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What's In a Name? BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

DID YOU KNOW THAT SHINRAN SHÖNIN, the founder of our sect of Buddhism, had several names? His childhood name is said to have been “*Matsuwakamaru*,” though we don’t know this for certain. His next name was “*Hannen*,” which he received when he was ordained at age nine. He also received Dharma Names from his teacher, Hōnen, was given a secular name

when he was defrocked and exiled and finally took on the name *Gutoku Shaku Shinran*. “Shinran” is made up of characters from the names of two of the Seven Masters of Jodo Shinshu, and it is thought that those two (Vasubandhu & T’an-luan) had a particular impact on Shinran’s thought.

Would you like a Dharma Name? On Sunday, May 17, we are holding

our *Gōtan-e* Service in commemoration and celebration of Shinran’s birth. We are fortunate to have **Rev. Marvin Harada**, Bishop of the BCA, as our guest speaker again. Before the *Gōtan-e* Service, Rev. Harada will also perform a *Kie Shiki* Affirmation Ceremony, a service where members reaffirm their taking of refuge in the

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President’s Message

BY STEVE TERUSAKI

THE END OF WINTER THIS YEAR was so uncharacteristically HOT! Climate change, or just an unusual heat dome over the West prompted the last week of winter with record-breaking temperatures. Looking forward to April and May, we can hopefully return to springtime Bay Area norms.

This change in season highlights the immutable fact that change is part of our daily lives. And with change comes new ideas and new opportunities. That is the effort that I have made in guiding the Church to greater transparency and greater trust in the Board and other key leaders of our Sangha.

We are also working to take advantage of the Committee structure that has been instituted within the Church. All Board members are encouraged to be active members of our various committees and affiliated organizations to ensure that our Board members are

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- Please remain in your car when picking up



IN MARCH, OUR DHARMA SCHOOL

students had the special opportunity to learn from one of their own. **Madison I.** of BCO's Jr. YBA thoughtfully led a large group lesson that brought together students of all ages. The class began with an animated retelling of the "Great Race," the well-known story that explains the order of the twelve zodiac animals celebrated during Lunar New Year. After the video, students formed mixed-grade groups and connected across ages to answer questions about the story and color pictures of the zodiac animals. The highlight came at the end of class, when our younger students, drawing on their memories and supported by their older peers,

worked together to place each animal in the correct order of the Great Race. Thank you to **Madison I.** and **Delia Ikeda** for the collaborative and interactive lesson!

Also in March, our Littles class (PreK-1st grade) explored the theme of interconnectedness through the story *The Kindest Red*. This touching book invites readers to imagine a world rooted in kindness and inclusion, reminding us of the importance of seeing and caring for all people. Through the story of a young Muslim girl, students were also introduced to the observance of *Ramadan* and they learned about how different religions have meaningful springtime celebrations, which is another way some of our spiritual prac-

tices are interconnected.

If you know a class of 2026 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 **Hikaru H., Lachlan G., and Masanori M.!**

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

Buddhist Church of Oakland

BCO Bazaar & Food Festival

Saturday, June 20, 2026

12 Noon - 6pm

825 Jackson Street, Oakland, CA 94607

2 blocks from Lake Merritt BART Station

A Day Filled with Great Food and Family Fun!

On-Site Dining Throughout the Day.

Enjoy Our Delicious

- Chicken Teriyaki
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More Info



For more info: call 510-832-5988 or visit buddhistchurchofoakland.org

125th Anniversary Fundraising Update

BY JON TAKAGAKI



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projects to commemorate our 125th anniversary are now completed.

The timing of the HVAC system completion was perfect. On a rather warm Saturday afternoon in late March, the air conditioning made the Hondo very comfortable during a funeral service. In addition to the Hondo, air conditioning and heating wall units have been placed in the small chapel and library.

Up next on our list of projects will be the refurbishment of the pews and the refinishing of the flooring under the pews. This work will take place in June and July.

WE'VE REACHED 20% OF OUR GOAL!

