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**Inside & Outside** BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

**SHINRAN SHŌNIN, THE FOUNDER** of our school of Buddhism - Jōdo Shinshū - was many things. He was a monk. He was a scholar. He was a student. He was a husband. He was a father. He was a son.

Was he good at any of these things? “Good” is of course subjective, and I find it difficult to state unequivocally that he was “bad” at anything. Instead, let’s turn to his own writings. For one

thing, he gave himself a new name later in life: “*Gutoku*.” The translation I like for these two characters is “foolish stubble-head.” Shinran was exiled while a follower of Hōnen and forcibly laicized, and although he was later reinstated as a monk, he did not uphold the precepts - in addition to not keeping his head shaved properly (hence the “stubble-head”), he was also married and had children.

One of his texts, known as *Gutoku’s Notes*, contains this statement:

The *shinjin* of the wise is such that they are inwardly wise, outwardly foolish/ The heart of *Gutoku* is such that I am inwardly foolish, outwardly wise

What does he mean when he calls himself foolish? On one level,

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**President’s Message** BY KEIJU TERADA

**I THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH** I would talk about some of our Bay Area pro teams. Those of you that know me, I am a big fan of the SF Giants, Golden State Warriors, and the SF Forty Niners. Through the 50 plus years that I have lived in the Bay Area, I have experienced the trials and

tribulations of these teams. But we have been fortunate enough to see these three hit the ultimate pinnacle of championships, even multiple ones. In 2025, they are at different levels of challenges. I look at each of the three teams and I see they have all encountered difficulties—whether

in rebuilding seasons, unexpected injuries, or falling short of their championship aspirations. As fans, we share in their struggles, experiencing frustration and disappointment alongside them. For the Niners, our expectations were high for the 2024

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## DHARMA SCHOOL CONTINUED

operating while the electricity was out in the Issei Kaikan, with some large group lessons taking place in the main social hall. Thank you to **Rev. Bridge** and **Rev. Endo** for accommodating Dharma School lessons in the temple building, and to **Ron Nomura**, **Norm Yoshida** and **Mark Shimamoto** for navigating the electricity upgrade so that Dharma School students can now learn in warm and well-lit classrooms.

On February 23rd, **Rev. Bridge** and sangha member, musician **Brian Wong** filled in as Dharma School teachers. **Rev. Bridge's** Dharma Talk was about "Listening-to Sounds, Music, and the Dharma" and the class reinforced the music aspect. **Brian Wong** taught the songs "Head, Shoulders, Feet and Toes" in Japanese, and "Haru ga Kita" (Spring Has Come) with koto accompaniment. **Rev. Bridge** gave students and parents rhythm sticks to learn about rhythm and time—the normal four beats of most modern

music, but also seven beats as found in "Tom Sawyer" by Rush, from the far away land of Canada! Gatha, "Buddha Loves You", was played several times throughout the class. Afterwards, the students got to see the koto up close. Thank you, **Rev. Bridge** and **Brian Wong** for teaching a fun and interactive lesson!

On March 8th, Dharma School co-sponsored with Berkeley Buddhist Temple's (BBT) B.L.E.N.D. Committee and Mountain View Buddhist Temple's (MVBT) Engaged Sangha Committee, Meeting the Moment 3, an interfaith event on finding connection in resistance to genocide, Dharma School families, Bay Area sangha and interfaith congregation members, and temple newcomers were welcomed by **Rev. Bridge**. BBT's **Rev. C.J. Dunford** shared Buddhist reflections on the United Methodist Church's Friends of Wadi Foquin's Circle of Care and Response in relation to the Six Paramitas and the Eightfold

