

This year, we will hold *Obon odori* on Saturday July 6. Since Senshin will be the only temple in the area to have *Obon odori* on that day, we may expect a lot of people to come to the temple. Last year, we had about 250 to 300 dancers so we assume there may be even a greater number this year.

Do you know where the biggest *Obon odori* is outside of Japan? Maybe one of the BCA temples such as San Jose Betsuin where they had over 1,500 dancers last year? The biggest *Obon odori* outside of Japan was not in the US. It was in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Fifty thousand people came to a Japanese Association sponsored *Obon odori* last year. The larger number of the

attendees was the local people, the majority of whom were Muslim. Some ladies put on the *Hijab* and enjoyed dancing.

I think there are some commonalities between Buddhism and Islam, and one of them is dancing. They both have a religious dance.

It is known that Muslim mysticism has a religious dance which is

called *Sufi* whirling or turning. The dance is performed to throw away their ego and personal desires and to connect with Allah.

Obon odori was originally an *Odori nembutsu*. People danced while they were reciting the *nembutsu*. One of the purposes of performing it is to enter the *samadhi*, deep meditation, where there is no “I” and no “others.” Later, the *nembutsu* part became less emphasized and people danced for joy with local music and it became the present-time *Obon odori*. Now in Tokyo, Japanese people dance to “Living on a Prayer” by the 1980’s popular American rock band “Bon Jovi.”

Here at Senshin, *Obon* is a community fun event but we also think of *Obon odori* as a religious activity. Mas Sensei wrote a message in 1994’s July *Prajna* about *Obon*. He wrote:

“In *Bon Odori*, the point is to “just dance”; in life to “just live”, and “just living” includes “living deeply and just dying.”

“How you look and how you dance is of low priority; dancing is a top priority. Knowing the etymology of the

words *Namoamidabutsu* is secondary; saying *Namoamidabutsu* is primary.”

By inputting religious thought, “just dance,” we can have *Obon odori* with the original purpose, “being less ego” and to deepen the understanding of the *Nembutsu* teaching.

In Jodo Shinshu, we often say, “just say *Namoamidabutsu*.” *Namoamidabutsu* means “I am accepted by Amida Buddha.” Recitation of the *nembutsu* is entrusting Amida Buddha’s primal vow.

In *Tannisho* Chapter 1, Shinran Shonin stated:

“Amida’s Primal Vow does not discriminate between the young and old, good and evil – true entrusting alone is essential. The reason is that the Vow is directed to the person burdened with the weight of karmic evil and burning with the flames of blind passions.”

Shinran Shonin taught that what is needed to attain Nirvana, the realm of no ego, is “just entrusting.” By just entrusting, we can receive the power of Nirvana that is beyond good or bad or right or wrong.

Rumi (1207-1273), was a Muslim mysticism poet and was an important

figure of Sufism, living in the Turkey area. One of his famous phrases is “There exists a field, beyond all notions of right and wrong. I will meet you there.” I am not familiar with Muslim teaching, but what Rumi stated sounds similar to what Shinran Shonin stated in *Tannisho*. It is interesting they both lived in the same era and had a similar thought regarding how to attain the state of no ego. The movie star, Brad Pitt, was so impressed with Rumi’s phrase and had it tattooed on his arm.

If you are thinking of getting the same tattoo as Brad Pitt, please wait. As Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, I think you should put Shinran Shonin’s phrase “Amida’s Primal Vow does not discriminate between the young and old, good and evil – true entrusting alone is essential,” or as Senshin *Obon* dancers, Mas Sensei’s word “Just Dance, Just *Nembutsu*” is a good choice.

Namoamidabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

The Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa 2024 Memorial Scholarships

The purpose of these scholarships is to honor the late Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa, and to recognize the efforts of a graduating high school senior and/or a person pursuing a change in direction in life via continuing education. This could be through a college, university, trade or technical school. Those with the desire to further their education will be considered for these scholarships. Consideration will first go to members of Senshin Buddhist Temple. If qualified recipients are not

found, the scholarships will be opened to members of any Buddhist Temple in the Los Angeles area.