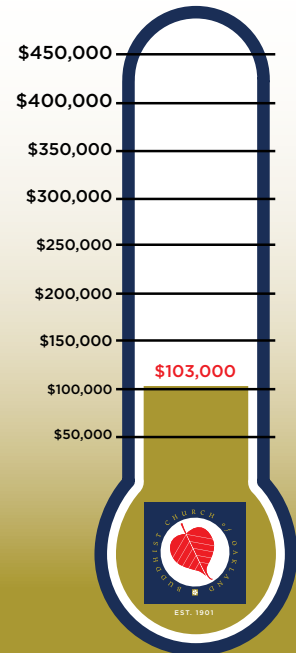
As of early March, we have achieved 20% of our 125th anniversary fundraising goal! Many thanks to those who have sent in their gifts. We are grateful for your generosity and support!

As we complete the projects to commemorate our 125th (i.e., *Naijin* restoration, HVAC system), we need to make payments for this work over the coming weeks. If you haven't sent in a gift, we respectfully request gifts of \$800 per individual Sangha member and friends of BCO and \$1,600 per couple.

If you can, please consider giving more than the suggested gift levels. If you are unable to contribute at the suggested levels, please consider a gift at your comfort level. We are deeply grateful for all gifts at any level.

Gifts can be provided a couple of different ways:

GOAL
\$500,000



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- By check: Please make the check payable to Buddhist Church of Oakland and include "125th Anniversary" in the memo section of the check.
- By credit card: This can be done at church or online from the Buddhist Church of Oakland website:
<https://buddhistchurchofOakland.org/125thcampaign>.

Gifts may be pledged over a two-year period and can be made on a recurring basis over one or two years using your credit card or through your financial institution.

For additional information regarding the 125th fundraising, please visit the BCO website or contact the church office; officebco@gmail.com, or call 510-832-5988. ■

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

NEW HVAC COMPLETED

Installation of the new Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system on the second floor was completed in mid-March. Along with the *Naijin* restoration, these two major undertakings on our list of



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Our 125th celebration lunch will be on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center following a special service at church. Tickets for the luncheon are \$75 per person. Tickets will go on sale first to BCO members via a link on the BCO website on **Monday, June 1** or you may call

the BCO office at 510.832.5988. After June 15, remaining tickets will go on sale to the greater BCO community. Look for additional details in the June Busshin.

125TH MERCHANDISE

Thank you for supporting proj-

ects 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. ■



125th Anniversary Remembrances

BY JOHN MINAMOTO

THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF Oakland is celebrating its 125th anniversary in October 2026. So what? For me, the “what” is that members of my family have been affiliated with the church for 112 years!

In 1940, my grandmother, *Tokio Minamoto*, was required to complete an Alien Registration form prior to being relocated to Topaz, Utah at the

beginning of World War II. On that form, she indicated that she was a member and active at the BCO since 1914.

I began thinking about who in my family has encountered the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha at BCO and I realized that it's 90% of the Minamoto family.

What better way to remember

them than to donate to the 125th anniversary in their memory. In this way, it's an opportunity for my family and I to express our gratitude and appreciation for their dedication, contributions, and support to BCO. Other Sangha members may want to think about doing the same with their families. ■

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Three Treasures and receive Dharma Names. You might be a long-time member or a new member - either way, you are invited to receive a Dharma Name. This is a meaningful way to honor and express your commitment to the Buddhist Path.

If you are interested, then please either email or call the church office by **Monday, April 27**. This event is also part of our 125th Anniversary celebration, so whether you decide on getting a Dharma Name or just want to attend the service, we hope you can make it

and we look forward to seeing you!

We will also be doing our annual Memorial Day Cemetery Visitations - see the schedule elsewhere in this issue. Please note the dates - there is an extra weekend after Memorial Day this year! ■

President's Message CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

fully integrated and knowledgeable of the operations of the Church.

Taking advantage of the active involvement of Board members in the operation of the Church offers the option to reduce the time for Board meetings. Board meetings are now scheduled every two months with the Executive Committee of the Board meeting monthly. The new format affords the Executive Committee to vet proposals to the Board; to initiate meaningful strategic discussions that do not happen during a regular Board meeting; and to be a body that works more closely with Rev. Bridge to identify areas of sangha needs and Church leadership. If you have an important matter that you seek Board guidance and/or approval on, the first step will be to make the proposal to the Executive Committee. Please know that it will take more time for full Board approval; the goal being a more thoughtful decision by the Board.