Noble Path ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BRrf-LRNAaTZGH243nkBTIO\\_GsoWT3AN/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BRrf-LRNAaTZGH243nkBTIO_GsoWT3AN/view)) before participants engaged in facilitated group discussions. Former Buena Vista United Methodist Pastor, **Rev. Michael Yoshii**, shared a presentation about his recent unarmed civilian protective presence trip to the West Bank farming village of Wadi Foquin. He met some of the people who live, work, and teach there, who have been continuously terrorized by the Israeli army's repeated clandestine, violent, and traumatic midnight home raids aimed at driving the people of Wadi Foquin from their homes. Thank you to **Rev. Bridge**, **Rev. Dunford**, **Rev. Yoshii**, **BBT sangha members** for providing a delicious lunch, **Sami Lamont** for providing childcare, and **Jon Takagaki**, **Ron Nomura**, and **John Minamoto** for setting up and breaking down the social hall for the event.

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## Dharma School News

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([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrqrNEb\\_s2Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrqrNEb_s2Y)) to the Meeting the Moment 3 recording.

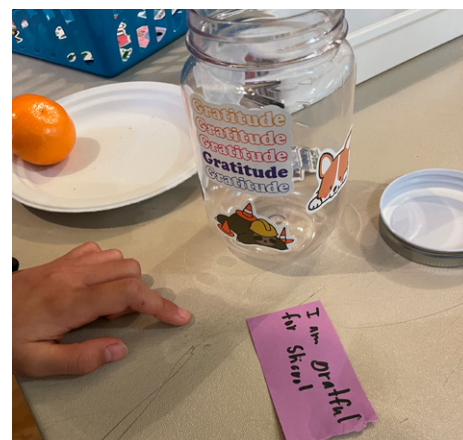
(<https://www.friendsofwadifoquin.com/donate.html>) for more info and how to support Friends of Wadi Foquin.

On March 9th, the BCO Jr. YBA led a group lesson for all students, with a read aloud of the book, *The Gratitude Jar*, by **Katrina Liu**, followed by a discussion about feelings of comparison to others and things students feel grateful for. Then, Jr. YBA members helped students make their own gratitude jars to take home with strips of colored paper to write what they are grateful for. Much gratitude to **Jordan K., Madison I.**, with support from **Delia Ikeda**, for providing this wonderful lesson!

On March 16th, **Mr. Bissonette's** 2nd-6th grade class looked at the characters in お彼岸 (Ohigan), meaning "other shore." Students then talked about the Six Paramitas and folded paper boats with words and symbols for each of the Paramitas, thinking about how these characteristics

help their "boat" to the 彼岸! As the preschool-1st grade class has been learning about Palestinian cultural symbols as a way to practice our lesson theme centering compassion in action, students chose several of the symbols to decorate kites as a way to honor the children of Gaza, who won a world record for the most kites flown at one time!

As part of our theme, "Golden Chain: Compassion in Action," Dharma School invites you to help restore the beautiful sand dune habitat at Encinal Beach in Alameda on May 17th. This habitat includes California native plants and is part of the Great Pacific Flyway, where birds stop on their migration between North and South America. We will help remove invasive, non-native plants, plastics and trash to mitigate habitat degradation and help support migrating bird populations, while perhaps spotting some American Avocets, Yellowlegs, Stilts, Gulls, Marbled Godwits, and more. Visit ([https://apply.ebparks.org/custom/501/opp\\_details/6235?slotid=31406250517](https://apply.ebparks.org/custom/501/opp_details/6235?slotid=31406250517))



to register for the Encinal Beach Sand Dune Restoration. Thank you to **Barbara Lewis** for organizing this volunteer day.

Thank you to **Delia Ikeda** for mailing the Pets Memorial reminder postcards, **Pam Kato** for updating the Pets Memorial service cards, and **Doris Okano** for being the contact.

