



The meaning of *Namo Amidabutsu* is, “I take refuge in Amida Buddha,” and traditional *Jodo Shinshu* teaching emphasizes recitation of the *nembutsu* to

Nembutsu and Gratitude

show gratitude to Amida Buddha who assures our birth in the Pure Land. “No matter what we do (even killing other beings), Amida accepts us as we are.”

This thought gives safeness and peacefulness to the followers and their *nembutsu* is recited as an expression of gratitude to Amida Buddha.

Rennyō Shōnin (15th century), the 8th head priest of Hongwanji emphasized the *nembutsu* as an expression of gratitude in records of his words and deeds.

Rennyō Shōnin saw a person who killed a bee after which he recited the *nembutsu*. He asked the person why he recited the *nembutsu* and what was he

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thinking as he recited the *nembutsu*. The person answered, “I felt pity for the bee, I felt so sorry for the bee while I was reciting the *nembutsu*.” Then Rennyō Shonin said, “That’s not bad, but remember, for the people entrusting themselves to Amida Buddha, *Nembutsu* is an expression of gratitude to Amida Buddha.”

Here, in the 21st century in the U.S., I experienced the same kind of situation as the person who killed the bee 500 years ago.

About seven years ago, I saw a mouse in my house. It was running so swiftly on the floor, I could not recognize what it was. I thought it was a tiny monster. It looked like a cockroach because of its dark color, small size and very fast. But it was furry so it was not a cockroach. “What was it?” I concluded it was a monster. My wife, Yoriyo, said it was a mouse. I had a good image of a mouse because I thought of Mickey Mouse. But Yoriyo told me that mice have diseases and if our children are bitten, they may die. My image of a mouse changed, I came to hate the mouse.

I went out to buy a mousetrap. The trap had glue on it and when the mouse steps on it, he will not be able to move. I set it under the sink and put a tiny piece of cheese next to it. I remember, as a child, I watched *Tom and Jerry* on TV and Jerry liked cheese. I waited to see if the trap worked. Thanks to the author of the *Tom and Jerry* cartoon, it worked very well.

But seeing the mouse in the trap, I felt very sorry for him. He was crying. I put an old t-shirt over the mouse and trap and, because I didn’t want to be bitten by the crying mouse, I used a tong to pick it up and throw it in the garbage can. I still felt sorry for the mouse. If I were the mouse, I wouldn’t want to be thrown in the garbage can. In order to justify myself, I thought, “Mice like smelly places so a garbage can is the ideal place for them to die.” Then, I recited the *nembutsu*. I don’t

know why, but I wanted to say it.

Rennyō Shonin said the *nembutsu* is to thank Amida, but he also said, “It is okay to recite the *nembutsu* with other thoughts and feelings such as feeling sorry for other beings.” He wanted to say that the power of the *nembutsu* would not change regardless of the state of our minds. Reciting the *nembutsu* with a sincere mind, reciting with distracting mind, reciting with no thought, reciting with joy and sadness...any *nembutsu* can be the *nembutsu* of gratitude to Amida Buddha.

Please recite the *nembutsu* at anytime and anywhere.
Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

蜂を殺した時の念仏 古本龍太

1499年5月14日は蓮如上人が往生された日、なのですが、そのことはあまり覚えていません。なぜかというと、5月21日(1173年)が親鸞聖人の誕生された日で、各お寺では降誕会の法要をするので、みんな蓮如上人のことを忘れてしまうためではないかと思います。

親鸞聖人は御開山ですから往生された日の1月16日には報恩講が各お寺でおつとめされます。けれども、中興の祖と仰がれる蓮如上人の誕生や往生を記念した法要は一般寺院ではほとんどお勤めされることはありません。蓮如上人がおられなかったら、浄土真宗の教えはあまり日本に広まることはなく、そうなるとBCAのお寺もなかったことでしょう。

なのに、降誕会が近づくと、法要や初参りの準備に頭がいっぱいになり、ついつい蓮如上人が亡くなられた日を忘れてしまうのです。私も5月か6月のメッセージは何か蓮如上人について書こうと思っていたのですが、先月号、先々月号と、ついつい別のメッセージを書いてしまいましたので、今月こそは蓮如上人に関係することを書いて見たいと思います。