Further, the Executive Committee working together with the Finance Committee will be instituting the requirement for budget estimates and revenue projections for major projects and fundraising initiatives undertaken for the Church. Again, this process has its goal being greater transpar-

ency and better decision-making.

When this May Busshin is received in mailboxes and email inboxes, we will be starting the Summer Festival Season. A reminder that this month's Busshin has Volunteer Assignments for our upcoming **Bazaar on Saturday, June 20th**. Please be considerate and let the Bazaar committee members know if you cannot make your designated time. And, of course, if you do not show up on the list, please let us know so that we place you in areas of need. The Church has many new families and sangha members. Let us welcome them into the volunteer assignments and have them help "share the load" and join in the making this a great event for everyone.

May also means that the **125th Anniversary celebration of the Church** is rapidly approaching. If you have not done so, make sure you have Saturday **October 17th** marked on your calendar. Several projects are complete and others are underway in anticipation of this milestone date. The *onaijin* restoration is now complete and we can enjoy the beauty of the restored altars. The HVAC (heating/ventilation/air-conditioning) project is being finalized. One great benefit is that we now have air conditioning (AC) in the

Hondo --- something that was last operable in 2001 when the AC stopped working for the 100th Anniversary celebration. That occurred on the hottest day of 2001. Upcoming at the end of May will begin the repair and reupholstering of the pews in the Hondo along with refinishing the hardwood floor under the pews. That effort will begin at the end of May with a commitment for completion in time for **Obon on August 1st**.

Finally, I have initiated a small group of members to redefine who is a "member" at the Buddhist Church of Oakland. In the past, we used the Japanese word, GO-JI-HI (goh-jee-hee) which means Maintenance Fee. As we have moved toward English in our Church lexicon, some of the original Japanese words have not been translated effectively. I would like to reevaluate how we communicate the idea of offering financial support for the "Maintenance" of the Church and how that translates into being a "member." We have always had a tradition of welcoming everyone who wishes to offer financial support in whatever amount to support the Church to be an "engaged" sangha member of the Church. More to come on this topic. ■

OUR OBWA SPRING LUNCHEON was on March 29, 2026. **Carol Thunen**, Chair, along with help from **Tina Kong** and **Carol Neishi** made this annual event fun. More details to follow in the next edition of the *Busshin*.

Hanamatsuri is April 12th and the OBWA will have its card sales before and after this special service. You'll find a wide variety of beautiful, hand-made cards for every occasion. Please stop by and support your OBWA.

Spring bento fundraiser will be on **Saturday, April 18th**. We will need help on both **Friday, April 17th and on Saturday, the 18th**. Please contact **Jon Takagaki** if you can help on Friday or Saturday; his email is jtaka1014@gmail.com.

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: Spiritual, Mental and Physical Health". **Bishop Marvin Harada** will be our keynote speaker. We will also have two workshops featuring **Karen Owoc**, KRON health expert, and **Norma Hoshide**, BCO's Momijikai yoga director. **Norma** will lead us in breathing 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**, and **Kathy Terusaki**. 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 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Conference ends at 4:00.

OBWA will send OBWA members and friends conference registration details via email.

BAZAAR ON JUNE 20

Volunteer schedules for preparation are on page 8. OBWA is grateful for your help, please stay tuned.

Our next OBWA potluck lunch meeting will be on **May 3, 2026 after service ~ 11:30**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 OBWA Meeting Dates

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.

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 Terusaki**.