**Coming soon**—the Dharma School fundraiser, featuring a fresh BCO Dharma School t-shirt design by **Joemy Ito-Gates!**

Upcoming Dharma School dates are **4/6, 4/13, 5/4, 5/18 and 6/1.**

*Happy Birthday*

A very Happy Birthday to **Nori T.M., Laclan G., and Hikaru H.!!** ■

# REACH West Adult Program

BY GAIL TSUJIMOTO-CHO,  
DIRECTOR REACH WEST ADULT PROGRAM



**CHANGING LIVES...ONE DAY AT A TIME. THE REACH WEST ADULT PROGRAM** extend its gratitude to the Buddhist Church of Oakland (and Board) for allowing our use of the Issei Kaikan for our cooking sessions, as we celebrate our one-year anniversary. It's said "Time flies when you're having fun" and that couldn't be truer! Clients look forward to Cooking Day for the enriching experiences, hands-on learning, camaraderie and of course-delicious food. We have not had a failed recipe yet! ■



## Jr. YBA News

BY MADISON IKEDA

### GREETINGS SANGHA,

Recently the Jr. YBA led a Dharma School lesson about gratitude for the younger members. After reading a short story about a girl named Mina who learned about the importance of being grateful, we created gratitude jars! The kids decorated their jars with stickers and markers and then filled

them with little notes about things they are grateful for. They even took extra paper home so that they could continue adding to their jars and look back on all the positive aspects of their lives.

There will always be tough times or moments where we are upset that we cannot have something, but we

wanted to show that if we think about all the things that we do have, then gratitude will free the mind of these negative sentiments. We hope that all the students enjoyed the lesson and look forward to leading more lessons in the future!

In Gassho,  
The Jr. YBA ■

# Momijikai News

BY JO MAKISHIMA



**REV. BRIDGE LED US IN** *Juseige* to start our March 11th gathering. This was followed by announcements of upcoming church activities and events. **Robert Noguchi** also shared a short video with us discussing the value and significance of the BCA, which was quite interesting and informative. We then welcomed a guest from the Seattle temple, **Kemi Nakabayashi**. Thank you **Kemi**, for the Sakura waffle cookies which we enjoyed during lunch.

But before lunch, we were able to join our mind and body and focus with an hour of yoga, led by **Norma**

**Hoshide**. **Norma** reminded us that it is not “no pain, no gain” but rather “no pain, no pain”. We stretched, we focused, we were mindful of our breathing. We ended with our chant asking that we have peace and that we not be provoked.

Lunch time! We enjoyed a variety of sandwiches, potato and macaroni salad, and a green salad. This was followed by an array of desserts - **Carrie Oto's** carrot cake, **Aki and Marge Morimoto's** persimmon cake, **Karen Hashimoto's** cupcakes with lemon frosting and **Kemi's** waffle cookies. No pain from the yoga but maybe some gain from the desserts!

Our last meeting in March started with *Juseige* led by **Rev. Bridge**. It was the first day of Higan, a Buddhist holiday observed in Japan. It is the time to study the Dharma and bring it into our daily lives. **Robert Noguchi** shared

a video with us that explained what the BCA Social Welfare Program was all about. This program benefits many global giving organizations, donates to various disaster relief efforts, and is involved in many sponsorships and grants. It emulates “Dharma Forward”.

Then came Yoga, led by **Norma Hoshide**. She reminded us that we need to keep our wandering minds contained and can do this with Yoga. Our minds are easily distracted. Yoga will help us keep our minds clear, focused and sharp. And we do this with the breath. **Norma** is teaching us to coordinate the movement with the breath.

We ended the day with a delicious Chinese lunch. Thank you, **Karen Hashimoto** for the fruits, **Carrie Oto** for the homemade apple cake and **Gloria Fujimoto** for the sweet oranges. We love our desserts! ■

# OBWA News

BY PEGGY TAKAHASHI

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OBWA meetings dates for 2025 are:

**April 13**

**May 18**

**July 13**

**September 14**

**November 16**

All meetings are over a potluck lunch and begin after Sunday services ~ 11:30. We look forward to seeing you there.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Bazaar 2025: June 14**

Please check the Busshin for the volunteer schedule.