Scholarship Award:

A one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to be used for tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses, will be awarded to each of two individuals. One award will go to a high school graduating senior; the other will go to an individual who is engaged in continuing education, whether on the college level, trade/technical school or change

ジャストダンス、ジャスト念仏

今年は7月6日（土）にお盆おどりをを行います。昨年は約300名の方が踊りにこられました。今年も南カリフォルニアのお寺でこの日にお盆おどりをを行うのは洗心だけなので、昨年より多くの方が来られるかもしれません。

ところで日本以外で一番大きな規模のお盆踊りが行われてい

る所はどこかご存知でしょうか？日本以外で一番参加者が多いお盆は、意外にもマレーシアのクアラ Lumpur で、昨年は約5万人が集まったそうです。マレーシアの多くの人々はイスラム教徒で、ヒジャブをかぶってお盆踊りを楽しんでおられる女性もおられます。仏教とイスラム教にはいろいろな共通点がありますが、そのひとつが踊りです。仏教もイスラム教も宗教的な踊りがあります。

イスラム神秘主義には、スーフィーの旋舞と呼ばれる宗教舞踊があることが知られています。その踊りをする目的は、エゴや個人的な欲望を捨て、アッラーとつながるためだと言われています。

盆踊りは、もともとは踊り念仏でした。念仏を唱えながら踊ること、深い瞑想の境地に入り、エゴのはたらしを弱めるという面もありました。後に、念仏はとなえずに、それぞれの土地の民謡に合わせて踊るようになり、現在のお盆踊りになっていきました。

洗心では、お盆はコミュニティの楽しいイベントとして親しまれていますが、お盆おどりは宗教的な活動であるとしています。

マス先生は1994年7月の『プラジュナ』にお盆についてのメッセージを書いておられます。

「盆踊りでは、ただ踊る、人生では、ただ生きる。」や「踊りの見た目は二の次で、大事なのは、ただ踊ること。南無阿彌陀仏の語源を知ることには二の次で、まずは南無阿彌陀仏ととなえることが大事。」

と、「ただ踊る」ということと、「ただ念仏」をすることの共通性を示されます。また、上手に踊ってやるうとか、念仏をとなえるのは恥ずかしい、というようなエゴを反省することがお盆踊りの目的の一つであると言われます。

浄土真宗ではよく「ただ念仏」または「ただ信心」が大事だと言います。ただ念仏をとなえるということ、ただ阿彌陀さまの本願におまかせしている姿であり、それは私たちが阿彌陀さまに、ただ受け入れられているということです。

親鸞聖人は『歎異抄』第一条で、次のように述べておられます：

「阿彌陀仏の本願は老いも若きも善人も悪人もわけへだてなさいませぬ。ただ、その本願を聞きひらく信心がかなめであると心得なければなりません。（現代語訳）」

親鸞聖人は涅槃に至るために必要なことは、阿彌陀さまに「ただおまかせすること」であると説かれました。ただおまかせすることで、善悪を超えた涅槃界であるお浄土に生まれることができる、とお示しくされています。

ルーミー（1207-1273）はイスラム神秘主義の詩人であり、スーフィズムの重要人物です。彼の有名な言葉のひとつに、「善悪の概念を超えた領域が存在する。私はそこであなたに会う」というものがあります。私はイスラム教の教えには詳しくありませんが、スーフィズムの踊りでも「ただ踊る」、「ジャストダンス」で善悪を超えた領域とつながることができる、と言われてるのではないかと思います。13世紀の同時代にトルコ地方におられたルーミー師と、日本におられた親鸞聖人が述べたことが類似しているのは面白いですね。宇宙の真理を知るには、「ただ、ジャスト」ということが鍵なのかもしれません。「ジャストダンス」「ジャスト念仏」をしてみましよう。

南無阿彌陀仏
古本竜太

of career studies. If a qualified candidate is not found in each category, the awards will go to the two outstanding candidates, regardless of category.

Requirements:

Must have graduated high school or passed the GED (General Educational Development) test by June of the application year or earlier.

- Applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in a college, university, trade school or technical school, or must show intention of attending

one of those institutions.

- Must obtain and complete the application as stated below.
- Scholarship funds must be applied towards tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses as deemed appropriate by the scholarship benefactors.
- Must be the member of, or affiliated with, a Buddhist Temple/Sangha. For high school graduates, their parent(s) must be a member(s) of a Buddhist Temple/Sangha.

Application: An application may be obtained via email by contacting Wilbur Takashima at: wktakashi@aol.com. The application will require a two-page essay and two separate recommendations. Details are provided in the application package, which will be sent via email upon request.

