also sell tickets during the first half of dancing that day. In addition to the cash prizes, many amazing non-cash prizes will be raffled! We are grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com.



SENSHINJI BON ODORI
SATURDAY JUNE 30, 2018

4:30p Hatsubon Service 7p BON ODORI Intermission: Raffle Drawing 9p Omairi in Hondo 10p Otoki Horaku: Kinnara Taiko

Sento Shogon 1,000 oil lamps

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BON ODORI TOBAN

OBON is almost here!!! Volunteers needed!
Bon Odori, June 30, 2018, Saturday

We ask for your help and participation in this Temple event. The temple organizations and entire Sangha coordinate the different aspects of *Obon*, but need your help to make this night successful. No experience is required, only a willingness to help and enjoy yourself. All are welcome. Please call or email Chikako Kojima, ABA, (310) 749-4964, chikak@att.net; or Ron Ohata, ABA, (703) 887-9570; Lb2va@aol.com

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

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Let's all come out on Saturday, June 30, 2018, dancing, having fun, and being part of our Sangha. Please circle one or more areas you are able to help during the approximate time schedule listed below and leave in Obon mailbox, or call or email and leave your message. Please include your name, phone number and email.

Prep: 8am to 3pm
During Dancing, 5pm–9pm: Help in booths, with dancing
After Dancing, 9pm–10pm: 1,000 Lights, Somen, Taiko

- 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 back parking lot and help prepare to 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 take apart and put away *Yagura*, Chairs, Lanterns, Lights, and Booths.
 2. Close Up the Temple

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

2018 Southern District *Bon Odori* Schedule

	DATE	DAY	TEMPLE	ODORI	BAZAAR
June	9	Sat	Arizona Buddhist Temple	6:45p	5–9p
	16	Sat	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	7p	5–10p
	17	Sun	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	6:30p	5–9p
	23	Sat	West Covina Buddhist Temple	7p	1–9p
			San Fernando Valley Temple	7p	4:30–10p
	24	Sun	San Fernando Valley Temple	6:30p	4:30–9p
	30	Sat	Senshin Temple	7p	5–10p
July	7	Sat	Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	7p	2–10p
	8	Sun	Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	6:30p	2–8:30p
	14	Sat	Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2–9p
			Oxnard Buddhist	6p	1–8:30p
	15	Sun	Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2–8:30p
	21	Sat	Santa Barbara Buddhist Temple	4p	12–5p
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	3–9p
			Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4–9p
	22	Sun	Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4–8:30p
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	3–9p
August	28	Sat	Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon–8p
			WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4–10p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	6:30p	1–9p
	29	Sun	Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon–8p
			WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	3–9p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	6:30p	1–9p
	4	Sat	San Diego Buddhist Temple	6:30p	10a–9p
			Las Vegas	12:45p	11a–3:30p
	11	Sat	Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	3–10p
	12	Sun	Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	3–9p



Senshin-ji Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 12th
Location: Kenneth Hahn Park
4100 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90056

★ **Burke Roche Point**
Follow road to the top of the hill.
\$6.00 per car entrance fee.
Limited parking at Burke Roche Point.
There is plenty of parking along the road
that leads up to the picnic area.
There are restrooms at the picnic site.

Picnic Starts 10:00 AM
Service 10:30 AM
Potluck Lunch 11:00 AM
Games 12:30 PM
Picnic Ends 3:00 PM

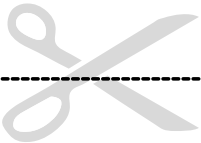
POTLUCK ASSIGNMENTS

Last names starting with:

A through K..... Main Dish & Rice
L through O..... Salad & Dessert
P through Z..... Main Dish & Vegetable

Senshin Temple will provide EZ Pop up tents, water, utensils, paper goods, Ice, coffee & tea.
No alcohol permitted.
NOTE: PLEASE BRING BEACH CHAIRS OR MATS, IF DESIRED.
Optional: change of clothing if you want to participate in the water games.

Questions: Contact Kelvin Nishikawa: 818-957-1704 - nambaone@sbcglobal.net



Names (s) _____ # of people _____

Age(s) of Child _____

Phone# _____ or email _____



Send completed form to Senshin Buddhist Temple
or place it in the temple mail slot that is labeled "Picnic".
1311 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 29TH.