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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OBWA Bazaar Food Preparation Schedule 2026

2026 BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND BAZAAR SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

	11:45 AM – 2:15 PM	2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	4:15 PM – 6:15 PM
SABA	June Masuyama** (510-301-4727) Valerie Nishimura Sabrina Shepard	Stacie Hiramoto Dennis Katayama Carol Neishi	Pam Suda Anne Tominaga Tina Kong
SUSHI/SPAM	Maya Lawrence** (925-518-0424) Kristin Hashimoto (ask Karen)	Gloria Fujimoto Linda Nakamura	Susan Abrahamson Lianne Tsujimoto-Wong
UDON	Judy Kano** (510-886-8374) Gail Cho Peggy Takahashi Anne Maramba-Ferrell	Sara Kashima Donna Yokomizo Renie Grohl Stacy Nii-Eastly	Mabel Minamoto Carrie Oto Louise Utsurogi
KURI MANJU/ BAKE SALE	Linda Minamoto** (925-699-7942) Norma Hoshide	Kim Nasu-Best Cindy Yamamoto	(ask Susan/Lianne to cover)

**Indicates Shift Captain who is responsible for contacting everyone in each shift.

If unable to make your shift, contact your Shift Captain, Patti Hisaoka (925-699-4066) or Kathy Terusaki (510-612-7542).

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026 PREP (7:00 AM)

Help needed

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026 (6:00 AM)

HELP NEEDED to make inari, Spam, and saba sushi, boil noodles and twirl

Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE to have **Reverend Marvin Harada**, Bishop of the BCA, as our guest speaker for **Gotan-e on May 17, 2026**. He will also be performing a *Kieshiki* Affirmation Ceremony at 9:30 am - by participating in the ceremony, the applicant will receive a Dharma Name (*Hōmyō*). See **Rev. Bridge's** article in this issue for more background information.

If you are interested, please contact the BCO office and we will send you more information, including the application form. You can either call the office at 510-832-5988 or email officebco@buddhistchurchfoakland.org - applications will also be available at church.

The deadline for submission is April 27. ■



FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETINGS

- We always start off chanting Ju-seige, led by **Rev. Bridge**, followed by a short Dharma talk. In the past couple of months, **Rev. Bridge** talked about the pros and con of AI. He showed us pictures of Techno Hoyo hosted at the Mountain View Temple. Service (including the Sutra chanting) is conducted with music. **Rev. Bridge** showed off his musical talents, playing his guitar at the Techno Hoyo.

After service, **Robert Noguchi** showed us videos and/or photos of past events, such as the BCA National Council Meeting in Renton, WA and the 2026 WYBL Reunion recently held at the Sacramento temple. About 100 attendees reminisced about the

“good old days”. And he keeps us informed of future events including the **BCO’s 125th anniversary celebration on Oct. 17th.**

Announcements are followed by a yoga session led by **Norma Hoshide**. Much of our lives are on automatic. We don’t think, we just do. With yoga, we make sure we have intent, we do something because we want to. We shouldn’t let our minds wander with distractions. We need to keep our minds sharp and clear. Focus, focus, focus. Breathing is so important. Our breath connects our mind and body. We always end the sessions with “May I ride the waves of life. May we have peace”.

Next comes lunch and time for

fellowship. Our menus vary. February and March included Chinese food, pizza, sandwiches, salad and we almost always get rewarded with a sweet treat. Thank you, Carrie Oto, for the homemade tiramisu, matcha and white chocolate chip cookies and butter mochi. And thank you Karen Hashimoto for the refreshing fresh fruit.

Reminder: Annual dues for Momijikai are \$20 and lunches are \$10 per meeting. Please join us at 10 am on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Our meetings are filled with a little religion, an hour of yoga, some educational and fun activities, lunch and plenty of fellowship. ■

Cemetery Visitation Schedule 2026

OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, the church will be making its annual cemetery visitations on **Friday, May 22, Saturday, May 23,** and **Sunday, May 24.** Depending on the circumstances and attendance, we will only do one service per area.

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 22:

10:30 am Colma Cemetery

SATURDAY, MAY 23:

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 Hayward Joint Memorial Service

SUNDAY, MAY 24:

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 24 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. ■

200+ Club

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU

that donated and became members of the 200+Club! Thanks to your donations we were able to raise \$13,400 for HVAC Project in 2025. Congratulations to the Grand Prize Winners for 2025-2026:

1st Place Awardee:

Richard & Tsuneko Seiki

2nd Place Awardee:

Artie & Pam Yamashita

3rd Place Awardee:

Kyden Terusaki Kim

Looking forward to the 2026-2027, 125th Anniversary Awardees! ■



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Gotan-e/Fujimatsuri

Sunday, May 17, 2026

9:30am: Kieshiki Affirmation
Ceremony* (Buddhist Name)

10:30am: Dharma School Service

11:00am: Adult Dharma Service

11:45am: 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.

