



Jataka Classic: The Monkey King

Jataka tales are a collection of stories and fables that teach Buddhist lessons. The main character of these stories is often Shakyamuni Buddha in previous lives. The story would start with the sentence, “Once Shakyamuni Buddha was a rabbit,” or “When Shakyamuni Buddha was a deer,” etc. The Indian people thought that it was impossible for a person to become a Buddha in just one lifetime. But Shakyamuni Buddha became a Buddha in just six years. In order to understand such miracles, people thought that Shakyamuni Buddha practiced for many, many long years in his previous lives, therefore, he was able to attain enlightenment in this lifetime.

It is said that some of Jataka tales were originally from India's old fables. Some of the stories were introduced to other countries, and they were compiled in Greek's Aesop stories, "One Thousand and One Night," and Chinese/Japanese folktales.

In the Theravada tradition, there are about 540 Jataka stories. Many of the stories tell the importance of unselfishness. Through reading the stories, the Buddhists learn the character/quality of the Buddha and the ideal way of the Buddhist life.

This story starts with, "Once Shakyamuni Buddha was a Monkey King."

Once upon a time, in a forest in the Himalayas, the Buddha was the king of 80,000 monkeys. He was a wise, strong and very considerate king. On the bank of a river in the forest, there was a big mango tree. Mangoes were sweet, juicy, and big, so all the monkeys loved to eat them.

While the king was eating the delicious mango, he saw a mango fall into the river. He thought, "If the mangoes float downstream, humans would come up here and harm us."

The wise king told the other monkeys, "Watch the mangoes carefully. Do not drop them into the river. If you find mangoes growing on a branch close to the river, pick them."

The monkeys did as the king told them. But one ripened mango that was not noticed by anyone, dropped into the river and floated down stream. Down the river, a human king was bathing in the river. He found a big mango floating toward him like peach boy's peach.

He picked it up and ate it. It was really delicious. He ordered his servants, "Go up the river. Find more mangoes."

In the upper stream, they found the big mango tree but they also found a lot of monkeys screaming in the tree. The king ordered his archers, "This is my land, that tree is mine. Kill all the monkeys and take all the mangoes." Now the monkeys were panic-stricken. They were screaming with fear and jumping around; some got bumped and some were killed.

The Monkey King was calmly seeing the situation and told the other monkeys, "Don't worry. I will save you. Follow me. Let's escape to the other side of the bank." Then, he led them to the edge of the cliff. There, he stretched his body as far as possible to make a bridge over the cliff to the other side of the bank. He told them, "Run across my back to the other side!"

And so the 80,000 monkeys escaped.

The Human King watched what was happening. He was amazed at how considerate the Monkey King was. He

thought of his troop's safety first. He had risked his life to protect the other monkeys. The Human King felt very ashamed. He was thinking only of his own benefit. Compared to the Monkey King, he was very selfish.

After that, the Human King praised the Monkey King and treated him well. He began to think of his people's happiness and ruled his country in a friendly and considerate manner. He was happy and his people were happy.

This is a famous Jataka story that

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had been taught over 2,500 years ago in India and spread all over Asian countries and some Western regions. Now the story has been transmitted to us, the Buddhists of the United States. As part of the history of Buddhism, please share this story with your children and your friends.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

お盆、苦と歓喜 古本龍太

洗心寺のお盆法要(歓喜会)は7月14日(日)に営まれますので、みなさまぜひお参り下さい。

浄土真宗ではお盆を歓喜会(かんぎえ)と呼び、亡くなった家族を思い出し、故人も生きている私たちも、皆が阿弥陀仏の本願力により往生させていただける、ということを喜ぶ法要です。一般的には、お盆にご先祖の魂が家に帰ってきて、生者による読経やお供えが故人の魂を慰める、というように考えられていることがあります。けれども浄土真宗では、故人も私も阿弥陀様が往生させて仏にしてくださるので、故人を慰める必要はないので、お盆はそのようなありがたい教えにであえたことを喜ぶときがだと考えます。そしてまた、慰めが必要なのは亡くなった故人ではなく、実は生きている私たちの方こそかわいそうで、仏さまによるガイダンスが必要だと知らされるのです。

お釈迦様は、人生は苦だと言われます。苦はインドの言葉でドウツカといい、思い通りにならないことからくるストレス、フラストレーション、不安、不快感、痛みなどのことです。

私たちは「自分」という思いに執着するため、他人よりも優れ、他人よりも多くの財産や高い地位を持てば幸福感を得られると思っています。それで競争をするのですが、競争に負ければフラストレーションがたまります。競争に勝てば優越感を得られますが、上を見れば劣等感に変わりますし、次は負けるのではないか、という不安感も得るようになっていきます。