## FUTURE EVENTS TO CONSIDER

OBWA will be hosting the BDBWL Conference in **spring, 2026**. If you

have any ideas for a theme or keynote speaker, please share them with us. Please contact **Kathy Terusaki** at [kkterusaki@gmail.com](mailto:kkterusaki@gmail.com).

**Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) conference** will be **October 2 - 4, 2026 in San Diego**. If you're interested in helping organize, please contact **Kathy**.

**World Buddhist Women's Conference (WBWC) conference** will be held in **Hawaii from September 11 - 12, 2027**. If you are interested in attending and/or planning this event, please contact **Kathy**.

Please remember to make checks out to “Buddhist Church of Oakland – OBWA” to ensure funds are correctly allocated. ■

## DEADLINE FOR JUNE 2025

### BUSSHIN ARTICLES:

**APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Articles submitted after this date may not be printed.

### SEND ARTICLES TO:

**Joyce Yokomizo**

email:

[joyce@yokomizo.com](mailto:joyce@yokomizo.com)

You can also send articles to the church office.



# Trip to the Stupa & Luncheon

**What:** Service at BCSF, Tour the Stupa, & Luncheon



**When:** Sunday, April 27, 2025 – 9am-2pm  
(includes lunch afterwards @ BCO)

**Who:** Anyone Interested

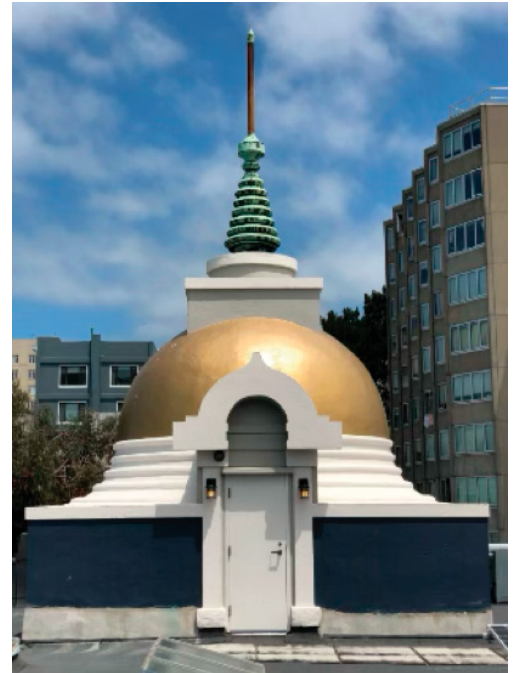
**Description:** This is an opportunity to see the relics of the Buddha, housed in the Stupa (pictured above) atop the roof of the Buddhist Church of San Francisco (BCSF). We'll take a bus to BCSF to attend the roam Sunday Service, followed by an introductory talk by [Resident Minister Rev. Melissa Opel](#), before proceeding to the roof and entering the Stupa in small groups. We will then return back to BCO for lunch and fellowship.

**Cost:** FREE – space is limited.

**Questions:** Email [officebco@gmail.com](mailto:officebco@gmail.com)

*This event is being made possible by the BCO Nakashima/Masuyama Fund*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a steep, narrow stairway from the BCSF lobby up to the rooftop (not wheelchair accessible). Please consider this when signing-up for this trip.



# Cemetery Visitation Schedule 2025

**OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND,** the church will be making its annual cemetery visitations on *Friday, May 23, Saturday, May 24,* and *Sunday, May 25.* We have returned to indoor services – however, where possible, we will only do one service per area. If anything changes, notifications will be posted to the website and sent out via email.

In remembrance of your families, please set aside these days to clean your families' resting places, place flowers, and gassho to express your gratitude.