The application (including both recommendations) MUST be received by June 30, 2024. The scholarships will be presented at the Senshin Obon service on July 21, 2024.

Monthly Memorial June 2024

Shotsuki Service June 2 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Julie <i>Aunt Kawaye, Kathryn</i>	Nakashita, Achi <i>Brother Nakashita, Hiroshi Clark</i>	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Great Grandmother Sato, Mika</i>
Enami, Mariko <i>Mother Kuramoto, Tsutayo</i>	Nakawatase, Richard <i>Grandmother Nakawatase, Toku</i>	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Grandmother Taniguchi, Hisayo</i>
Enami, Mariko <i>Husband Enami, Frank</i>	Nakawatase, Richard <i>Uncle Nakawatase, Toshinobu</i>	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Uncle Taniguchi, Kiyoshi</i>
Hashimoto Family <i>Mother Hashimoto, Miwako</i>	Nakawatase Family <i>Grandmother Kuramura, Kikue</i>	Takemoto, Jon <i>Grandmother Takemoto, Kanayo</i>
Hiramoto, John <i>Grandfather Kanegawa, Shuiichi</i>	Nishida Family <i>Grandfather Yamaguchi, Kinai</i>	Terakawa Family <i>Aunt Matsumune, Hisayo</i>
Hisamune, Catherine <i>Mother Fujita, Shizuye</i>	Nishikawa, Kelvin <i>Grandmother Yoshida, Isayo</i>	Terakawa Family <i>Mother Terakawa, Yoshiko</i>
Kitayama, Glen <i>Grandfather Kitayama, Eizaburo</i>	Nishisaka, Merrie Nishisaka, Scott <i>Grandfather Sanada, Yukimasa</i>	Watanabe, Marsha <i>Father Imai, Akio</i>
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Grandfather Yamada, Shigenosuke</i>	Rogers, Beverly <i>Mother Nishi, Chitose</i>	Yamaguchi, Toshiko <i>Father-in-law Yamaguchi, Kinai</i>
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Father Yamada, Masao</i>	Rogers, Beverly <i>Father Nishi, Soichiro</i>	Yoneda, Kiyoko <i>Mother-in-law Yoneda, Tsugi</i>
Matsumura, Henry <i>Uncle Yamaguchi, Tetsuro</i>	Sato Family <i>Grandmother Kishaba, Fusa</i>	Yoneda, Kiyoko <i>Sister Nakamura, Agnes</i>
Matsumura, Henry <i>Sister Matsumura, Nancy</i>	Sugita, Hideo <i>Father Sugita, Yoshiaki</i>	
Minami, Jean <i>Mother-in-law Minami, Suma</i>	Takahashi Family <i>Mother/Grandmother/ Takahashi, Misuko</i>	
Murakami, Eugene <i>Grandfather Murakami, Shinkichi</i>	(Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, <i>Great-Grandmother/ Grandmother Josyel Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog)</i>	
Murakami, Hisako <i>Father Takahashi, Hirokichi</i>	<i>Great-Grandmother/ Grandmother-in-Law/ Mother-in-Law</i>	

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.

Senshin 2024

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class

Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu Class

Wednesdays, June 5, 12 and 19, 6:30 to 7:15p

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

This will be the Basic Jodo Shinshu Class 2. The classes are online and those who have not attended previous sessions are welcomed to join this session. If you have not signed up for this program before, please contact the temple. Those who took previous sessions will receive the link to join the classes.

SENSHIN BON ODORI 2024

4:30pm Hatsubon Private Service	7pm Bon Odori Raffle drawing after intermission	9pm Omairi in Hondo Sento Shogen 1,000 oil lamps	9:30pm Otoki and Horaku Kinnara Taiko and guest performers
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Southern District 2024 Obon Schedule

JUNE 8	Arizona Buddhist Temple
JUNE 22-23	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple
JUNE 29	West Covina Buddhist Temple
JUNE 29-30	San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
JULY 6	Senshin Buddhist Temple
JULY 13-14	LA Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
JULY 20	Pasadena Buddhist Temple
JULY 20-21	Orange County Buddhist Church Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
JULY 27-28	Vista Buddhist Temple West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple
AUGUST 3-4	Gardena Buddhist Church
AUGUST 24	Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha

