



Greeting on visit to each temple

This is the message given by Gomonshu when he visited our temple, Friday September 6.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to pay homage together with you to Amida Buddha enshrined here at the Senshin Buddhist Temple. Overcoming many difficulties and hardships, your ancestors established many Buddhist temples to share the Dharma here in the United States of America. Reflecting on their patience and resilience, I feel deep respect and appreciation.

In 2023, four years from now, we will commemorate the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin’s birth and the following year 2024, will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu te aching. It is worth noting that the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin has been revered and passed on to us by our ancestors for 800 years. Today, those who cherish

his teaching are not limited to Japan and found across the world.

One important teaching in Jodo Shinshu is expressed in the phrase, *sesshu fusha*, which literally means to “grasp and never abandon.” In a poem composed by Shinran Shonin known as *Hymns of the Pure Land*, he writes:

Seeing the sentient beings of the nembutsu

Throughout the worlds, countless as particles, in the ten quarters,

The Buddha grasps and never abandons them,

And therefore is named “Amida.”

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30a BWA Reikai 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / Shotsuki Hōyō 11a Study Class / Kids' Club	2	3 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio	4 7:30p Kinmara Gagaku	5 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 7:30p Kinmara Taiko	6	7 6p Bodhi Day Movie Night and Potluck
8 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Bodhi Day Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School	9	10 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio	11	12 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio 7:30p Kinmara Taiko	13	14 7a Mochisuki
15 No Services 8a-12noon Osoji	16	17 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio	18 7:30p Kinmara Gagaku	19 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio	20	21
22 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Oseibo Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 12noon Boren Kai (Oseibo Luncheon)	23	24	25	26 Winter Dharma School 9:30a Exercise Class	27 Winter Dharma School	28
29 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service	30	31 5p Jyoya-ye - End of Year Service followed by potluck	Jan 1 10a Shusho-ye New Year Day Service	Jan 2	Jan 3 Sr. YBA Gathering, afternoon	Jan 4

DECEMBER TOBAN
Sunday Service B W A
Hondo Toban Don Akanine,
Dale Matsubara, Tammy Matsubara,
Koichi Uyemura

December Onajin Flower Toban
Dec 7 Arlene Yokoyama, Jana Yokoyama
Dec 14 Bob Miyamoto, Gayle Wong
Dec 21 Beverly Rogers, Vickie Wakinaka
Dec 28 Rev. Furumoto
Jan 4 Wendy Mori, Sue Omori

Upcoming in January 2020
Jan 1 Shusho-E - New Year Day Service
Jan 3 Sr. YBA Gathering, afternoon
Jan 9 Temple Board Meeting
Jan 13-16 Hoonko Study Class
Jan 18 Hoonko Seminar
Jan 19 Hoonko Service

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

Gomonshu message continues

Shinran Shonin adds explanatory notes to the phrase “grasps and never abandons them” and writes “*setsu*” means to pursue and grasp the one who seeks to run away.”

In addition, Sakyamuni Buddha taught that the fundamental cause of

our suffering is none other than our human desires. He explains that we suffer because we are inclined to be driven by our conveniences. In other words, we place judgment on things as good or bad depending upon whether they promote our selfish interests or not. Moreover, when human desires are limitless, and people excessively

assert their egocentricities to others, resentment deepens between groups of people, and this paves the way for future confrontation.

Responding to this, Amida Buddha chases after those who have their backs turned towards the truth. The Buddha continuously works to grasp and guide people to the world of truth.



Oseibo, and Kisha

We are going to hold the *Oseibo* service and luncheon on Sunday, December 22. The Japanese word *Oseibo* literally means “the end of the year”. “*O*” is an honorific prefix, “*sei*” means year, and “*bo*” means the end. However, in Japanese, the word “*Oseibo*” indicates “year-end gift.” In Japanese tradition, people send gifts to people to whom they feel grateful in order to express their gratitude during the year. They usually send gifts to their parents, grandparents, bosses,

business partners, customers, and teachers. So *Oseibo*, is in some way close to the concept of Thanksgiving and Christmas in the U.S. People give gifts to show their appreciation to others for their support, guidance, and kindness.

December is a good time to give, whether it is for Christmas, *Oseibo* or for a tax deduction.

If we give, we will be happy. We will have some freedom. It is said that when we send a gift, a so-called “happy hormone” is produced in our brain and we feel peaceful and less stress.