The schedule for these three days:

**Friday, May 23:**

*10:30 am Colma Cemetery*

**Saturday, May 24:**

*10:15 am Vallejo Cemetery*

*11:00 am Mt. View Cemetery*

*11:30 am Piedmont Chapel of the Chimes*

*1:30 pm Mt. Eden Cemetery*

*2:30 pm Hayward Chapel of the Chimes*

*4:00 pm Joint Memorial Service*

**Sunday, May 25:**

*9:30 am Oakmont Cemetery*

*10:15 am Martinez Cemetery*

*10:45 am Pacheco Cemetery*

*11:30 am Concord Memorial Garden*

*1:45 pm Sunset View Mausoleum*

*2:00 pm Sunset View Cemetery (hillside near mausoleum)*

*3:00 pm Sunset View Cemetery (meadow area at creek)*

*4:00 pm Memorial Day Service at church*

The office will be open for Nokotsudo visits on **Sunday, May 25 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** ■

## Special Web Links

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND WEBSITE**

<http://www.buddhistchurchofoakland.org/>

**ONLINE SERVICES AND DHARMA TALKS**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/buddhistchurchofoakland/>

**BCA SERVICE BOOK**

<https://buddhistchurchofoakland.org/servicebook/>

**REV. BRIDGE**

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## BCO Study Class



**A REMINDER THAT BCO STUDY CLASS** is *Sunday, May 11, 2025 following the Dharma Family Service.* Everyone is invited to attend.

## Call Out for 2025 Graduates



**GRADUATION SEASON IS SOON**

upon us! The Buddhist Churches of America would like to celebrate this year's graduates of BCA family members. Please call or email the BCO temple office if you would like to have Certificates of Congratulations for your 2025 high school and college/university/post graduate degree graduates. Please submit the request form by May 1st, in order to allow for enough time to prepare and mail the certificates from the Buddhist Churches of America. Thank you. Call 510-832-5988 or email [officebco@gmail.com](mailto:officebco@gmail.com). ■

Buddhist Church of Oakland

# Bento Fundraiser

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

**\$25  
EACH**

**PRE-SALE ONLY**

**Deadline for Orders: Monday, April 16, 2025**

**Quantities Limited – *Order Early Please***

## MENU

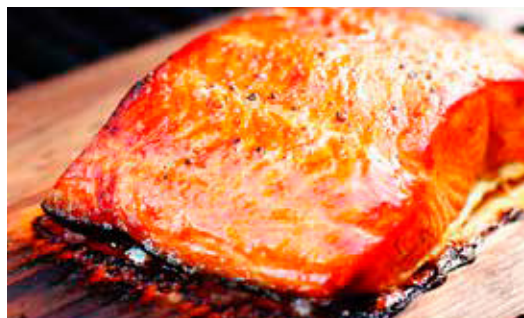
**Miso Salmon**

**Rice**

**Spinach Tofu Salad**

**Kimpira Renkon** (Japanese lotus root stir fry)

**Dessert treats**



**PURCHASE ONLINE:** <https://BuddhistChurchofOakland.org/bento>

### **PAYMENT - CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL ACCOUNT**

- Credit card or PayPal account. On Checkout Page be sure to enter name and contact information
- To pay by check when you pick-up your order, choose Manual Payment and complete the requested information

### **PHONE ORDERS, CALL 510-832-5988**

Leave a message with your name, your bento order, and phone number. Please mail or bring a check when picking up, made out to **BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND.**

### **DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP ONLY AT BCO**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

- Enter church parking lot – 9th St. gate
- Please remain in your car when picking up



# BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND (BCO)

*Presents*



## **Gotan-e/Fujimatsuri Service**

Sunday, May 18, 2025

10:00am: Dharma School Service

10:20am: Dharma Adult Service

11:30am: Otoki Lunch

Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin Day) celebrates the birthday of Jodo Shinshu founder Shinran Shonin (May 21). Also referred as Fujimatsuri (Wisteria Festival Day), this is a time to reflect on the kind of life – filled with gratitude – that we should follow in our daily lives.