APRIL DONATIONS

Ryan Murphy *Osaisen*
 Wilbur Takashima
Orei for Use of Chairs
 Julie Akahori
Inurnment of Ted Akahori
 Julie Akahori
Funeral Service for Ted Akahori & Social Hall use
 Edna Horiuchi
In memory of Ted Akahori
 May Sugano *Nokotsudo*
 Norman Sugano
 Marty and Kathie Umemoto
Wedding of Ryan Umemoto to Jessica Cheng
 Garren and Stephanie Mizutani *Nokotsudo*
 Fujie and Ron Ohata
Birth of Grandson
 Oliver Moon Noboru Cheng
 Madalyne Adams *Osaisen*
 Glenn and Harumi Kawaguchi *Nokotsudo*
 Dennis and Celia Huey *Dana*
 Ronald Shintaku *Donation*
 Janis Ishitani *In memory of Kayoko Wada*
 Chikako Kojima *Nokotsudo*
 Madalyne Adams *Nokotsudo*
 Lance Nagano *In memory of Mary Nagano*
 Suzanne Toji *Nokotsudo*
 Ed and Susan Young
Nokotsudo
 Doris and Al Shigaki
 Satomi Saneto
25th Cycle for Tsukasa Saneto
 James Harada *Orei - Prajna*
 Glenn and Harumi Kawaguchi
25th Cycle for Tsukasa Saneto
 Satomi Saneto
25th Cycle for Tsukasa Saneto
 Julie Akahori
25th Cycle for Tsukasa Saneto

Dana and Ann Saneto
25th Cycle for Tsukasa Saneto
 Dana and Ann Saneto
Nokotsudo Tsukasa Saneto
 Richard and Lois Kageyama
25th Cycle for Tsukasa Saneto
 Yukiko and Gifford Saneto
25th Cycle for Tsukasa Saneto
 Lynn Kanda and David Gleeson
In memory of Paige Kiyoko Kathleen Gleeson
 Rev. Yoshitaku Takibuchi
Special Presentation
 Wilbur and Iris Takashima
Birth of Grandson
 Vincent Lew Wong
In memory of Ted Akahori
 JM Fukuhara Dyck
In memory of Ted Akahori
 Masao Kodani *Dana*
 Bernice Wakinaka
In memory of David Wakinaka
 Craig and Kathy Bohannan
In memory of Yoko Shinmoto
 Dale Shirasago *Dana*
 Mayumi Kodani *Dana*
 Deb & John Hiramoto
Ohigan
 Richard & Helen Nakawatase
Ohigan
 Ellen Shimohara *Ohigan*
 Alan Terakawa *Ohigan*
 Nancy Usui *Ohigan*
 Rev. Ellen & Tom Crane,
Hamada Family Retreat—In memory of Masako Hamada
 Satoshi Miyata *Bodhi Day*
 Rev. Peter Hata
75th Anniversary/Capital Campaign
 Cathy Iyemura
75th Anniversary/Capital Campaign
 Ronald & Fujie Ohata
75th Anniversary/Capital Campaign

Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley
75th Anniversary/Capital Campaign
 Mike & Lily Yanagita
75th Anniversary/Capital Campaign
 Carole Yokota
75th Anniversary/Capital Campaign
 Lisa Ann Maeda
In memory of Toshihiro Domoto—March Shotsuki Hoyoi/Capital Campaign

APRIL FLOWER DONATION

Ellen Shimohara
 Glenn and Harumi Kawaguchi
 Kelvin and Yoko Nishikawa
 Marilyn Shimabukuro
 Lori Nishida
 Ann and Dana Saneto
 Jean Minami
 Toshiko Yamaguchi
 Chikako Kojima
 James Okazaki
 Paul Hiramoto

APRIL 2024 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Madalyne Adams
 Takeo Yamada
 Lisa M. Hashimoto-Elardo
 Tatsuyo Hashimoto
 Joy & Duane Hirayama
 Tsukasa Saneto
 Joy & Duane Hirayama
 Dick Imamura
 Jeanne Imamura
 Dick Imamura
 Glenn & Kristine Kawaguchi
 Tsukasa Saneto
 Chikako Kojima
 Mike Kojima
 JoAnn & Neil Komai
 Yoshito Yamada
 Jean Minami
 Kichitaro Minami
 Garren & Stephanie Mizutani
 Hana Unno
 Arthur Nakashita
 Yoshiko Nakashita