結局、幸福感を得られたとしても、それがまたストレスや不安の原因となり心安まることがないのです。まさに人生は苦なのです。

これが憐れでなくて何というのでしょうか？慰めが必要なのは、お浄土に生まれドウツカから自由になった故人ではなく、苦悩の世界を生きる我々なのです。

親鸞聖人は和讃で「生死の苦海ほとりなし ひさしくしづめるわれらをば 弥陀弘誓のふねのみぞ 乗せてかならずわたしける」と詠んでおられ、終わりのない苦のサイクルの世界から抜け出せない我々をほっておけないのが阿弥陀さまだから、阿弥陀さまの用意してくださった船に乗せてもらえばいいのだ、とお示しくださっています。

私たちは阿弥陀さまやお浄土に生まれられ仏になられた故人にガイドされ、お浄土へと導かれているのです。我々は苦のライフに生まれてしまいましたが、苦を受ける者をこそ救うという仏さまの働きを受けています。苦は嫌だけど、歓喜もあるのです。普通は幸福感が苦にストレスをためやすいのですが、仏法を聞く者は苦が歓喜ともなるのです。九条武子さまの歌「聖夜」にこの苦の世界で夜毎に守ってくださる仏さまがおられることを思うと、「歓喜になごむ わが心」というのはこの意味です。またお盆を「歓喜会」と呼び、亡くなった家族のことを思い出すとともに、お念仏の教えに出遇えるありがたい喜びのご縁だとしているのです。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial Service JULY

Sunday, JULY 7, 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	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 Family	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	Yoke, Toh Siew
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Mother-in-law	Kunitake, Shizue
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Mother	Yamada, Eiko
Matsubayashi, Kazuo	Mother	Matsubayashi, Atsuko
Matsukawa, Hidehiro		Matsukawa/Kitano Families
Meigneux, Kate & Meigneux, Emma & Teia	Husband/Father	Meigneux, Patrice
Miyata, Satoshi	Wife	Miyata, Sue
Mori, Wendy	Mother	Sahara, Chiyo
Murakami, Eugene	Father	Murakami, Kazuo
Nagano, Lance	Wife	Nagano, Julia
Okazaki, James	Uncle	Okazaki, Tasuku
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, Evelyn & Yoshimura, Brett & Susan	Father/Grandfather	Yoshimura, Dan
Yoshimura, Evelyn	Stepmother	Yoshimura, Kay

Monthly Memorial Service AUGUST

Sunday, JULY 7, 2019 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Julie	Grandfather	Uyetake, Senichi
Domoto, Lily	Father-in-law	Domoto, Eiichi
Domoto, Lily	Cousin-in-law	Domoto, Tsutomu
Ebata, Donna	Mother-in-law	Ebata, Emiko
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, Susan Kiyoko/ Kanda Lynn/Gleeson David/ Gleeson, Paiton, Emery, Montgomery	Husband, Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather	Kanda, Mamoru
Kiriyama, Iku	Husband	Kiriyama, George
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, Shirasago, Paula	Husband/Father	Shimada, Saburo
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Mitsuo
Tanaka, Lillian	Father	Shiosaki, Rodney
Tanezaki, Barbara	Mother	Kakita, Hisako
Toji, Suzanne	Husband	Toji, Robert
Torio, Taye	Father	Sugimoto, Heiji
Toyama, John	Brother	Toyama, George
Wakinaka, Bernice	Sister	Yamada, Chiyoye
Yamashita, Betty	Mother	Takahashi, Nancy



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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.

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

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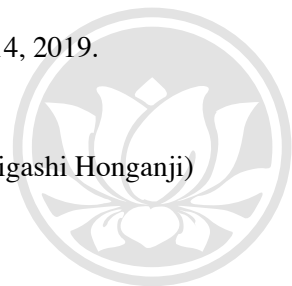
Senshinji Kangi-e Obon

In Jodo Shinshu, *Obon* is called *Kangi-e* or The Gathering of Joy. It is a major festival in our Buddhist calendar year. *Kangi-e* is a memorial 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 reaffirm the sanctity of all living beings.

The *Kangi-e Obon* Service will be on Sunday, July 14, 2019.