蓮如上人には「蓮如上人御一代記聞書」という言行録が残っていて、上人がどのようなことを話されたのかを知ることができます。その中の一つに蜂を殺した人の話があります。

「蓮如上人がご存命のころ、山科本願寺の南殿であつたでしょうか、ある人が蜂を殺してしまって、思わず念仏を称えました。そのとき、上人が、“あなたは今どんな思いで念仏を称えたのか”と、お尋ねになったところ、その人は、“かわいそうなことだと、ただそれだけ思って称えました”と答えました。すると上人は、“信心をいただいた上は、どのようであっても、念仏を称えるのは仏恩報謝の意味であると思いなさい。信心をいただいた上での念仏は、すべて仏恩報謝になるのである”と仰せになりました」と、このようなことを伝えた人がいました。

この話では、どのような念仏でも、最終的には仏様への感謝の念仏にな

るようにしなさい、と教えてくださっています。私たちの日常生活でも他の生き物を殺してしまうことがあります。仏教の見方で、虫も人間も命は平等だのようにしばしば習いますが、生活の中では、小さな虫や害虫、害獣などは躊躇せず殺してしまっているのではないのでしょうか？

けれども、仏教の教えを聞くものは、他の命を奪ってしまうことを、「悪いな、申し訳ないな。」とも思えるようになってくるものです。そういうこともあって、蜂を殺した人は「かわいそうなことだ」と思って、念仏されたのでしょうか。かくいう私も蜂を殺したこともありますし、ネズミを罠にかけて殺したこともあります。そういう時に、「ごめんなさい。南無阿弥陀仏」と言いますが、その念仏は何なのでしょう？

他の命を奪って生きるのは罪深い生き方です。けれども他の命を奪わずには誰も生きていくことができません。そういった生活から抜けることができない姿を「罪惡深重」と言います。けれども、そういう自己中心性の姿を哀れに思われたのが阿弥陀さまで、阿弥陀さまはそういう者をこそ必ず往生させ、仏にさせる、と願いをかけてくださっているのです。自己中心の者は、本当は往生も成仏もできないのですが、それをほっておくことができない、というのが阿弥陀様のお慈悲なのです。そのお慈悲を思い、感謝の念仏をするというのが理想的な念仏ですが、我々はそんなに素晴らしくないので、ついつい別のことを考えて念仏することがあります。けれども、蓮如上人は、「それでもいいけど、何はともあれ、念仏は仏様への感謝だと思いなさいよ。」とお示しくくださっています。

南無阿弥陀仏

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Monthly Memorial Service JULY

Sunday, July 8, 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	Brother-in-law	Uyetake, Keiso
Akahori, Ted	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
Huey, Celia	Grandmother	Kanagawa, Mitsuru
Imamura, Kikuye	Mother	Yoshimura, Hisa
Ito, Maryann	Father	Ito, Tokuo
Kitano, Gerald	Father	Kitano, Melvin
Kitano, Jane	Mother	Otamura, Sumiko
Kojima, Chikako	Daughter	Kojima, Noreen
Kok, Richard	Mother	Toh, Siew Yoke
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, Eugene	Father	Murakami, Kazuo
Nagano, Lance	Wife	Nagano, Julia
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
Yokoyama, Arlene	Mother	Yamada, Thelma
Yoshimura, Brett/Susan	Grandfather	Yoshimura, Dan
Yoshimura, Evelyn	Father	Yoshimura, Dan
Yoshimura, Evelyn	Stepmother	Yoshimura, Kay

Monthly Memorial Service AUGUST

Sunday, July 8, 2018 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Father-in-law	Uyetake, Senichi
Domoto, Lily	Father-in-law	Domoto, Eiichi
Domoto, Lily	Cousin-in-law	Domoto, Tsutomu
Ebata, Donna	Mother-in-law	Ebata, Emiko
Gleeson, David	Father-in-law	Kanda, Mamoru
Gleeson, Emery	Grandfather	Kanda, Mamoru
Gleeson, Montgomery	Grandfather	Kanda, Mamoru
Gleeson, Paiton	Grandfather	Kanda, Mamoru
Higa, Dorothy	Father	Kuwaki, Masao
Ishizuka, Karen	Brother	Ishizuka, Tadao Kirk
Isomoto, Glen	Grandmother	Isomoto, Sakuyo
Isomoto, Glen	Grandfather	Isomoto, Ikusuke
Isomoto, Kiyoko	Father	Kurokawa, Kiyoshi
Kanda, Lynn	Father	Kanda, Mamoru
Kanda, Susan Kiyoko	Husband	Kanda, Mamoru
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
Kojima, Chikako	Aunt	Kojima, Bonnie
Kuwata, Tom	Grandmother	Kuwata, Kogiku
Marubayashi, Roy	Mother	Marubayashi, Setsuko
Matsumura, Henry	Grandfather	Matsumura, Kunishiro
Matsumura, Henry	Uncle	Matsumura, Kuniyoshi
Minami, Jean	Father	Yokomi, Itsuto
Mori, Johnny	Grandmother	Ishigaki, Tane
Murakami, Eugene	Grandfather	Inouye, Kenso
Murakami, Eugene	Grandmother	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
Shirasago, Paula	Father	Shimada, Saburo
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Mitsuo
Tanaka, Lillian	Father	Shiosaki, Rodney
Tanezaki, Barbara	Mother	Kakita, Hisako
Toji, Suzanne	Husband	Toji, Bob
Torio, Taye	Father	Sugimoto, Heiji
Toyama, John	Brother	Toyama, George
Wakinaka, Bernice	Sister	Yamada, Chiyoye
Yamashita, Betty	Mother	Takahashi, Nancy