Lori Nishida
 Harry Nishisaka
 Russell Nishida
 Joe Nishida,
 Misa Yamaguchi
 Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
 George Nishikawa,
 Wasaku Nishikawa
 Michiko Sakakura
 Chizu Sakakura
 Dana & Ann Saneto
 Tsukasa Saneto
 Keith Shimabukuro
 Shikko Shimabukuro
 Marilyn Shimabukuro
 Shikko Shimabukuro
 Ellen Shimohara & Family
Mother Kimi Shinoda
 Wilbur & Iris Takashima
 Yoshiko Takashima &
 Setsugo Taniguchi
 Yuki Ushirogata
 Sister Fumie Matsushita

APRIL 2024 HANAMATSURI

Anonymous
 Anonymous
 Anonymous
 Madalyne Adams
 Chris Aihara
 Julie Akahori
 Roy & Jane Asahi
 Don Akamine
 Erica Calzadias
 Stacey Camara
 Donna Ebata
 Debra & Stan Fukawa
 James & Karen Harada
 Kenneth Hatai
 Sumiko Hayamizu
 Bert & Dorothy Higa
 Stephanie Higa
 Deb & John Hiramoto
 Paul Hiramoto
 Joy & Duane Hirayama
 Catherine Hisamune
 Patti Honkawa
 Kristie Hutkin
 Denise Ishitani
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 Bob Nakamura
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 Emi Kamikawa
 David & Judy Kanagawa
 Glenn & Kristine Kawaguchi
 Richard & Denise Kodani
 Chikako Kojima
 Richard Kok
 June Kondo
 Carol Masuda Dinkin
 Doug Matsuda
 Tammy & Dale Matsubara
 Kazuo & Ikuko
 Matsubayashi
 Natsuko Matsushige
 Jean Minami
 Yoshio Miyagishima
 Marilyn & Dennis
 Miyamoto
 Garren & Stephanie
 Mizutani
 Eugene & Elaine Murakami
 Bob & Sumie Nagano
 Judy Nakatani
 Deb Nakatomi &
 Bob Miyamoto
 Helen Lew Nakawatase
 Richard & Helen
 Nakawatase
 Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley
 Russell & Lori Nishida
 Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
 Merrie Nishisaka
 Dexter Nishiyama
 Sachie Oda
 Craig & Cindy Ogawa
 Jerry Ogawa &
 Roy Natividad
 Ron & Fujie Ohata
 Shelly Okamura
 Michael & Carol Okuda
 Susan Omori
 Michiko Sakakura
 Dana & Ann Saneto
 Marilyn Shimabukuro &
 Gilbert Leong
 Ellen Shimohara

Paula Shirasago
 Mark & Reiko Soday
 Michiko Sugano
 Kiyoe Suzuki
 Wilbur & Iris Takashima
 Yo Takeyama
 Bessie Tanaka
 Suzanne Toji
 Kathie & Marty Umemoto
 Yoko Uneda
 Yuki Ushirogata

Nancy Usui
 Vickie Wakinaka &
 Gary Asano
 Toshiko Yamaguchi
 Betty & Tak Yamashita
 Qris Yamashita &
 Chris Komai
 Greg Yee
 Arlene Yokoyama
 Kiyoko Yoneda
 Amy Yukawa

OBON RAFFLE JULY 6, 2024



Thank you for supporting the
2024 Obon Raffle. If you have any
 questions, please contact Debbie
 Hiramoto: debhiramoto@gmail.com.
 We look forward to seeing you at
 the Bon Odori!

洗心仏教会

2024年6月

4月感謝録:

寄付:J竹田, D.&Cella Huey,M小谷,D白砂,M小谷,R新宅
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 お賽銭: R.Murphy,M.Adams
 椅子使用:W高島
 お礼:Prajna:J原田
 納骨堂:M菅野,G&H川口,C小島,M.Adams,S東司,E&S.Young
 D&A実藤,G&S水谷,J赤堀
 特別講演:滝淵良孝教室使用:M/K梅本教師

故T赤堀追悼:E堀内,V.L.Wong,JM.Dyck
 故K和田追悼:J石谷
 故M長野追悼:L長野
 故T実藤追悼:S実藤,D&A実藤
 故D脇中追悼:B脇中
 故Y新元追悼:C&K.Bohannan
 故P.K.K.Gleeson追悼:L神田,D.Gleeson
 故T実藤25回忌:G&H川口,S実藤,R&L影山
 Y&G実藤,J赤堀

