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The Equality of All Beings BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

ONE OF MY FAVORITE BOOKS ON Buddhism is *Gotama Buddha: A Biography Based on the Most Reliable Texts*, by Hajime Nakamura. I don't think it's the kind of book you just pick up and read; instead, it is an amazing resource for the life of Shakyamuni Buddha. Instead of just "telling the story," the story is told with reference to the various extant versions.

I picked up the book recently because I was having trouble thinking of an idea for this month. The obvious theme is "Hanamatsuri," the commemoration and celebration of the birth of the historical Buddha, but where to go from there? The one idea I came up with was basically the same as last year's Hanamatsuri article, so no-go! An alternative would be to turn to

AI, but I find that problematic as well (hmm, maybe a topic for a future article?). Instead, I dug into my collection of Buddhist books!

Professor Nakamura's book about the Buddha's life looks at the various events in the Buddha's biography, and presents the versions found in the various extant texts, whether in Pāli,

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President's Message

BY STEVE TERUSAKI

WRITING AT THE END OF February for the Busshin's April edition is a challenge. I think of April as time for Hanamatsuri, but we have yet to observe Spring Ohigan. One thing for sure, there are signs of spring popping out all over; and with a few days of sun and warmth, maybe we'll be

able to dry out from the recent rains and rebound from the cold temps that have finally made it feel like winter.

This is my inaugural Busshin article as I again take the helm as President of the Board. I have to apologize for missing the March Busshin as the deadline coincided with all the frenzy and

stress that were part of the final preparations for the 2026 National Council Meeting (NCM) events: the Presidents Leadership Session; multiple workshops on several topics of importance; meetings, presentations and agenda development for the NCM itself.

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AT THE FEBRUARY 22ND DHARMA School Service, students enjoyed spotting the differences between **Rev. Bridge's** sensei outfit and **Rev. Endo's** traditional, more formal sensei outfit. Students also learned about doing a 20-degree bow (at the beginning and end of *oshoko*) and a 45-degree bow (in the middle of *oshoko* after offering incense) and watched **Rev. Endo** demonstrate. Then, all Dharma School classes joined together in a group lesson in which **Rev. Bridge** explained proper *oshoko* technique and practiced together with students and their caregivers. We learned that the left side of our bodies represent Samsara, whereas the right side of our bodies represent Nirvana. We

practiced—first, a 20-degree bow with hands at our sides, then step forward with the left foot, then put one pinch of incense in the bowl, then a 45-degree bow with our hands in *gassho* and we can say the *Nembutsu*, then step back with the right foot, and finally, a 20-degree bow with hands at our sides. Thank you to Rev. Endo for demonstrating *oshoko* at the service and to Rev. Bridge for teaching our Dharma School lesson and helping us practice *oshoko*!

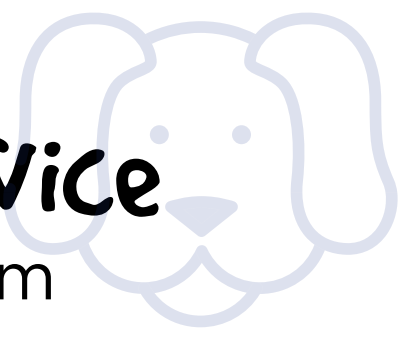
If you would like your pet to be honored in the Pets Memorial Service on **Sunday, April 26, 2026** and your pet has not previously been recognized, please email a completed Pets Memorial form and a photo of your pet (optional) to officebco@gmail.com

officebco@gmail.com by April 17, 2026.

If you know a class of 2026 graduating high school, college or graduate program student who would like to be recognized at the **June 7, 2026** Graduation Service and party, please email the graduate's name, the name of the school from which they are graduating, the name of the school they are planning to attend in the fall of 2026 (if applicable), and their major or field of study and degree to DharmaSchoolBCO@gmail.com by May 17, 2026.