KANGI-E OBON SERVICE, SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

We are going to hold our *Kangi-e Obon* Service on Sunday, July 15, 2018.

The guest speaker will be **Rev. Peter Hata**, Higashi Honganji. The BWA will serve the *Otoki* lunch following the service. We used to hold the *Obon* service on Sunday, the day after the *Obon* dance; however, considering the physical condition of our members, we decided to move the date of the *Kangi-e Obon* service to another Sunday in July so that we are able to listen to the Dharma message in good physical condition. We encourage everyone to not only come to the *Obon* dance but also attend the *Obon* service.

- 9:30a: Japanese Class
- 10a: *Kangi-e Obon* Service
- 11a: Study Class and Dharma School
- 12noon: *Otoki* by BWA

お盆法要のご案内

7月15日(日)に歓喜会(お盆法要)がお勤めされます。ゲストスピーカーは東本願寺の幡・ピーター開教使です。法要後は婦人会によるお斎の接待があります。

- 9時半、日本語の集い
- 10時、歓喜会、祥月法要
- 11時、英語スタディクラス、ダルマスクール
- 12時、おとし

皆様、お誘いあわせのうえ、お参りください。



MAY 2018 DONATIONS		
5/6/2018	Michiko Sugano Koko Doami WasabiKai Kakuyei & Tamiko Tada	<i>Dana</i> In memory of Elso Kanagawa <i>Orei</i> <i>Prajna</i> donation
5/9/2018	BWA	White Elephant Sale
5/12/2018	Janis Ishitani	In memory of Kayoko Wada
5/20/2018	Ted & Julie Akahori Gene Iwamoto	1st year cycle, Betty Akahori In memory of Mamoru Kanda, graduation of Paiton Gleeson
5/27/2018	Deborah & John Hiramoto Masao Kodani Masao Kodani Young-Ae Park	<i>Hatsumairi</i> , Granddaughter <i>Nokotsudo</i> Donation Expense for storage space

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		JUNE BODHI TREE CONTRIBUTIONS
Ted & Julie Akahori	Misao Tomita	Bruce Hirayama
Catherine Hisamune	Yukie Ushirogata	Sumi Hayamizu
Kiyoko Isomoto	Kiyo Yoneda	
Jean Minami		
Edith Nishikawa		
Yuri Nishisaka		
Yo Takeuchi		

MEMBERSHIP SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Senshin membership dues for 2018, 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 2018 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*		
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* Required if claiming Senior Membership Category			
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): \$420
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$220
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (80 years+ without BCA membership): Complimentary**
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (80 years+ with BCA membership): \$145**
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Senshin only:

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

Bodhi Tree Project Update

It’s hard to write about events that haven’t happened...I’m writing this in early June, but the Bodhi Tree Project has come to fruition. A vision, a plan...of sorts...but with the support of the Sangha and individuals who had a vision and the will to make it happen, we have a new space which we can enjoy for many years.

A shout out to Ron Ohata, who had the vision to expand the hardscape to make it one with the existing. To Kate Meigneux, whose design concept gave us a vision to work towards. To the Juniors, along with their parents, who provided the much needed labor and enthusiasm to push the project ahead. To Neil Komai, for his persistence to do whatever needed to be done. To Russell Nishida, who has contributed to so many temple projects, this time building a seating platform which many will enjoy for years to come. To Nobuko Miyamoto, for providing her magical music. To Rev. Mas, for pro-

viding the narrative of the significance of the Bodhi Tree. To Rev. Furumoto, who lent his support and encouragement. To the Sangha, who without their support this project would not be possible.



Prajna Paperless Program

We are taking a survey of our *Prajna* readers to see if we can reduce the cost of mailing hard copies of the monthly newsletter and encourage you to read the *Prajna* by e-mail.