## **Speaker:**

Mushim Ikeda



*Mushim Ikeda is currently a socially-engaged Buddhist teacher, mindfulness meditation teacher, mother, social justice activist, author, and diversity and inclusion consultant based in Oakland, California. She teaches at the East Bay Meditation Center in downtown Oakland and with groups such as One Earth Sangha and Spirit Rock Meditation Center's BIPOC Voices Sangha.*

*This event is free and open to the public - Limited free parking is available  
Coffee, juice and breakfast treats available from 9:15am*

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**Check our website for upcoming services and events:**

[buddhistchurchofOakland.org](http://buddhistchurchofOakland.org)

# 2025 May Shotsuki Memorial Service

**Service: Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM PDT In-person & Online**

**Dharma Message: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge**

**The Shotsuki Memorial Service will be held both in-person and streaming online at 11:00 AM. These arrangements are subject to change in correspondence with safety guidelines – please consult the website for updates.**

Family and friends are invited to attend in-person or view online this monthly memorial service for those listed above. If any errors appear, please direct them to the church office at (510) 832-5988 or [officebco@gmail.com](mailto:officebco@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

Mr. Hideo Ajari	Mrs. Setsuko Kaneko	Mrs. Tai Ochikubo
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Mrs. Tsune Akatani	Mr. Nobue Kawabata	Mr. Tetsuo Okai
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Mr. Frank Mikio Kaneko – 25th year	Mrs. Ayako Nishiyori	Mr. James Uchiyama

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# Donations

BCO would like to acknowledge the donations from our members and friends. We are very grateful and appreciative of your continued generosity and kindness. Thank you!

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Cho, Andy & Gail  
Cho, Devin  
Cho, Alyssa  
Cyr, Gerald  
Endow, Greg & Susan  
Hamamoto, Jun  
Hirota, Nancy T.  
Kaneshige, Don & Clare  
Kuwada, Karen  
Lee, Roger & Karla  
Mitsuda, Ken & Jane  
Miyamura, Kurt & Kimi  
Nakatani, Nancy  
Neishi, Ken & Carol  
Okano, Doris  
Samii, Rene  
Shimamoto, Emiko  
Shohara-McCutcheon, Janet  
Tamori, Bob  
Tanisawa, Craig & Ayano  
Toyofuku, Susan  
Tsutakawa, Susan  
Umezu Hall, Norio  
Voss, Judy  
Yamamoto, Paul & Janice  
Yamamura, Michael & Sachiko  
Yanagi, Dorothy  
Yokomizo, Hideki & Keiko  
Yokomizo, Tom

## OBWA

Masuyama, June  
*Lady Kujo & Member's Memorial Service*  
Shibata Nakaso, Lynn  
*In memory of Alice Shibata*  
Yamamoto, Bruce  
*In memory of Nancy Yamamoto*

## SPECIAL

Aoki, Miho  
*February General Donation*  
Bergland, Masuyama, Harry & June  
*BCA Eiitaikyo Service*  
Booker, Robin  
Chang, Kashima, Kevin & Sara  
*General Donation*  
Hiramoto, Joni  
Hotchkiss, Mark  
Maramba-Ferrell, Anna  
*General Donation*  
Mayeno, Amiko  
Shiroyama, Dean  
*General Donation*

Simmons, Yolanda  
Wong, Brian  
Yamamoto, Bruce & Cindy  
*Donation for new 2-door commercial refrigerator for issei kaikan kitchen*

## NOKOTSUDO

Tsukahira, Janet

## OHIGAN

Aoki, Kathy  
Aoki, Margaret  
Dougherty, Bill  
Endo, Michael  
Fernandez, Tanemura, Janice & Luis  
Fujimoto, Gloria  
Hashimoto, Karen  
Hisaoka, Patti, Jeffrey, Tricia  
Kaneshige, Don & Clare  
Kaplan, Harvey & Gay  
Kawata, Jean  
Minamoto, Ed & Mabel  
Minamoto, John  
Nomura, Ron & June  
Oniki, Christeen  
Oto, Carrie  
Takahashi, Peggy  
Weibel, Dave