This is the reason a lot of Americans look happy in December. Not only the people who receive the gifts look happy, but people who give gifts also get the feeling of well-being.

We think that the more we have, the more freedom and happiness we have. If we have more than others, we feel superior to others. But Buddhism thinks differently. By owning, we are bound by them and lose freedom. It is true. Many of us are bound by a mortgage, car loan, maintenance fees, and troubles by owning.

In Shakyamuni Buddha’s order, monks and nuns only own their robes and a bowl for alms. Their lifestyle is

to have the minimum so that they can get maximum freedom. In Buddhism, the less you have, the more you will be respected.

However, it is difficult for laypeople to have the minimum like monks and nuns, so Shakyamuni Buddha also taught a way for lay followers to live with less attachments. It is giving. Giving brings us freedom and happiness. By giving, we are free from the bondage of our possessions. Giving is sharing too. Sharing connects us and the feeling of connection brings us peacefulness.

Giving to the temple is sometimes called “*Kisha*” that means enjoy throwing. “*Ki*” means joy, happiness, and “*sha*” means throw away. If we have less, we can be happier and free, so we can give with joy. Toward the end of the year, we have opportunities to practice *Kisha* at the temple and gift-giving to other people. Let’s try it and see if we can be happy by giving.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



This working manifests itself as the Name or the Nembutsu that is *Namo Amida Butsu*, which is always being directed towards us.

No matter how much science and technology may develop in the future, the essential nature of us human beings will never change. However, without regard to time and place,

whether it be Japan, the US, or anywhere in this world, in the past as well and in the future to come, the Jodo Shinshu teaching will continue to be the spiritual basis for all people and enable them to truly find meaning in their lives.

It is my hope that every one of you will continue to deepen your appre-

ciation of the Dharma and share it on every occasion with your family as well as to the people around you. Let us live each day to the utmost, appreciating the Buddha’s compassion that extends to every one of us.

Namoamidabutsu
GOMONSHU



12月は喜捨のチャンス

12月はクリスマスのギフトやお歳暮などで施しができるチャンスが増えます。ある研究によると、人にプレゼントをあげると、いわゆる「幸せホルモン」が脳内で分泌されて、幸福感が得られるそうです。年末になると、プレゼントをもらう人だけでなく送る人も幸せになるので、多くの人びとが楽しそうに見えるのかもしれません。

普通、豊かさというと人よりもお金やモノなど物質的に多く持っていることだと考えます。けれども仏教では豊かさは、より少なく持ち、精神的により自由になることだと言うことが多いです。モノを持てば便利にはなりますが、同時にモノに縛られることにもなります。家や車のローン、維持費、

修理費などのかさばる費用やさまざまなトラブルも得ようになっているのです。

お釈迦様の時代では僧侶の持ち物は衣と托鉢のためのボウルだけで、蓄えることも基本的にはしていませんでした。これは持ち物を少なくすることで、「自分」の家、「自分」のお金など「自分」への執着からできるだけ離れるようにしていたことによります。また、持たないことでトラブルも減ります。持ち物が増えたと、それを入れるためのバッグ、棚、倉庫、とさらにモノが増え、それらをきれいにしたり、アップグレードしたりするための費用や時間をとられてしまうので、出家者はできるだけそういうモノに縛られないような生活を送っていました。

けれども、僧侶ならそういう生活ができるかもしれませんが、一般の生活をする在家仏教徒には、持たずに生活するのは不可能です。住む家や仕事をするための道具や置き場所など様々なモノを持つ必要があります。

ですから、お釈迦様はそういう在家仏教者にも心が自由で豊かになれる方法を説かれました。それが施しです。施すことで、持ち物やお金からの束縛から自由になり、自分のモノをシェアすること

で他人とのつながりが築かれて、その連帯感が安心感になっていき、それで幸せを感じるのです。

お寺への施しは喜捨と呼ばれることがあります。喜んで捨てる。この場合はお金の施しが多いですが、お金を喜んで捨てることは難しいです。けれども、本来はお金を施すことで、自分への執着を捨て、縛りから自由になるので、喜びが生まれるのですよ、と教えてくれている言葉です。

12月は施しのチャンスです。家族、友人、先生、同僚、先輩、お世話になっている人、またお寺をはじめ学校や病院などに喜捨してみましよう。

南無阿弥陀仏



Bodhi Day

Bodhi Day Movie Night

December 7, 2019, Saturday at 6pm

In Mahayana tradition, we celebrate December 8th as Bodhi Day, which is the day we celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha's attainment to enlightenment. About 2,500 years ago, under a pippara tree in a town in India, a human Gautama Siddhartha awakened to the truth of the universe and became the Buddha. Later, the tree was called "Bodhi Tree" and now the town where the Gautama attained enlightenment is named Bodhi-gaya. "Bodhi" and "Bodh" mean awakening or enlightenment. To commemorate the special day for the Buddhists, we will hold a Bodhi Day gathering at our temple on Saturday, December 7th. This year we will watch the film "Zatoichi" at 6pm in the Social Hall followed by a potluck dinner. Please join us.