洗心仏教会

2018年6月

5月感謝録:

寄付: W中川,K&J川端, Anon, 故S&S島袋追悼:K,B,島袋,D玉城,A安里,D田口,D&M.Leong
J.Nabara Huey,V.Huey, D&A紫垣,J&A塩崎,E&S.Young,比嘉,A比嘉,H,A&T大城
R松田葬儀お礼:K&M梅本,松田一家 故G益重追悼:K&E益重,J,N&M益重
P伊藤葬儀お礼:S岩崎 故R松田追悼:M松田,P.Humphreys,S.Crozier,Prapancha Inc
Prajna:L大柳 S長谷川,J田原,P本川,D江畑,C小島,J&A湯川,J長谷川
Eagle Scout Help:R.Leong Q山下,C駒井,J南,M小谷,F&P山野,K&I松林,西心道場,
Karate Club:M.Skulstad,松田一家 緊那羅太鼓/雅楽
お礼:I松林 納骨堂:A&B脇中,M.Adams,
故E金川追悼:M上野,J南,K甲野 故T山田&K桑田追悼:M.Adams
故M長野追悼:L長野 故H海野追悼:水谷一家

6月日程:

3日(日)	午前8時半 9時半 10時 11時 12時	婦人会例会 日本語法要 祥月法要 英語勉強会 日曜学校 お盆ミーティング
10日(日)	午前8時 午前9時半 午前10時 11時 12時	Jr. YBA親の日朝食会 日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会,キッズクラブ 理事会
13日(水)	午前10時	仏法&ランチ: 海野開教使
17日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会 日曜学校 映画、於:LALive"Pom Poko"
24日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 11時 12時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会 キッズクラブ 歎異抄勉強会
30日(土)	午後4時半 7時 9時 10時	初盆お参り 洗心寺盆踊り お参り(本堂)千燈荘厳 おとき 法楽,緊那羅/キッズ太鼓

6月法要当番:お寺

本堂当番:J.森,D.相原,D.ホコダ-江畑,Q.山下
内陣お花当番:2日:K.石塚,B.中村,9日:S.小田,F.大畑,16日:S.東司,J.入江,23日:R.堀,R.Kok,30日:Q.山下,D.江畑
4月供花:M富田,E西川,M島袋,P本川,J南,Y宮川,L西田,R大畑,S実藤,Y竹内,T&J赤堀,
A.Chandler Estate,M橋本,S速水,Y西坂,Y西川,R.Sunday,B山下,匿名
盆踊り練習:6月15日午後7,時半,6月17日午前11時、18日,20日,26日,28日午後7時半



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service (<i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i>) 11a Study Class / Dharma School 12noon <i>Obon</i> Meeting		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara <i>Gagaku</i>	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8a Jr. YBA Parents' Day Breakfast 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club / Kids' Taiko 12noon Temple Board Meeting		9:30a Exercise Class	10:30a <i>Buppo</i> & Lunch, Rev. Tetsuo Unno 7:30p Kinnara <i>Bugaku</i>	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko	7:30p <i>Bon Odori</i> practice	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a <i>Bon Odori</i> practice / Dharma School Movie outing at L.A Live, <i>Pom Poko</i>	7:30p <i>Bon Odori</i> practice June 18 thru July 13 <i>Saishin Dojo</i> Summer School Program	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	7:30p <i>Bon Odori</i> practice, Kinnara <i>Gagaku</i>	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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JUNE TOBAN

Sunday Service Temple

Hondo Toban John Mori, Doug Aihara,
Donna Hokoda-Ebata, Qris Yamashita

JUNE Onajjin Flower Toban

June 2 Karen Ishizuka, Bob Nakamura

June 9 Sachi Oda, Fujie Ohata

June 16 Suzanne Toji, Joji Iriye

June 23 Robert Hori, Richard Kok

June 30 Qris Yamashita, Donna Ebata

UPCOMING IN JULY 2018

July 15 *Obon Kangi-e* Service

All classes subject to change without notice.

Please call a group member to confirm meeting/rehearsal.