## SHOTSUKI

Bergland, Masuyama, Harry & June  
*Mem of Rev. Kenyu Masuyama*  
Fujii, Ron  
*Mem of Hatsu Nakai*  
Greenside, Umeki, Mark & Donna  
*Mem of Jisaku Minamoto, Tokio Minamoto, Isoko Umeki*  
Grohl, Renie  
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Grohl, Renie  
*Mem of Kayoko Yuto*  
Hoshide, Norma  
*Mem of David Hoshide*  
Ide, Gordon  
*Mem of Agnes Ide*  
Isono, Richard & Gail  
*Mem of Yoshio Isono*  
Isono, Terri  
*Mem of Yoshio Isono*  
Ito, K.  
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Kano, Judy  
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*Mem of Ayako Hirai, Isoko Umeki*

Matsumoto, Michael  
*Mem of Minoru James Matsumoto*  
Minamoto, John  
*Mem of Ayako Hirai*  
Minamoto, John  
*Mem of Isoko Umeki*  
Minamoto, Ed & Mabel  
*Mem of Ayako Hirai*  
Mitsuda, Mary Hatsuko  
*Mem of Kame Mitsuda*  
Miyamura, Kurt & Kimi  
*Mem of Masato Miyamura*  
Nagafuji, Akemi  
*Mem of Rev. Gyosei Nagafuji, Yoko Nagafuji*  
Nakamura, Glenn  
*Mem of Lynda Perry Nakamura*  
Negoro, George & Dora  
*Mem of Alexander Negoro*  
Nehira, Ken  
*Mem of Michiko Nehira*  
Neishi, Alice  
*Shotsuki*  
Neishi, Ken  
*Mem of Fujiyo Kataoka, Hiroshi Neishi*  
Nomura, Ron & June  
Sekigahama, Janet  
*Mem of Masato Hashimoto, Saikichi Yamamoto*  
Shimamoto, Emiko  
*Mem of Yoshizo Shimamoto, Kiyoko Shimao*  
Takahashi, Peggy  
*Mem of Takeshi Takahashi*  
Tamori, Bob  
*Mem of Pam Tamori, Shoji Tamori*  
Tanisawa, Ted  
*Mem of Suekiyo Tanisawa*  
Teshima, Mary  
*Mem of Michiko Nehira*  
Tominaga, Gary & Anne  
*Mem of Hiroshi, Neishi, Mitsugi Neishi*  
Tsukahira, Janet  
*Mem of Kiyoko, Nancy, Shigeki Kuwahara*  
Ushijima, Glenn  
*Mem of Sadato Ushijima*  
Yamamoto, Paul & Janice  
*Mem of Shiro Aochi*  
Yanagi, Dorothy  
*Mem of Motoichi Yanagi*  
Yoshida, Fusae  
*Mem of Eisaku Yoshida*

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we may react to the term as an English word. I think each one of us may react to this term differently. For some, it may resonate. For others, they may think, "I'm not like that." I recently remembered how I was in junior high school - initially shy and insecure, I found some confidence in being the "class clown." I was never a good student, though I was able to do a little better in college. Maybe this is partly why I gravitated towards Shinran's

teachings. How about you?

Although this idea of the difference between one's inside and outside appears in several places in Shinran's writings, I appreciate how he acknowledges that others may be wise on the inside. Is he talking about his teachers? Or about the everyday, "ordinary" people around him? Regardless, it is an interesting model - to refrain from judging others and instead to look deeply at oneself.

Not easy to do! But the Light of Wisdom & Compassion of Amida can help us in this endeavor, as we recite the Nembutsu and reflect on ourselves.