Bodhi Day Service will take place the following day, Sunday, December 8th.

About the Movie "Zatoichi"

The classic *smurai* cinema in the 60's. Many of you might have watched this movie at Toho La Brea or Kokusai theaters. The adventures of a blind, gambling masseur who also happens to be a master swordsman, performed by Shintaro Katsu. This is "The Tale of Zatoichi (1962)" which is the first film of the series. How is this movie related to Buddhism and enlightenment? You can find out by watching the movie.

ボディデイギャザリングのお知らせ (Bodhiday)

12月7日(土)6時からお釈迦さまがお悟りを開かれたことを記念して仏法を学び語り合う会、ボディデイギャザリングが行われます。今年は映画を観てポットラックディナーをします。映画は「座頭市(1962)」を上映する予定です。ご参加される方はポットラックの食べ物を持ってきてください、

Jyoya-ye / End of Year Service

December 31, 2019

Tuesday at 5:00pm, followed by Potluck

We are going to hold the *Jyoya-ye* service on New Year's Eve. *Jyoya-ye* is a year-end service which literally means the gathering (*ye*) of *Jyoya* (eliminating the night). "Eliminating the night" implies the night, wishing to remove the dirt or filth collected during the year, in this case, the dirt or filth means our blind attachments, the memories of misconduct and troubles that accumulated during the year. With the wish of dispelling these undesirable wants, thoughts and memories, we hold the year-end service, welcoming the New Year with a refreshed mind.

除夜会

除夜会とは年末の法要で、「夜を除く集まり」と書きますが「夜を除く」とは、その年に身に付いた埃や垢を取り除くという意味です。埃や垢とは、私たちの煩惱、またこの一年間に起きた間違いや悩みごとなどを指します。そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を取り除くことを願ってお勤めするのが除夜会ですが、浄土真宗では、そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を引き受けてくださる阿弥陀さまに感謝し、「煩惱を断ぜずして涅槃をうる」とはどういうことなのかを考えるご縁でもあります。12月31日の午後5時から始まり、サービスの後はポットラックディナーがございます。

Shusho-ye (Gantan-ye)

January 1, 2020

Wednesday, 10am, followed by *ozoni otoki*

Shusho-ye (or *Gantan-ye*) simply means "Service for the New Year." The literal translation of *Shusho-ye* is "A Gathering for a revision, modification or correction." New Year Day is an opportunity for us to refresh our hearts and minds by reflecting upon the past year's mistakes so that we can correct them and begin the new year in the right direction. Our New Year Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 1st. Following the service, *ozoni* will be served in the Social Hall.

修正会（しゅしょうえ）元旦会（がたんえ）

一月一日にお勤めする法要を修正会または元旦会といいます。新年の最初の日に心を正しい方向に修正するという意味があります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気になりませんように」とか「いい大学にはいれますように」などのことを祈りません。そういう願いはたいがい自分のエゴを拡張することになるので、エゴの働きをできるだけ弱めようとする教えの浄土真宗では、しないようにしているのです。むしろ、そういう自己中心の願いがある自分を反省し、その自分を受け入れてくださる阿弥陀如来に感謝するのが修正会です。さま、ぜひお参り下さい。

Hoonko

Hoonko Lecture, Service and Gatherings

Hoonko is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. It is a memorial service for Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Shinran Shonin passed away on January 16, 1263 (November 28 in the lunar calendar) at the age of 90, 757 years ago.

This year, we are going to have *Hoonko* lecture on Saturday, January 18. *Hoonko* service will take place on Sunday, January 19. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Jodo Shinshu International Office and Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

From Monday January 13 to Thursday January 16, we will have *Hoonko* study class. Please see the schedule for the time of the class.