Each month, about 430 copies of the *Prajna* are mailed out to members and friends. The printing of the *Prajna* is not only time-consuming but uses an average of 1,500 sheets of 11x17 computer paper in addition to toner and the wear and tear on the printer. After the 430 copies are printed, they require collating, folding and inserting into pre-labeled envelopes before taken to the post office for mailing. All of this is done by the mailing crew of volunteers.

Considering the labor of the *Prajna* mailing crew, we would like to encourage our readers to receive their *Prajna* via e-mail. If enough of our members would agree to go this route and remove their names from the *Prajna* mailing list, this

would help immensely. Our goal is to reduce our mailing list down to 100. These are some of the benefits to making the change from receiving a hard copy of the *Prajna* by mail to reading the *Prajna* by e-mail:

1. The photos in the *Prajna* online are in color, whereas the mailed *Prajna* are in black and white.
 2. You can share the *Prajna* easily between family and friends.
 3. You can read the *Prajna* wherever you are, at home or out of town.
 4. You are helping the environment by using less paper.
 5. You can use your own printer to print a hard copy.
 6. Most of all, you are helping our temple production and mail out crew of volunteers.
- Your participation in the survey will be very helpful to the *Prajna* crew. If you have any questions, please feel free to

Vehicle Donation

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.

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

Questions about the program, or if you wish to donate a vehicle, please contact Jean Minami (323) 938-0048, or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558.

Speak to Rev. Furumoto or e-mail senshintemple@gmail.com.

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..... I would like to participate in the program by receiving the *Prajna* by e-mail.

..... I would like to continue to receive the *Prajna* by mail.

Please drop off your response to the temple: 1311 W 37th St, LA 90007. Thank you.

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Note time change for *Obon Horaku*
Horaku, which means Dharma enjoyment, will start at 9:30pm on Saturday June 30th. Following the *Obon* dance, *omairi*, and lighting of the memorial lamps, Kinnara Taiko will give a performance in the Social Hall. Because the Weemes parking lot will close at 10:30pm, we are going to start the *Horaku* at 9:30pm.

SENSHINJI **BON ODORI**
SATURDAY JUNE 30, 2018

4:30p Hatsubon Service
7p BON ODORI
Intermission: Raffle Drawing
9p Omairi in Hondo
Sento Shogon 1,000 oil lamps
10p Otoki Horaku: Kinnara Taiko

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Religious Committee

Note: No Buppo & Lunch in July or in August.

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*.

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We gratefully acknowledge the following *dana*:
Michiko Sugano, in memory of Leo Sugano
Deborah Hiramoto, Granddaugh-

2018 Southern District *Bon Odori* Schedule

	DATE	DAY	TEMPLE	ODORI	BAZAAR
June	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
	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
August	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

ter's *Hatsumairi*
Kathie Umemoto, *orei* in memory
of Ronnie Matsuda
Have a wonderful, lazy summer!!!

ABA

On May 24, Senshin volunteers Hide Matsukawa, Satoshi Miyata and John Hiramoto were among many community volunteers who attended the annual 2018 *Kei Ai* Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This year marks Senshin's



2018 Hatsumairi Infants

At the *Hatsumairi* service in May, three babies were introduced and welcomed into Senshin's sangha: (pictured left to right)

Infant: Will Erick Shinjiro Johnson – February 16, 2018; Parents: Matt Johnson & Carrie Usui Johnson

Infant: Vivian Rose Calzadias – February 27, 2018; Parents: Ramon & Erica Calzadias

Infant: Eden Nobu Aihara – September 16, 2017; Parents: Garrett Aihara & Cindy Suzuki

oning. We appreciate it.

The next morning was Parents' Day Breakfast which I hope everyone in attendance enjoyed because all the Juniors worked hard to make it the best that it could be. Thanks everyone who came out. Year-round support from everybody means a lot to us, and that's what motivates us to give a little back by hosting the breakfast every year.

Moving on to later in the month, June 30th is *Obon* which is always a looked forward to event for everyone. We'll set up the 1,000 oil lamps so people can light them to remember loved ones. We'll also have the shave ice booth as usual.

Thank you to everyone who has donated or supported Jr. YBA. We appreciate everything you all do to support us. It really means a lot.

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

Facilities

The loose roof tile on the southwest corner of the Hondo roof has been repaired. Thank you to all those invisible

(and visible) bodies who continue to fix and keep things working at Senshin!

The Book Group

Next meeting: July 22. The Book Group attendees will continue reading *Tannisho*. *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 information.