9:30am Japanese Study Class
10am *Kangi-e Obon* Service
with guest speaker Rev. Masashi Fujii (Higashi Honganji)
11am Study Class and Dharma School
12pm *Otoki* by BWA

洗心寺 歓喜会(お盆法要)のご案内
浄土真宗ではお盆法要を歓喜会と呼びます。先亡の家族、友人を始め、有縁、無縁の方々に感謝しつつ、お浄土へ往生することがなぜ歓喜となるかの意義を聞思する法要です。皆様、ぜひお参りください。ご講師は東本願寺北米開教監督部の藤井真之師です。スケジュールは英語をご覧ください。



Senshinji BonOdori Saturday June 29, 2019

With Live Music

4:30p Hatsubon Service

7p Bon Odori

Intermission Raffle drawing

9p Omairi in Hondo

Sento Shogen 1,000 oil lamps

10p Otoki / Horaku

Kinnara Taiko and others

SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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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.

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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MEMBERSHIP



SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Senshin membership dues for 2019, 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 2019 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.

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Name	Birthdate*		
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): **\$425**

☐ Individual: **\$225**

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

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☐ Friend of Senshin only:

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

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Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

2019 Southern District Conference



On behalf of Senshin Buddhist Temple, I'd like to express our gratitude to Bishop and Mrs. Umezu, and the Southern District ministers and temple members for their attendance at this year's conference, "I Am *Jiriki*." We appreciated everyone's participation and their commitment to the *Nembutsu*.

The conference, which was held on June 8, had approximately 215 attendees from 12 different temples, with 50 of them

coming from Senshin. Rev. Masao Kodani encouraged us to get out of our comfort zones and do something different with this conference. He presented a thought-provoking keynote address, "Why I Think Jodo Shinshu is Going to Disappear," supported by opportunities for attendees to experience their egos and then just let go. Throughout the day, everyone cooperated by fully participating and seemed to enjoy doing so. New friends were made and hopefully fresh, new mindsets were initiated.

The success of the conference was truly due to the amazing teamwork of our Senshin Sangha. There were many pieces to this event, but they all came together to present something that we should be proud of. A member from a visiting temple commented, "Only Senshin could pull off something so special." How true. Many thanks to our Senshin Family for all of their help and support. Rev. Mas has said on several occasions that if Jodo Shinshu is going to disappear, Senshin will be the last to go. As we ended the conference with *baka-odori* and a courtyard full of dancing fools casting their egos aside, it was clear that he is so right.

In *Gassho*,
JOANN KOMAI
2019 SD CONFERENCE CHAIR



Board

On behalf of the board, we would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to JoAnn Komai and her crew for a wonderful and successful Southern District Conference on June 8, 2019, held at Senshin. Many people complimented on how well the conference ran. So, job well done to everyone at Senshin! We would like to acknowledge Christopher Burtis for his generous donation of another portable air-conditioner to Senshin in memory of his wife, Gwen Nishida. The air-conditioner will go upstairs in one of the classrooms.

Gassho,
CHIKAKO KOJIMA

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*.

The next Buppo & Lunch will be in October.

Buppo means Buddha Dharma, or Buddha's teaching. This is a study class for people enjoying or not enjoying retirement life. The class usually takes place at 10:30am on the second Wednesday of each month. We have a free talk on *Buppo* followed by discussion. After the class, we eat lunch together. Even though you are not retired, you can come to the class. Registration is free, but feel free to make a donation to the temple.

B W A

The 2019 Southern District Conference on June 8th, hosted by Senshin, was a success with over 200 attendees from the 13 temple chapters. Thank you to the Sangha-at-large for volunteering your time over the months, days and hours of planning, setting up, cooking, and clean-up. Thank you to the ladies for creating a welcoming temple event with your genuine hospitality. Your lovingly prepared food gave everyone the sustenance needed for the day-long event. The delicious desserts were exceptional and gave everyone that extra energy boost.

For the Senshin *Obon*, June 29th, the BWA food booth sold out their much anticipated homemade spam *musubi* and *oden*. Hope everyone enjoyed it.

Saishin Dojo started June 24th and will end July 19. Please consider volunteering to help nurture our future "buddhas." Your kitchen table wisdom would be greatly appreciated for the various cooking projects. Lunch time coverage is needed while our dedicated teaching staff take their breaks.

Senshin *Kangi-e Obon* Service will be held July 14th. Please stay for *otoki* when the BWA ladies will be serving *chirashi*.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

Ellen Shimohara *Special*
Kim Kunitake *Special*
Madalyne Adams *In memory of father, Kijiro Kuwata*
Yoko Miyagawa *Orei for Huntington Gardens tour*
Ikuko Matsubayashi *Gotan-ye*
Ellen Shimohara *1st birthday of second granddaughter*

Christopher Burtis *Orei for otoki support – Gwen Nishida*
Debra Nishida/Neil Hurley *Orei for otoki support – Gwen Nishida*
Kik Nishida *Orei for otoki support – Gwen Nishida*
Russell & Lori Nishida *Orei for Gwen Nishida's funeral*
Doris Shigaki *Orei for Al Shigaki's funeral*

Contact Iris Takashima if you would like to join BWA. Save the date for the next meeting on July 7th at 8:30 am.