報恩講（ほうおんこう）

報恩講は浄土真宗の開祖、親鸞聖人のご命日法要です。親鸞聖人は1263年、1月16日（旧暦11月28日）に往生されました。親鸞聖人のひ孫で三代目門主の覚如上人が親鸞聖人の33回忌をお勤めされたのが報恩講の始まりです。報恩とは簡単にいえば感謝することです。親鸞聖人が念仏の教えを伝えてくださったこと、また私たちをお浄土にうまれさせ仏にしてくださる阿弥陀如来さまへの恩を知り、そのご恩に報いるようにお念仏をとえ、聞法させていただく集いが報恩講です。報恩講のレクチャーは1月18日（土）、法要は1月19日（日）で、ご講師はタコマ仏教会の柿原興乗開教使です。13日（月）から16日（木）まで毎日、お寺で報恩講の集いを行いますので、スケジュールをご確認ください。

Monthly Memorial Service DECEMBER

Sunday, DECEMBER 1, 2019 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-in-law	Uyetake, Yoshiko
Domoto, Lily	Mother-in-law	Domoto, Tsuchiyo
Hashimoto, Miwa	Father-in-law	Hashimoto, Thomas K.
Hirayama, Kiyome	Son	Hirayama, Glen
Ikari, Kathy	Grandmother	Kato, Kikuyo
Ikegami, Sumiko	Father	Shigaki, Uichiro
Iriye, Kenny	Father	Iriye, Kazunori Henry
Kada, Dorothy	Father-in-law	Kada, Kannosuke
Kamikawa, Emi	Mother	Kamikawa, Violet
Kojima, Chikako	Father	Uneda, Harry Kazushi
Lew, Judy	Mother	Matsuda, Mickey
Matsubayashi, Kazuo	Father	Matsubayashi, Moriichi
Minami, Jean	Brother-in-law	Minami, Yoshimi
Mori, Johnny	Father	Mori, Yasuo
Mori, Wendy	Father	Sahara, Hiroshi
Motokane, Eddie	Mother	Motokane, Helen
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Friend	Kikunaga, Sunao
Nishida, Kikuko/Nishida, Russell	Husband/Father	Nishida, John
Nishisaka, Yuriko/Nishida, Lori	Mother-in-law/ Grandmother	Nishisaka, Ritsuko
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Mother	Sanada, Tsuta
Ohata, Ron	Father	Ohata, Shigetoshi Michael
Ota, Joanne	Father	Ota, John
Sonday, Reiko	Grandmother	Fukumoto, Kinu
Takashima, Iris	Grandfather	Yasuda, Hikokichi
Tomita, Misao	Father	Nakamura, Masutaro
Tomita, Misao	Husband	Tomita, John
Tsuji, Hisako	Mother-in-law	Tsuji, Takiye
Ushirogata, Mutsuo	Sister	Hagiwara, Naruko
Usui, Aiko	Father	Nishiyama, Masakichi
Usui, Aiko	Brother	Nishiyama, George
Wakinaka, Vickie	Mother	Wakinaka, Esther
Yoshihata, Dorothy	Husband	Yoshihata, Sokumei
Yoshimura, Brett & Susan/ Yoshimura, Evelyn	Father/Brother	Yoshimura, Victor

OCTOBER 2019 DONATIONS		
10/3/2019	Yoshiko Takeuchi Carolyn Motokane & Glenn Kawafuchi Elaine Motokane & Joseph Warhula Ann Motokane	<i>Nokotsudo</i> In memory of Ed Motokane In memory of Ed Motokane In memory of Ed Motokane
10/6/2019	Anonymous Madalyn Adams Madalyn Adams Yuri Nishisaka Sandra Maeshiro Celia Huey Erica Calzadias John & Debbie Hiramoto Paul Hiramoto Jean Nakashima Jean Nakashima Jim & Nancy Usui Jim & Nancy Usui Reiko Sonday	Dana In memory of Lillian Kuwata <i>Nokotsudo</i> In memory of Masami Sanada In memory of Ken Maeshiro 3rd cycle <i>Hoji</i> , Sumiko Hiramoto 3rd cycle <i>Hoji</i> , Sumiko Hiramoto 3rd cycle <i>Hoji</i> , Sumiko Hiramoto 3rd cycle <i>Hoji</i> , Sumiko Hiramoto In memory of Howard Nakashima Yo Takeuchi's 100th Birthday <i>Obon, Hatsubon</i> Dana In memory of Kiyoko Nimi
10/10/2019	Kenneth Hatai	Dana
10/13/2019	Marilyn & Dennis Miyamoto Wasabi-kai	<i>Hoji</i> <i>Orei</i>
10/27/2019	Neil & JoAnn Komai Masao Kodani	Daughter Hannah's Wedding Dana

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.