We have completed our first *Raku*/Tea class of the year. This class will be offered again on Saturdays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, November 3, 10a-1p. The class consists of a history

of tea in Japan by Rev. Mas, followed by an instruction on how to form a tea bowl in a very traditional manner. The second class is more of the same with an addition of a small plate, which will be used to plate a sweet in the last class. The third class covers glazing and explanations of different effects possible using the *raku* technique. The fourth class is a hands-on exciting experience firing the pieces with immediate results. The final class covers tea as we know it as JA's...and we learn



how to prepare *matcha* tea. Rev. Mas provides the insights and Mark Sondag and Kaz Ota are the instructors.

This will be the final class of the year; they fill up fast so please sign up ASAP. Class fee is \$70 Senshin members, \$140 for friends of Senshin.

Questions? Bob Miyamoto (323) 791.2719 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.

Social Media

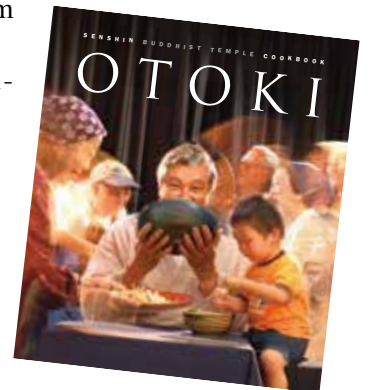
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Otoki Cookbooks

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.



Temple Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 4, 2018 • 8am–12noon

Donated items can be brought to Senshin starting Sunday, July 29. Please make sure that items are in working and saleable condition.

We cannot accept the following:

- any broken items
- undergarments
- mattresses
- soiled or damaged furniture

It would be a great help if the clothing are already sorted, ex. womens, mens, children. We welcome any help that day - in setting up, clean up, and with sales. Set up will be from 7am. ABA will be providing lunch for all the helpers. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Weemes Elementary School.

For any questions, contact any ABA member or John Hiramoto.



洗心仏教会

2018年7月

6月感謝録:

寄付:	M菅野,M小谷,Young-Ae Park	故E金川追悼:K.Doami
お礼:	わさび会	故K和田追悼:J石谷
	Prajna:K&T多田 故M神田追悼:G岩本	
	White Elephant Sale:BWA	故B赤堀一回忌:T&J赤堀
初参り:	D&J平本	納骨堂:M小谷
お祝:	P.Gleason卒業— G岩本	

7月日程:

1日(日)	休日	
8日(日)	午前 8時半	婦人会例会
	午前 9時半	日本語法要
	10時	祥月法要
	11時	英語勉強会, キックラブ
12時半	理事会	
13日(金)	西心道場卒業式	
15日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	お盆歓喜会
	11時	英語勉強会,日曜学校
	12時	おとし
15-19日	西心道場SLOキャンプ	
22日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	家族礼拝
	11時	英語勉強会, キッズクラブ
29日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	家族礼拝
	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:7日:L&K植村,14日:A&J横山,21日:B宮本,G.Wong,28日:S.Camara,T.松原
6月供花:E西川,J南,Y宮川,Y竹内,T&J赤堀,Y西坂,Y西川,C.久宗,K.磯元,Y.後潟,M富田
8月の予定:8/4ABAラメジセール, 8/12お寺ピクニック,8/26大掃除

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

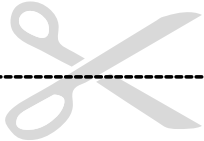
POTLUCK ASSIGNMENTS
Last names starting with:

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.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 No Services	2	3	4	5	6	7
		10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio		10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> (July/August) Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 11:30a <i>Obon Hanseikai</i> Meeting		10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko	<i>Saishin Dojo</i> Culmination	
15 <i>Obon Kangi-e</i> Service	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Obon Kangi-e</i> Service, Rev. Peter Hata (Higashi Honganji) 11a Study Class / Dharma School 12noon <i>Otoki</i> July 15 – 19 <i>Saishin Dojo</i> SLO Camp	7:30p <i>Zadankai</i>	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 12noon Book Group: <i>Tannisho</i> reading class		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>WasabiKai</i> Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
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JULY TOBAN

Sunday Service Dharma School
Hondo Toban Brett Yoshimura,
Susan Yoshimura, Evelyn Yoshimura,
Naomi Iwasaki

July Onaijin Flower Toban

July 7 Linda/Koichi Uyemurai
July 14 Arlene/Jana Yokoyama
July 21 Bob Miyamoto, Gayle Wong
July 28 Stacey Camara, Tammy Matsubara

Upcoming in August 2018

August 4 ABA Rummage Sale
August 12 Temple Picnic
August 26 Temple Clean-up

*All classes subject to change
without notice.
Please call a group member to
confirm meeting/rehearsal.*