6月法要スケジュール:

2日(日)	9:40a	日本語話 祥月法要 ドーナツ	
5日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:	古本先生
9日(日)	9a 10a 11a	ABA会議 家族礼拝 理事会,Jr.YBA,Sangha Teens会議	
12日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:	古本先生
16日(日)	8:30a 10a 11a	Jr.YBA 親の日朝食会 家族礼拝 Youth緊那羅太鼓	
17日-7月12日		西心道場夏季学校	
19日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:	古本先生
23日(日)	10a 11a	家族礼拝 Youth緊那羅太鼓	
29日(土)	9:30a	納骨堂掃除	
30日(日)	10a 11a	家族礼拝 Youth緊那羅太鼓	
7月6日(土)	4:30p:初参り,7p盆踊り,9pお参り,千灯荘厳,法楽:	緊那羅太鼓	
毎水曜日	10a-2:30p:	本願寺プレイス	
盆踊り練習:	夕刻7時,19日,24日,27日,30日@12p,7月5日7p		

6月法要当番: お寺

当番主任は、5/5日祥月法要の後のドーナツと飲み物,5/12日理事会のスナックとお茶,を用意してください。

6月本堂当番: K植村,D/T松原,A湯川

6月お花当番: 1日R.堀,R.Kok,8日P森川,15日P本川,22日S岡村,K原田,29日A横山,7/6D江畑
 もし予定日に当番ができない時は、Iris(310-951-0160)またはitakashima@aol.comまでご連絡ください。

7月の予定: 6日初盆、盆踊り,歓喜会

供花-4月: C小島,K&Y西川,L西田,E下原,G/H川口,M島袋,A&D実藤,J南,T山口,J岡崎,P平本

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From the Board

Many thanks to our dedicated Sangha for their generous help and support for our Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser last month. Seeing new and old members smiling, laughing and working hard, shoulder-to-shoulder, made time fly-by quickly. Our next big gathering will be *Hatsubon* and *Obon* on July 6. ABA, BWA, Jr YBA and Kinnara are making preparations for their signature activities and events. The new *Lantern Song* will be performed live at our *Obon* by the Bonbu Stories Ladies. The lyrics and dance tell of the meaning of today's *Obon*. You don't want to miss these special events at our *Obon*.

In Gassho,
 KOICHI UYEMURA

BWA

The month of May brought a nice respite for the BWA. We had a busy last couple of months and a very busy chicken teriyaki weekend, where all hands were on deck. In May, the temple commemorated the birthday of Shinran Shonin with *Gotan-ye* service. This is also when we have *Hatsumairi* (an infant presentation ceremony) to celebrate the birth of new babies within the Sangha. The BWA provided a small snack of cookies after the service.

Some ladies from the BWA also joined ABA with Kei Ai Bingo, an activity that brings joy to the seniors living at Kei Ai and to the Senshin volunteers as well.

We gratefully acknowledge the following for their generous donations:

- JoAnn Komai *Special*
- Ikuko & Kazuo Matsubayashi *Hanamatsuri*
- Celia Huey *Special*
- Ann Ogawa Gee *Special*
- Amy Yukawa *Special*
- Iris & Wilbur Takashima *Birth of grandson Kenzo*

ABA

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help at our quarterly Kei Ai Bingo visit in May. Our next visit will be August 25. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Debbie Hiramoto if you are interested at debhiramoto@gmail.com.

Jr YBA

For the month of May, the Juniors had an extremely busy month. Alongside contributing to religious services and participating in that aspect, the Juniors continued to work within the Temple and contribute regularly to the community. These events include Chicken Teriyaki, an annually recurring event in which the Juniors were able to make delicious meals for tem-

ple members. With regular taiko practices in preparation for the Obon performances in July, the Juniors have also begun to come up with new ideas for Obon, which include making small adjustments to the shaved ice and other booths. All in all, May was a great month for the Juniors!

If you have any questions or would like to join, please feel free to contact our parent advisor, Ms. Juriko Yamada at: afstue@gmail.com, (310) 569-9052. We'd love to have you!!