FLOWER DONATIONS		
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
	Ted & Julie Akahori	Ted & Julie Akahori
	Anonymous	Anonymous
	John & Debbie Hiramoto	Anonymous
	Beverly Rogers	Glen & Joyce Isomoto
	Mark & Reiko Sonday	Jean Minami
	Arlene Yokoyama	Yuri Nishisaka
		Lilian Tanaka
		Toshiko Yamaguchi
		Betty Yamashita
		Arlene Yokoyama

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Board

2019 has finally come to an end, and what a year it has been for Senshin. I would like to thank everyone who has participated in this year's events. Here are some of the 2019 highlights:

- Chicken Teriyaki
- Hosted the SD Conference
- Obon
- Jr. YBA Trip to Japan
- Purchased the Love Property
- 50th Anniversary of Kinnara

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki – wonderful chanting (1 hour), what an experience!

Rev. Sala Sekiya – chanting, beautiful voice

I would also like to thank all the wonderful guest speakers we had during the year. And, a final note: Thank you to Rev. Furumoto and Rev. Kodani for their guidance in making Senshin a wonderful temple.

Gassho,

CHIKAKO KOJIMA

理事会より:

2019年がくれる折、本年も皆様のお寺のために多大なご協力をいただき、会長としてお礼を深く申し上げます。今年のハイライトは:

- チキン照り焼き
- 南部地区婦人会の主催
- お盆
- Jr. YBAの日本訪問旅行
- 隣接するLove邸の購入
- 緊那羅50周年、楠木、関谷開教使による素晴らしい読経の体験などでした。
- またゲスト講師の先生方からはありがたい法話を聴聞できました。
- 最後に、古本先生、小谷先生のご指導のもとに洗心寺が私たちにとって、
- 意義あるお寺であることにも感謝します。

合掌 ちか子小島

Religious Committee

Our 2020 *Nembutsu* Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks. Our retreat leader will be **Rev. Kenji Akahoshi** of the San Diego Buddhist Temple. He will help us to explore the topic, “*Elevating Human Nature with Buddha Nature – How the Nembutsu Enhances Our Daily Life.*” Akahoshi-sensei has been resident minister at San Diego Buddhist Temple since 2013. He has come to teach the *Nembutsu* after 30 years of practicing family dentistry. Please join us for a lively weekend of discussion and growth. Registration forms are available at Senshin or by contacting Neil Komai by email at nkomai49@gmail.com or by calling (626) 252-1714.

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*



B W A

Megan Ogawa inspired us with her “Tidying Up” seminar on September 29. Congratulations to Suzanne Toji and Lilly Yanagita for winning the raf-



fle for extra Tidying Up personalized sessions with Megan.

The BWA ladies partnered with the ABA group for the Kei-Ai Bingo event on October 27 where all the lucky participants won Kleenex and small pumpkins.

The *otoki* after the *Eshinni/Kakushinni/Lady Kujo/BWA Memorial Service* was well attended at Thai by Trio Restaurant. It was fun to see and hear



all the laughter and chatter while enjoying the delicious cuisine.

The last Southern District BWA 4th Quarter Meeting hosted on November 23, concluded our Southern District *toban* duties for the year.

We gratefully acknowledge the following for their generous dana:

Susan Young *In gratitude for assistance during funeral of*

Doris Shigaki

Iku Kiriya *Sundry items for White Sale*

Madalyne Adams *In memory of Lilian Kuwata*

Kiyo Yoneda *In memory of Kaz Yoneda*

JoAnn Komai *In celebration of Hannah Komai wedding*

Fujie Ohata *Return to health of husband Ron Ohata*

Ted Akahori & Julie Akahori *In memory of Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko, Lady Takeko Kujo, and Deceased members of Senshin BWA*

Beverly Rogers *In memory of Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko, Lady Takeko Kujo, and Deceased members of Senshin BWA*

Marilyn Shimabukuro *In memory of Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko, Lady Takeko Kujo, and Deceased members of Senshin BWA, and Mother Fumie Shimabukuro, and Auntie Doris Shigaki*

Betty Yamashita *In memory of Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko, Lady Takeko Kujo, and Deceased members of Senshin BWA*

Motoko Saneto *In gratitude for Omimai*

Debbie Hiramoto *In memory of Sumiko Hiramoto*

Suzanne Toji *Commercial kitchen equipment*

Eugene Murakami *Decorative labels for Kei-Ai bingo prizes*

Contact Iris Takashima if you would like to join BWA.