A very Happy Birthday to **Akira N., Hana H., Harumoto B., Hazel H., Izzy S.F., and Yoko I.-W.!**

Upcoming Dharma School dates: **3/1, 3/15, 4/12, 4/26, 5/17, 5/31, 6/7. ■**

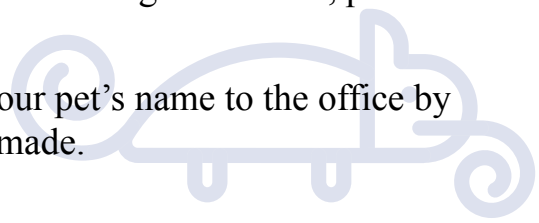
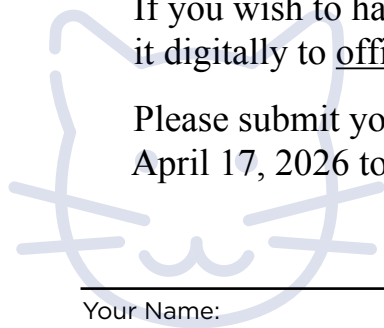


Pet Memorial Service

April 26, 2026 • 10am

Our pets are very important members of our families. In remembrance of our beloved family pets, we will have a Pets Memorial Service on April 26 at 10:00am as part of the Dharma Family Service. We also want to show appreciation to the animals who give their lives for our sustenance. Please complete the form below and we will have a card made in your pet's memory. If you wish to have your pet's photo appear during the service, please send it digitally to officebco@gmail.com.

Please submit your name, address and your pet's name to the office by April 17, 2026 to have a memorial card made.



Your Name:

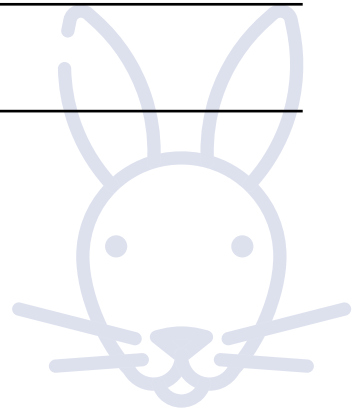
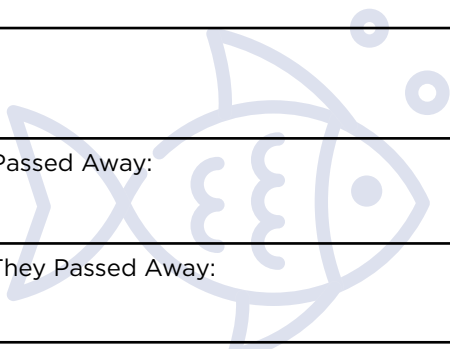
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Your Pet(s)'s Name & Year She/He/They Passed Away:

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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF *Compassion and Gratitude*

BCO'S 125TH Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**.

ONAIJIN UPDATE

Have you noticed any changes to the *onaijin* floor? No more carpet! We determined there was hardwood under the carpet and had the floor completely refinished late in December before our restored *onaijin* is re-installed. Please take a look if you haven't already.

By the time you read this, our restored *onaijin* will be re-installed in the Hondo. You will see restored panels above the *onaijin*, as well. Please come to Sunday service to check it out.

BANQUET

It's official, our **125th Anniver-**

sary Celebration Luncheon will be at the **Oakland Asian Cultural Center on Saturday, October 17, 2026** after our special service. Many thanks to the 125th Anniversary Banquet Task Force for doing the site visit and nailing down the details to secure this site.

The 125th Anniversary Banquet Task Force is finalizing the bento menu and deciding on beverages and other details. Tickets for this event will be available for purchase during the spring.

CALL OUT FOR PHOTOS

The 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee is looking for photos of the BCO and/or its activities from between 2001 and 2011. If you have hard copies of photos, we will scan

them in. Please write the approximate date of the photo on the back and enclose your photos in an envelope with your name on it so we can return them to you after scanning.

If you have digital photos, please send them in jpg format to bco125@buddhistchurchofoakland.org. Thank you!

125TH MERCHANDISE

Thank you for supporting projects for the 125th anniversary by your purchase of merchandise that commemorates BCO's 125 years. Your purchase of these tastefully designed t-shirts, baseball caps, tote bags, and aprons will help support the BCO for years to come. Merchandise is available for sale most Sundays. ■



Koto Workshop

SHIRLEY MURAMOTO-WONG WILL BEGIN A KOTO WORKSHOP AT BCO THIS SPRING! ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

- instruments and supplies will be provided. There is no registration fee, but donations are gratefully accepted.

These are the dates for Spring 2026:

Saturday, Mar 7

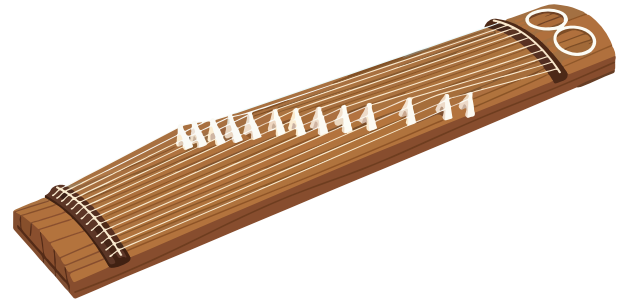
Saturday, April 4

Saturday, May 30

The workshops will be held from **2:00 - 4:00 pm**.