CHICKEN TERIYAKI FUNDRAISER 2024



HATSUMAIRI 2024

CHILDREN'S DAY / KODOMO NO HI 2024

SENSHIN-JI 2024 JUNE 2567

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:45a Japanese <i>Howa</i> 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> and Family Service 11a Donuts		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:30a Temple Board Meeting 10a Family Service 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11:30a Jr. YBA meeting, Sangha Teens meeting, Dharma School		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30a Jr. YBA Parent's Day Breakfast 10a Family Service 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko	June 17-July 12 <i>Saishin Dojo</i> Summer Dharma School	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto 7p <i>Bon Odori</i> Practice	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10a Family Service 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko	7p <i>Bon Odori</i> Practice	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p <i>Bon Odori</i> Practice 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		9:30a <i>Nokotsudo</i> Clean up
30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
10a Family Service 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko 12noon <i>Bon Odori</i> Practice		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place		7p <i>Bon Odori</i> Practice	4:30p Senshinji Hatsubon Service 7p Senshinji Bon Odori 9p <i>Omairi</i> in Hondo <i>Sento Shogon</i> (1000 oil lamps) <i>Horaku</i> , Kinnara Taiko

JUNE TOBAN: Temple

Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- Weekly chair Sunday Service
- June 2: Provide donuts and beverages following Monthly Memorial Service

JUNE Hondo Toban:

Koichi Uyemura, Dale Matsubara, Tammy Matsubara, Amy Yukawa

JUNE Onajjin Flower Toban:

- June 1** Robert Hori/Richard Kok
- June 8** Paige Morikawa
- June 15** Patti Honkawa
- June 22** Shelly Okamura/Karen Harada

June 29 Arlene Yokoyama

July 6 (*Hatsubon*) Donna Ebata

(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160 or itakashima@aol.com)

Upcoming July 2024

- July 6** Senshinji *Hatsubon*, *Bon Odori*
- July 21** Senshin *Kangi-e* Service

SENSHIN-JI PICNIC 2024

Sunday August 18, 2024

KENNETH HAHN PARK

4100 S. La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90056

*** Reservation at **Burke Roche Point** located at the top of the hill inside the park.

\$7 per car entrance fee. Limited parking at **Burke Roche Point** but plenty of parking along the road leading up to the picnic area.



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

(Any person age 80 or older do not have to bring any potluck dish to the picnic.)

Last names starting with:

- A thru K Main Dish**
- L thru O Vegetable/Salad & Rice**
- P thru Z Main Dish**

*** Temple to provide desserts, EZ Pop up tents, water, utensils, paper goods, ice, and hot tea. No alcohol is permitted at the park.

*** Please bring beach chairs or mats, if desired. There are picnic tables & benches at the park.

GAMES

We are planning a variety of adult games but also games for children of all ages! There will also be a play area for children.

Questions: Contact Kelvin Nishikawa
818 510-1634 or kelvinenishikawa@gmail.com

RSVP FORM

Name(s) _____ # of people _____

Age(s) of Child _____

Phone # _____ or email _____

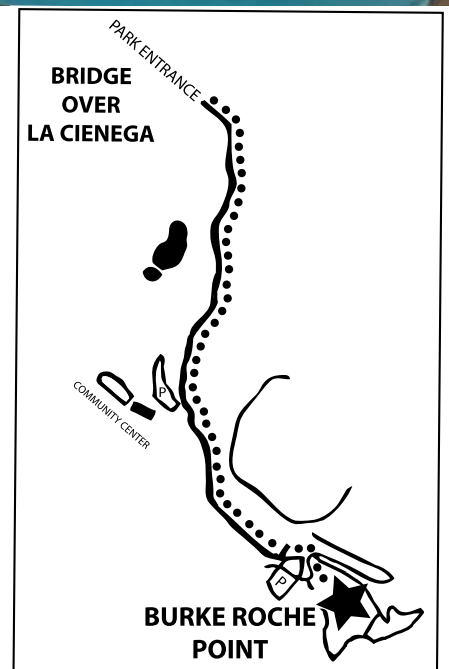
Send completed form to:

Senshin Buddhist Temple Attn: "Picnic"

1311 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

or place it in the Temple mail slot labeled "Picnic"

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 4TH 2024





OBON CHOCHIN

**During the Obon Dance on July 6,
the Chochins will be hung above the dance area.**

In memory of your deceased family member, his/her name can be printed on a tag and attached to a Chochin.

If you are interested in having your deceased family member represented, please fill out this form and give it to Rev. Kodani along with a donation of \$25.

Name of deceased family member

Your name