Gassho, Linda Uyemura

A B A

Senshin ABA is winding down for the year. Elections were held and the leadership remains the same. Marilyn Miyamoto is still ABA President. ABA would like to thank everyone for their help and support in 2019. We are looking forward to the New Year, and wishing the best to all.

Join ABA. No qualifications or requirements. \$5 a year for dues. Contact any ABA member if you wish to join. Contact Marilyn Miyamoto at mmiyamoto1953@gmail.com for questions or details.

Bonen Kai

This year, *Bonen Kai* will be held on Sunday, December 22 at 12noon in the Social Hall. Temple members are invited at no charge. Food will be from **FEAST FROM THE EAST** and organized by Suzanne Toji. There will be a sign-up sheet, or please fill-out this form, bring to the temple and place in ***Bonen Kai*** mailing box. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS DECEMBER 15.** We hope everyone can attend this year-end gathering.

Any questions, contact the temple, or Chikako at (310) 749-4964

忘年会:

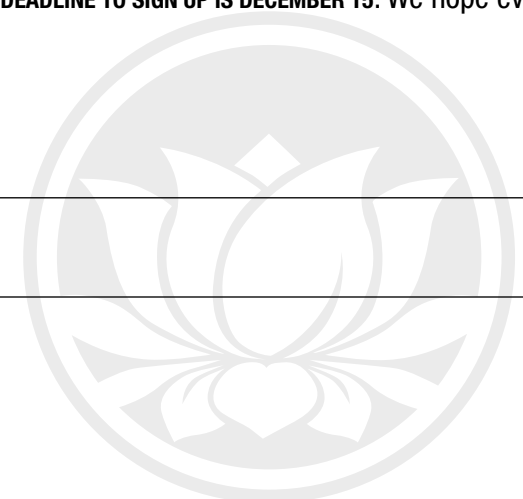
今年の忘年会は12月22日の正午にソーシャルホールで行われます。

スザン東司さんのFeast from the Eastのケイタリングのご馳走です。

無料ですので、12月15日までに申し込みをしてください。皆様のご参加をお待ちしています。

Member name

Number of people



Jr. Y B A

Jr. YBA chaired services for the month of October with our four new members doing *toban* for their very first time. Two Jrs. went to the Southern District Leadership Overnight that Gardena Buddhist Church hosted, which was a great experience to meet new people and hang out with other Jrs.

With Halloween passing, Jr. YBA



helped out with another successful *Day of the Gaki*. We thought the *Gaki* looked so cute in their creative costumes! We had fun helping the kids with making slime, playing carnival games, and making fun, spooky snacks. The kids were happy to earn a lot of tickets from the games because they could get whatever prize they wanted.

Mochitsuki season is here! Order forms are due December 4. Please save the date: ***Mochitsuki* will be on Saturday, December 14** and **Temple Clean-Up on Sunday, December 15**. Hope to see you all there!

Jr. YBA is selling Scrips (gift cards)

again as a general fundraiser. Gift cards are great for birthdays, thank you's, everyday expenses, and the upcoming holidays! Orders are submitted on the 2nd and last Sundays of the month. Forms are available at SENSHINTEMPLE.ORG and in the Temple office. For more info, please call/text Harumi Kawaguchi at (626) 230-1433.

If you are a high school student interested in learning more about Jr. YBA, feel free to contact Debbi Fukawa at Debfukawa@gmail.com.

Winter Dharma School

This program is for Dharma School students, Sangha Teens, Jr. YBA and Sr. YBA. The program includes field trips, and practicing “*Shishimai*” (Lion Dance) for the

New Year Day service. This year, we will gather on the following days: December 26th and 27th. The program starts at 9am, however, the children can come and leave at anytime. Please contact Rev. Furumoto for more information regarding the schedule and program.