Please register a week before the class(es) you are interested in by emailing

murasaki@murasakiensemble.com ■



The Equality of All Beings CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Sanskrit, or Chinese. The version of the birth of Shakyamuni that we usually relate at Hanamatsuri says that right after he was born, he takes seven steps and says something like, “between heaven and earth, I am supreme!” There is obviously a legendary, mythical element, since newborn humans can neither walk nor talk. So, what does it mean?

A fundamental aspect of Buddhism is the basic equality of all living things. And yet, here is the baby

Buddha asserting that HE is SUPREME! What about everybody else?! Professor Nakamura has an interesting interpretation. It goes something like this: 1) the Baby Buddha has awakened/will awaken to the equality of all beings, 2) he is the only one to do so amongst the various teachers at the time, and 3) therefore this truth of the equality of all is true - all beings are equal - all beings can and will attain enlightenment!

The equality of all beings isn't an

easy truth to acknowledge. I don't want to force you to believe that this is true. I especially don't want to trick you into believing it. It comes from something bigger than me or you. This is the *bodaishin*, translated as “awakening your supreme will” in the version of the Three Treasures that we recite. This supreme will is the wish both for enlightenment for oneself and the enlightenment of all. It is the wish of that Baby Buddha - the supreme one in our world - that we also awaken this wish!

President's Message CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Coming off my two-year term as president of the Buddhist Churches of America, key initiatives that were forefront of the agenda at the recent 2026 National Council Meeting in Renton, WA were (1) membership; (2) financial sustainability; (3) lay leadership development; and (4) developing a culture of dana giving. From my perspective as the president-emeritus of BCA, I see that it is at each of BCA's 58 temples/churches where this national agenda is to be implemented. It is only by executing on these initiatives that each and every BCA temple/church can look confidently to its future as a place where the Buddhist teachings are shared and practiced.

I look forward to being the catalyst that will ensure that we will continue to have that available here in Oakland.

I look forward to the upcoming year in which we will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary. It is my hope that we can channel the energy that is going into the celebration and renew the commitment to the dharma that has been the sustaining factor in our long history.

Thank you for your well wishes on this next journey that I'm on. I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you in the next year, and beyond, to ensure a bright future for our sangha.

Namo Amida Butsu ■

In Memoriam

Ruby Kuritsubo
February 3, 2026

Funeral notification will
be sent at a later date . ■

THE PARTY FAVOR WORKSHOP with **Arlene Jellinek** and **Joyce Yokomizo** was very successful. Sixteen people participated in the workshop and I heard it was a lot of fun. Here are some of the cute projects they completed:



Our OBWA Spring Luncheon will be on **March 29, 2026**. **Carol Thunen** will chair this event.

The OBWA is hosting the Bay District Buddhist Women's League Conference this year on **May**

16 at BCO.

The conference theme is "May All Beings Be Happy and Well: Mental & Physical Health & Well-being". **Bishop Marvin Harada** will be our keynote speaker. We will also have workshops featuring **Karen Owoc**, KRON health expert and **Norma Hoshide** who will show us breathing exercises and chair yoga exercises

Patti Hisaoka and **Carol Thunen** are co-chairing this event with help from conference committee members **Tina Kong, Maya Lawrence, June Masuyama, Carol Neishi, Sabrina Shepard, Kathy Terusaki,** and **Carol Thunen**. The conference starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments.

Oshoko begins at 10:00

Opening service at 10:30

Keynote address by **Bishop**

Marvin Harada at 11:00 - 11:30

Lunch 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Workshop with **Karen Owoc**:

1:00 - 2:00

Workshop with **Norma**: 2:15 - 3:15

Closing service will be at 3:30

Conference ends at 4:00

Our next OBWA potluck lunch meeting will be on **March 8, 2026 after service ~ 11:30am.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 OBWA Meeting Dates

March 8

May 3

July 12

September 27

November 8 (last meeting of 2026)

All meetings are on **Sunday after church service ~11:30 a.m.** and held over a potluck lunch.

Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service will be held on **Sunday, February 22, 2026.**

FUTURE EVENTS TO CONSIDER

Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) conference will be **October 2 - 4, 2026 in San Diego**. If you're interested in attending, please contact **Kathy Terusaki** at kkterusaki@gmail.com.

World Buddhist Women's Conference (WBWC) will be held in **Hawaii from September 11 - 12, 2027**. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Kathy T.**

The **2031 WBWC** will be in **Las Vegas in Fall 2031 midweek**. This conference will be organized by an ad hoc committee consisting of members from different districts. If you have ideas for a theme, please contact **Patti Hisaoka** at pfujihisa@gmail.com.

Please remember to make checks out to "Buddhist Church of Oakland - OBWA" to ensure funds are correctly allocated. ■

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/>

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Naijin Sections Return from Japan

BY JON TAKAGAKI



EARLY IN THE MORNING OF

Tuesday, February 3, a truck with a large shipping container pulled into our BCO parking lot. The two sections of our Naijin had returned from Japan!

It's hard to believe that it has been one year since **Mr. Hasegawa** and **Mr. Hirano** from Wakabayashi Butsugu were here to disassemble and pack up the center and right sections of our Naijin for the trip to Kyoto for restoration. This restoration work is one of the principal projects from the list of projects to commemorate our 125th Anniversary.

Large, heavy duty cardboard crates were unloaded from the container and taken up to the Hondo. Several of the crates were too large for the elevator and had to be brought through the front doors and carried up the stairs. **Mr. Hasegawa** and **Mr. Hirano** methodically unpacked each crate, reassembled the altar sections, and placed them precisely in place on the Naijin.

Wakabayashi restored the center and right sections of the Naijin and the panels above the Naijin with the wisteria crest, peacocks, paulownia plants, and peony flowers.

Wakabayashi also repaired damaged wood behind the center section of the Naijin. The red brocade fabric hanging in front of Amida Buddha is new and beautifully frames the Buddha.

It took two full days to complete the work. A service was conducted to mark the return of the Amida Buddha statue to our Naijin once the work was completed.

The restoration work involved approximately 30 Wakabayashi artisans in Kyoto, principally performing woodworking, lacquer painting, lacquer polishing, gold leafing, replating of gold metal work, and repainting altar sections and ornamentation.

Wakabayashi Butsugu was founded in 1830 in Kyoto, Japan. This distinguished company manufactures, renovates, and restores Buddhist altars, adornments, and accessories. Currently, there are about 48 employees in Wakabayashi made up principally of artisans who specialize in traditional crafts and techniques.

I wish to thank **Rev. Bridge, Mika Bridge, Rev. Endo, Doris Okano, Keiju Terada, Peggy Takahashi, John Minamoto, Norman Yoshida, Ed Minamoto, Eric Masamori, and Gary Tominaga**

for their help in unloading the container, moving the crates upstairs, unpacking the crates, assisting with the reassembly, and recycling the crates and packing materials. A shout-out to **Rev. Michael** for his leadership and guidance over the course of the entire project.

The gold, lacquer, and other colors of the altar sections and panels above the Naijin are so vibrant and beautiful! Our Naijin is now preserved for years to come.

It was an amazing and moving experience for me to see our Naijin reassembled. I feel privileged and honored to have had the opportunity to view the Naijin up close.

The intricate details and craftsmanship of our Naijin took my breath away. I was able to view things I never had noticed before, like the dragons on the corners of the roof above the center section of the Naijin. I have a greater sense of appreciation and gratitude for the beauty of our Hondo and Naijin.

In commemoration of our 125th anniversary, the restoration of the Naijin and refinishing of the Naijin floor completes this segment of the work in the Hondo. Later this year, reupholstering the pews and refinishing the wooden floor under the pews will be undertaken.

Your gifts for the 125th anniversary fundraising campaign go toward these projects. We respectfully request \$800 per individual and \$1,600 per family to fund the projects in the Hondo, as well as other projects in the main church building. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the church office or visit our website at buddhistchurchofoakland.org. ■

Naijin Sections Return from Japan

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AND MIKA BRIDGE





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Spring Ohigan Service

Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:00am: Spring Ohigan and Dharma School Service, followed by Light Refreshments

Spring Ohigan (Equinox) is a time to reflect and renew our efforts toward the Six Paramitas (Perfections): Generosity (Dana), Moral Conduct (Sila), Patience (Kshanti), Perseverance (Virya), Meditation (Dhyana) and Wisdom (Prajna). Join us for this special event on March 15th.