We will celebrate Shinran Shōnin's birthday with our **Gōtan-e service** on **Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 am** with Dharma School and adults. Our guest speaker is **Mushim Ikeda**. Please see flyer on page 9 for details and join us! ■

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## President's Message CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

season, coming off the close loss at the Super Bowl. But they went through tough times with injuries of many players. The Giants did not have lofty goals, given the Dodgers were able to attract high priced free agents such as Shohei Ohtani. The main thing was the Giants did not make the playoffs, and we were disappointed again. The Warriors were trounced in the play-in game against the Sacramento Kings last season. And this season, while they had a hot start, they languished in mediocrity. The teams suffered and as fans, we suffered along with them. You might even say we were all in "*dukkha*", or suffering, an inevitable part of life.

No team can remain on top forever; no player can escape aging, injuries, or changes in fortune. Just as our own lives go through cycles of success and struggle, so too do

our teams. In Buddhism, as human beings, we recognize *impermanence*. So, it applies to sports teams as well. No team can remain on top forever. No player can escape aging, injuries, or changes in fortune. However, the players do rely on their teammates, coaches, staff, owners, vendors, and fans. Recognizing *interdependence* is a valuable lesson for all.

So as the 49'ers look for youth in the draft to improve; as the Giants go forward not worrying about other team's deep pockets, seek to be competitive and get into the playoffs; and as the Warriors enjoy their new found success by adding a key player and staying out of the play-in competition, we continue to cheer for our local teams. And I'll add the San Jose Sharks, San Jose Earthquakes, Oakland Ballers, San Jose Giants,



Santa Cruz Warriors, Oakland Soul, Oakland Roots and the upcoming Golden State Valkyries. Let us cheer with an open heart—celebrating their victories, supporting them in their struggles, and remembering that all things, whether wins or losses, are part of life. GO BAY AREA! ■

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## May Shotsuki

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Mrs. Tei Ugai  
Mr. Bryan Umeki - 3rd year  
Mrs. Hisano Umemoto  
Mrs. Sugae Umemoto  
Mrs. Sachie Uratsu  
Mr. Moshichi Urushibata  
Mrs. Moto Urushibata

Mrs. Sato Urushibata  
Mrs. Helen Ushijima  
Mr. Jack Wong  
Mr. Yoshio Yamabe  
Mr. Harold Yamamoto  
Mr. Michisuke Yamamoto  
Mrs. Naono Yamamoto  
Mr. Yutaka Jim Yamamoto  
Mr. Shotaro Yasuda  
Mrs. Hatsumi Yokomizo

Mrs. Ise Yokomizo  
Mr. Motohachi Yokomizo  
Mr. George Yokoyama  
Mrs. Mariko Mollie Yoneyama - 3rd year  
Mr. Yoemon Yoshida  
Mrs. Yoshiko Yoshida  
Mrs. June Yoshioka  
Mr. Sato Yoshioka  
Mr. Ross Yoshisato

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04	05	06	07	08	09	10
10:00 am Dharma School Service In person & online  Shotsuki Memorial Service 11:00 am In person & online			Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm	Concord Howakai 11:00 am		9:00 am Japanese Language School  Study Class 1:00 pm  Ikebana Issei Kaikan 1:00-4:00 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00 am Dharma Family Service In person & online		Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	FOMC Meeting Facilities Operations & Maintenance Committee 7:00 pm	Momijikai 10:00 am		9:00 am Japanese Language School
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 am Gotane / Fujimatsuri Service incl. Dharma School In person & online			Busshin Articles Due		Memorial Day Weekend Cemetery Visitations	No Japanese Language School  Memorial Day Weekend Cemetery Visitations
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Memorial Day Weekend Cemetery Visitations  Office Hours: 1:00-4:00 pm  Memorial Day Service 4:00	Holiday Office Closed					9:00 am Japanese Language School

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Dharma School Graduation Service & Infant Presentation 10:00 am Shotsuki Memorial & Adult Dharma Service 10:45 am			Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm	Momijikai 10:00 am		Ikebana 1:00-3:30 pm
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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