冬休みの子供向けプログラム (winter youth program info)

昨年、冬休みに子供、若者向けのプログラムを始めました。ダラスクールの子供、サンガティーン、ジュニアYBA、シニアYBAが集まり、ジュニアやシニア

アが冬休みの宿題などを手伝います。午前9時から始まりますが、トラフィックなどの都合を考えて、何時に来て、何時に帰ってもいいです。日にちは12月26日(水)と27日(金)です。参加されたいお子さんやお孫さんがおられれば、古本開教使までご連絡ください。

Dharma School Kids' Taiko Class

Do you have a child who is in first grade and you would like to introduce to *Taiko*? Well, here is your chance to have your child learn *taiko* from members of Kinnara *Taiko*, Derek Oye and Johnny Mori. They will teach basics of *taiko* playing and help them learn a piece which will be performed at next year's *Senshin Obon* on Saturday, June



27, 2020. No previous taiko experience necessary. The class includes kids from first grade through high school. Classes will meet on Sundays right after service from about 11am to 12pm.

The following is the Kids' Taiko Class

Schedule for 2020:

January - 12, 26
February - 2, 16
March - 1, 15
April - 19
May - 10, 17
June - 14, 21
June - 29 / *Senshin Obon Horaku* (culmination performance)

If you are interested in having your child learn *taiko*, please contact Johnny Mori at (323) 493-1210 or by email at jmori888@gmail.com, or Derek Oye at oye.derek@gmail.com.



2019

**Saturday, December 14, 2019
7:00am until completed**

**SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE
1341 W. 37th Street
Los Angeles 90007**

2019 SENSHIN MOCHITSUKI

Please join us in one of our annual get-together/work-together activities and in continuing a Senshin tradition. Remember, the Mochitsuki is a Temple activity and is one of the few activities that brings together all age groups. It is the closeness that Mochitsuki and other temple activities foster that has kept our temple so strong and centered. So come out and spend the day with friends making our own “certified pounded” mochi. As always, lunch will be served.

If you are able to help with washing the rice, we will be washing on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00pm, Please park in the 1341 W. 37th St. lot.

Sunday, December 15th
Orders may be picked up from 8:30am to 11:00am and join us for Osoji (Temple clean-up) from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

2019 SENSHIN MOCHITSUKI ORDER FORM

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS DECEMBER 4th

Mochi orders will be limited to 600 pounds on a first ordered first served basis.

Please order as early as possible.

I would like to order	pounds of Komochi @ \$5.00 per pound	\$
(There are approximately 10 mochi pieces per pound) Limit of 20#		
I would like to order	set(s) of Okasane @ \$6.00 per set	\$
Total		\$

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Cell or home phone (circle one) () _____ Email: _____

Please make check payable to: **SENSHIN JR. YBA**

Phone: (323) 731-4617

Mail to: **Mochitsuki**
1311 W. 37th St. Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

SENSHIN JR. YBA FUNDRAISER

PLEASE BUY SCRIPS TO SUPPORT!

Forms Now Available At:

SENSHINTEMPLE.ORG

And in Foyer or Temple Office

For Mailing Information, Please Call or Text

HARUMI KAWAGUCHI AT (626) 230-1433

THANK YOU!!!

Facilities

There have been a couple of issues with the Fire Alarm System in the Education Building. One was a low battery alert, so the batteries were replaced. Another issue that involves a telephone line for the alarm has yet to be resolved. We hope it will be all fixed by the time you read this.

If you notice anything around the Temple grounds that requires repair or looking into, please notify Rev. Furumoto or a Board member. Thank you.



Our final *Raku/Tea Class* of the year was completed this October. Participants included “Friends of Senshin” from Nishi and WLA temples. Thanks to the Sundays, Kaz Ota and Rev. Mas for making these classes culturally



meaningful and providing the students an opportunity to explore their creative side.

I hope you will take notice of the arrangements provided by the students of the *Pottery & Home Ikebana Class* and *Open Studio* potters each week. We are inspired by the amazing arrangements Saneto-san provided the temple each week for so many years. If you would like to participate, contact Gayle Wong.

I will post dates for the *Pottery & Home Ikebana Class* and the *Raku/Tea Class* as they become available.

This year at *Mochitsuki*, WasabiKai



will hold a sale to raise funds to support our program.

WasabiKai is a self-funded program. Over the past six years we have provided the following classes: *Japanese Dinnerware & Plating*, *Raku/Tea*, *Goinkyo Yakimono*, and *Pottery & Home Ikebana*. We have also held *Open Studio* sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, supported *Saishin Dojo*’s pottery component and provided handmade dinnerware to temple guests, thanks to Jean Minami’s efforts. We

hope you will stop by and support our efforts.

Questions? Contact: Bob Miyamoto (323) 791-2719 or email 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.comi.