Hanamatsuri

Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:30am: Kambutsu (pour sweet tea over baby Buddha)

10:00am: Dharma School Hanamatsuri Service

10:30am: Adult Dharma Hanamatsuri Service

11:15am: Otoki Lunch

Hanamatsuri (Flower Festival) is a day of great joy and significance. Come see the baby Buddha in Lumbini's Garden (hanamido) and pour sweet tea over him, like the gentle rain that fell 2,500 years ago. Join us for this special service on April 12th.

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

Buddhist Church of Oakland

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2026 April Shotsuki Memorial Service

Sunday, April 5, 2026 PDT In-person & Online

Dharma Message: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge

The Shotsuki Memorial Service will be held together with the Dharma Family Service at 10:00 AM on April 5. The service will be both in-person and streaming online. Family and friends are invited to attend this monthly memorial service or view it online for those listed below. If any errors appear, please direct them to the church office at (510) 832-5988 or officebco@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

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Mr. Matsuo Ernest Akaba -
3rd year
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Mrs. Beatrice Akiko Bunna
Mr. Heisaku Fujii
Mr. Sakichi Fujii
Mrs. Tsue Fujii
Mrs. Takano Fukuda
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Mr. Kikuhei Fujimoto
Mrs. Mary Fujimoto
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MARCH 20TH

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Joyce Yokomizo

email:

joyce@yokomizo.com

You can also send articles
to the church office.

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& Sara Kashima
Endo, Diane
Hashimoto, Karen
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Miyamoto-Mills, Janis & Jarred
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Church Bathroom Renovations

125TH ANNIVERSARY

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Yokomizo, Joyce

SHOTSUKI

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Hefner, Patricia
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Mem of Yoshiko Hashimoto
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*Mem of Jeffrey Takagaki,
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APRIL 2026

HOST 4: DONALD ENDO

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			01	02	03	04
			7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 am Momijikai 10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School		9:30 am Japanese Language School Koto Workshop 2:00 pm
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10:00 am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial & Adult Dharma Service In person & online				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 11:00 am Concord Howakai No Japanese Language School		No Japanese Language School 11:00 am Bazaar Planning Committee Meeting 1:00 pm Study Class 1:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 am Kanbutsu 10:00 am Hanamatsuri & Dharma School Service In person & online 3:00 pm Ashland Howakai		7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	7:00 pm FOMC Meeting Facilities Operations & Maintenance Committee	10:00 am Momijikai 10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School		9:30 am Japanese Language School
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00 am Dharma Family Service In person & online 10:45 am Dharma Chat				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School	Busshin Articles Due	9:30 am Japanese Language School
26	27	28	29	30		
10:00 am Pets Memorial & Dharma School Service In person & online				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School 7:00 pm Task Force on Finance		9:30 am Japanese Language School

MAY 2026

HOST 5: JARED MIYAMOTO-MILLS

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10:00 am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial & Adult Dharma Service In person & online 11:30 am OBWA Meeting			7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 am Momijikai 10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School		9:30 am Japanese Language School 1:00 pm Study Class 1:00 pm Ikebana	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
10:00 am Dharma Family Service In person & online 10:45 am Dharma Chat				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 11:00 am Concord Howakai 6:30 pm Japanese Language School		9:30 am Japanese Language School Bay District Buddhist Women's League Conference	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
10:00 am Gotan-e/Fujimatsuri & Dharma School Service In person & online		7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	7:00 pm FOMC Meeting (Facilities Operations & Maintenance Committee)	10:00 am Momijikai 10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School	Memorial Day Weekend Cemetery Visitations	No Japanese Language School Memorial Day Weekend Cemetery Visitations	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Memorial Day Weekend Cemetery Visitations Office Hours: 1-4 pm 4:00 pm Memorial Day Service	Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed			6:30 pm Japanese Language School 7:00 pm Task Force on Finance		9:30 am Japanese Language School	
10:00 am 31 Dharma School Service In person & online							

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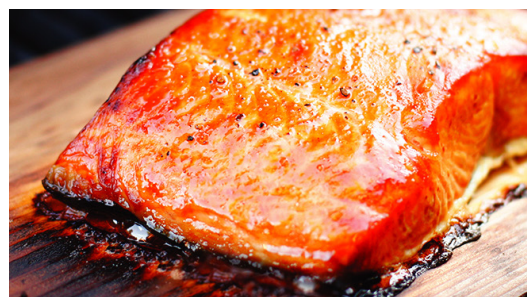
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