Gassho,
LINDA UYEMURA

A B A

August 3rd is our annual Rummage Sale. Proceeds will go to Weemes Elementary School. Please bring your items on July 28th or later. We are not accepting broken, soiled, or torn items. Electronics and appliances should be in working order. Please

divide clothes into Men, Women, and Children in separate bags and labeled. We would appreciate your help on the day of the Rummage Sale. Please contact John Hiramoto if you can help.

Join ABA. Contact Marilyn Miyamoto at mmiyamoto1953@gmail.com for questions or details.

Jr. Y B A

During the month of June, Seminar 3 took place at OCBC. The theme was *Itadakimasu*, and we were reminded to be grateful for the food that is provided to us. We also learned that different people can come together to create a community.



On behalf of the Jr. YBA, we'd like to thank the Senshin Board and Sangha for your continued support for our Japan trip the last few years and for the generous scholarships you gave to us. Thank you, also, to Rev. Furumoto and Ms. Sachi for all the planning and coordination and to Mr. and Mrs. Ohata for letting us stay at their home.

We hope everyone enjoyed Parents' Day Breakfast as much as we appreciate how much you all do for us. Thanks to everyone who supported our strawberry fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed the strawberries, too.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding Jr. YBA, please contact Debby Fukawa at debbyfukawa@gmail.com.

Facilities

A new main water shut off valve has finally been installed to shut off the water to the Education Building in case of a water break emergency in the Education Building. It's easier to access so anybody can shut off the water if needed. There are four water shut off valves:

1. Social Hall
2. Hondo
3. Garden
4. Education Building

Also, mulch has been laid down around the garden. This will help retain moisture in the ground cutting down watering time and benefit the plants because the earthworms will come and fertilize the soil.

Please report any possible leaking or any other damage that you may notice on the temple grounds. Thank you.

We have also completed our *Goinkyo Yakimono* class. Hope to display their work soon. We would like to welcome Yas Osako, new temple member and participant in our program.



Thanks to Gayle Wong, Tammy Matsubara and Sue Omori for their assistance in these classes.

Our *Raku/Tea* class which features Rev. Mas' talk about the history of tea in Japan and tea as we know it here. Tea bowls and small plates will be made, and fired *raku* style will be used in the final class to prepare *matcha* and enjoy a sweet. This is an exciting experience, as students will see their molten ware removed from the *raku* kiln and placed in a reduction atmosphere, which transforms the pieces before their eyes. Mark Sondag and Kaz Ota are the instructors. A second *Raku* class will be held in the fall.



WasabiKai has just completed our Pottery and Home *Ikebana* class. Look for new work in the *Tokonoma* in the following weeks. I'll have pictures soon.



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 7:30pm. *Bugaku* (the dance) meets on Saturdays at 1:30pm. 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 10:30am. 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.

Surf Club

Summer has come. 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

Join Senshin's club where we hike trails in the local area. Senshin members and friends of all ages are welcome. Our club's goals are to strengthen our Sangha community, build cross-generational relationships, and exercise our mind and body in nature. Contact Lauren Ohata (lauren.ohata@gmail.com) or Russell Nishida (nishida257@cox.net) if you're interested or have questions. Upcoming hikes are announced at service and posted on the bulletin board.

Temple Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 3, 2019 • 8am–12noon

Donated items can be brought to Temple starting Sunday, July 28th. 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 is already sorted and labeled as women's, men's, children, etc. 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 at (714) 746-7788.



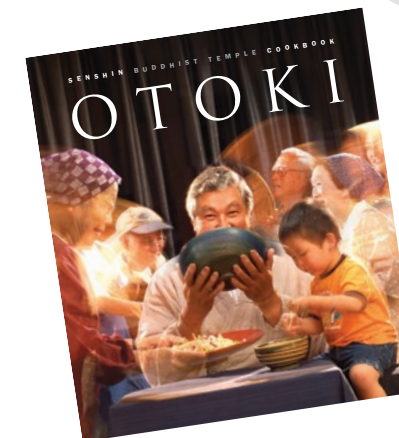
Hatsumairi 2019: Group photo of the three infants and their families.