Kinnara Gagaku/
Bugaku Classes

Classes are held at Senshin. Beginners or experienced are welcomed.

Gagaku (the music) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30p. *Bugaku* (the dance) meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30p. Call

(323) 731-4617 for more information.

Kinnara *Gagaku* is looking for several *Okoto*. If you have *Okoto* that you do not use, please contact Rev. Kodani.

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 10:30a. The class is designed for senior adults, but all are welcomed.

Karate Club
Wednesdays, 4:30p

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

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.

Surf Club

If you are interested in joining the Buddhist Surf Club or want to try surfing, please contact Rev. Furumoto.

Aruku-Kai
“Let’s Walk” Club

The goals of Aruku-Kai Club are:

1. To develop and strengthen our Sangha and community, and build cross-generational relationships at Senshin
2. To practice mindfulness: Exercise mind and body, breathe and enjoy nature

Senshin members and friends of members of all ages are welcome.

Please contact Lauren Ohata (lauren.ohata@gmail.com) or Russell Nishida (nishida257@cox.net) if you're interested or have questions. Let’s *aruku* (walk)!

In *gassho*,
Lauren (703) 887-9060

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..

Social Media

Instagram: Users are now able to not only follow accounts, but hashtags. You can follow **#SenshinEverything** and also tag your posts of Senshin with the hashtag if you'd like others to see solely your Senshin pics. That's **#SENSHINEVERYTHING**.

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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.

WEST ENTRANCE

Beautification Project

Our *Bodhi Tree Project* was the first and major part of the Beautification of the West Entrance to the temple. The Jrs. painted the kiln shed as a fundraising project for their Japan trip. Rev. Mas did potted plants, and now Mike Yanagita has designed and built a beautiful bench, which is placed under the windows outside the WasabiKai Studio. It will provide a warm place to rest in the winter months, a spot to enjoy *somen* after *Obon*, and I’m sure, a place to enjoy a cold one during Chick-en Teriyaki. Many thanks to Mike for his efforts. Mike also designed and built the WasabiKai sign.

Additional plans include terracing the area adjacent to the ramp by the kitchen so a planter may be installed, addressing the cyclone fence along the BBQ area, and redesigning the overhead structure covering the BBQ area.

I welcome suggestions, help, and of course, donations which can be made out to WasabiKai, memo “West Entrance.” Questions and suggestions contact: Bob Miyamoto (323) 791-2719 or email 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com.

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

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COMPLETE, CUT, RETURN

NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

..... 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.

洗心仏教会

2019年12月

12月感謝録:

寄付: J&N臼井,K畑井,M小谷,匿名 故E元金 追悼:C元金,G川口,E元金,J.Warhula,A元金
お祝いY竹内百歳誕生: J中島 故H中島追悼:J中島
娘Hannah結婚祝い: N&J駒井 故L桑田追悼:M.Adams
お礼: わさび会 故M真田追悼:Y西坂
初盆: J&N臼井 故K前城追悼:S前城
納骨堂:Y竹内,M.Adams, 故S平本 3 回忌:C.Huey,J&D平本,P平本,
法事: M&D宮本 故追悼:Y&L宮城島
故K新見追悼:R.Sonday

12月日程

1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, キッズクラブ
5日(木)	午後7時半	理事会
7日(土)	成道会生け花クラス	
8日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	10時	成道会法要
	11時	英語勉強会
		日曜学校
14日(土)	午前7時	餅つき
15日(日)	午前8-12時	大掃除
22日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	10時	お歳暮法要
	11時	英語勉強会, キッズクラブ
	12時	忘年会ランチ
29日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝
31日(火)	午後5時	除夜会、ポットラック

12月法要当番: 婦人会

本堂当番: D赤嶺,D松原,T松原,K植村

内陣お花当番: 7日:A横山/J横山 14日:B宮本, 21日:B.Rogers,V脇中, 28日:古本先生

10月供花: T&J赤堀,J&D平本,B.Rogers, M&R.Sonday,A横山,匿名

11月供花: T&J赤堀,G&J磯元,J南,Y西坂,L田中,T山口,B山下,A横山

2020, 1月の予定: 1日:元旦修正会,14-16日:報恩講クラス,19日:報恩講法要

今年も皆さまいろいろお寺のためにされて有難うございました。元気で良い新年を迎えましょう! 合掌



KEIRO KAI 2019

FULL MOON DAY CONCERT
SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE COURTYARD
NOVEMBER 10, 2019