Left to right:

Kazuo Saadiq Morita with parents Radeyah & Greg Morita

Jamie Kimiko Lee with parents Jared Lee & Lynn Shimohara-Lee

Lucas Hiro Aihara with parents Lisa & Steven Aihara



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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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.

BON ODORI TOBAN

OBON is almost here!!! Volunteers STILL needed!
Bon Odori, June 29, 2019, Saturday

We ask for your help and participation in this special Senshin event, *Bon Odori*. 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 indicate one or more areas you are able to help during the approximate time schedule listed below. Please include your name, phone number and email. Please call or email Russell Nishida (nishida257@cox.net), or leave a message at the temple office.

Let's all come out, dancing, having fun, and being part of our Sangha. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**

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

2019 Southern District Bon Odori Schedule

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

洗心仏教会

2019年7月

6月感謝録:

寄付:D大西,K畑井,婦人会,K植村/L.Wong

日系葬儀

葬儀:故G西田:C.Burtis,K西田,R&L西田,

D西田/N.Hurley,R&L西田

ソシャルホール使用:C.Burtis,D西田/N.Hurley

R&L西田,K西田

納骨堂:M.Adams,I&W高島,T&J赤堀,Y竹内

D&M宮本

花祭り:E.J.Yee Calzadis,R&Y宮川,F中野,

D&A紫垣,L竹本,C相原,森田一家,E下原

お礼:わさび会

JACCC Honoring of R.Ohata:F&L大畑

7月日程:

7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

11時半 お盆反省会

11日(木) 午後7時半 理事会

14日(日) 午前9時半 日本語法要

10時 お盆歓喜会

11時 英語勉強会

日曜学校

21日(日) 正午 おとき

午前9時半 日本語法要

10時 家族礼拝

11時 英語勉強会

キッズクラブ

28日(日) 午前9時半 日本語法要

午前10時 家族礼拝

午前11時 英語勉強会

日曜学校

28-8/10 Jr.YBA 日本旅行

8月1日(木)午後7時半 理事会

7月法要当番:日曜学校

7月本堂当番:B吉村,S吉村,E吉村,N岩崎

7月お花当番:6日B.Rogers,V脇中,13日S.Camara,T松原,20日M上野,D紫垣,27日M宮本,C小島

8月3日P本川,J永田

6月供花:C久宗,T&J赤堀,B.Rogers,J平本,E西川,Y西坂,J南,D紫垣,R&M.Sunday,Y竹内,M富田,K米田,匿名

8月の予定:3日(土)8-12時ラメジセール, 24-25日JR.YBAミーティング, 8/30日-9/1:婦人会世界総会,於:サンフランシスコ

お彼岸:E.J.Yee Calzadis

SD婦人会のペンの寄付:J入江

幕の送料:C小島

ローズデールメモリアル:L西田

故K桑田追悼:M.Adams

故F山口追悼:D吉畑

枕教故G西田:C.Burtis,C.Ingrad,J.Ingrad,R&L西田

R&L西田,D西田,K西田

故G西田初七日法要: C.Burtis,C.Ingrad,J.Ingrad,

R&L西田, R&L西田,D西田,K西田

お祝い,孫誕生:E下原

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			7:30p Kinnara Gagaku			1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30a BWA Reikai 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service – <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> (July/August) 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 11:30a Obon Hansaikai Meeting				7:30p Temple Board Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Obon Kangi-e Service, Rev. Masashi Fujii (Higashi Honganji) Dharma School <i>Otoki</i>	7:30p <i>Zadankai</i>		7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	8p Kinnara Taiko	Saishin Dojo Culmination	1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
July 21 – July 25 Saishin Dojo SLO Camp						
28	29	30	31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3
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July 28 – August 10 Jr.YBA Japan Trip						

JULY TOBAN: **JULY Onajiri Flower Arrangement:** **Upcoming in AUGUST 2019:** *All classes subject to change without notice. Please call a group member to confirm meeting/ rehearsal.*

JULY Service Toban Dharma School JULY Hondo Toban Brett Yoshimura, Susan Yoshimura, Evelyn Yoshimura, Naomi Iwasaki	JULY 6 Beverly Rogers, Vicki Wakinaka JULY 13 Stacey Camara, Tammy Matsubara JULY 20 Mari Uyeno, Doris Shigaki	JULY 27 Marilyn Miyamoto, Chikako Kojima AUG 3 Patti Honkawa, Janice Nagata	AUG 3 ABA Rummage Sale AUG 24-25 Jr. YBA Conference AUG 30-Sept 1 BWA World Conference in San Francisco
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