Guest Speaker

Rev. Marvin Harada
Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America



Prior to beginning his tenure as Bishop in April 2020, Reverend Harada served as head minister of Orange County Buddhist Church for 33 years. He received degrees from the University of Oregon and Institute of Buddhist Studies before continuing his education in Japan at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary and Ryukoku University (M.A., Shin Buddhist Studies).

*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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825 Jackson Street (at 9th St.), Oakland CA 94607

Phone: 510-832-5988 – e-mail: officebco@gmail.com

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* - Contact Church Office for more information and registration.

2026 May Shotsuki Memorial Service

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM PDT

Dharma Message: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge

The Shotsuki Memorial Service will be held together with the Dharma Family Service, both in-person and streaming online at 10:00 AM PDT. Family and friends are invited to attend in-person or view online this monthly memorial service 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.

Mr. Hideo Ajari	Mrs. Yasu Isono	Mr. Takeshi Nakagawa	Mr. Kumeo Tamori
Mrs. Eki Akahoshi	Mrs. Hatsue Iwata	Mrs. Rubie Ruriko Nakano	Mr. Robert Tanaka
Mrs. Tsune Akatani	Mrs. Yasu Kanagaki	Miss Mary Nakashima	Mrs. Yukino Tanaka
Mrs. Helen Aochi	Mr. Frank Mikio Kaneko	Mrs. Yoi Nakashima	Mrs. Nao Tani
Mr. Kenji Aochi	Mrs. Ria Kaneko McIntosh - <i>3rd year</i>	Mrs. Miyoko Nakatani	Miss Kazue Tanizawa
Mrs. Fumiko Arimoto	Mrs. Setsuko Kaneko - <i>13th year</i>	Mrs. Tatsuno Nakaya	Rev. Koju Terada
Mrs. Ada Baba - <i>33rd year</i>	Mr. Aisaku Kasai	Baby Narasaki	Mr. Jinsuke Toji
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Mr. Douglas Berute Davis	Miss Tamiko Kawabe	Mr. Hideso Neishi	Mrs. Suma Tsuchida
Mr. Takeshi Endo - <i>13th year</i>	Mr. Marvin Kawamoto	Mrs. Yone Neishi	Mr. Eimatsu Tsuchida
Mr. Kikuzo Endo	Mr. Zenroku Keiunji	Mrs. Ayako Nishiyori	Mr. Darryl Tsujimoto
Mr. Roy Endo	Mrs. Matsuye Kimura	Mrs. Tai Ochikubo	Mr. Kusuo Tsujimoto
Dr. Wesley Endo - <i>17th year</i>	Mrs. Sei Kimura	Infant Tatsuko Oka	Mr. Chikao Tsukimura
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Mrs. Kimino Fujii	Mr. Kichinosuke Kobata	Mrs. Hide Okano	Mr. James Uchiyama
Mrs. Toshie Fujii	Mr. George Koizumi	Mr. Kikujiro Okano	Mrs. Tei Ugai
Mrs. Tsue Fujii	Mrs. Teruko Komure	Mr. Hikotaro Okano	Mr. Bryan Umeki
Mrs. Yuki Fujii	Mr. Tamejiro Kono	Mr. Tsunetaro Okawachi	Mrs. Hisano Umemoto
Mr. Kenzo Fujimori	Mrs. Tsutae Makita	Mrs. Kazue Ota	Mrs. Sugae Umemoto
Mrs. Dorothy Fujimori	Mr. Yoshiyuki Maruyama - <i>17th year</i>	Mrs. Masako Ota	Mrs. Sachie Uratsu
Mrs. Dorothy Fujino - <i>25th year</i>	Mrs. Sachiko Matsui	Mr. Yasuo Ohtani	Mr. Moshichi Urushibata
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Mr. Soemon Furuta - <i>50th year</i>	Mr. Takinojo Matsumoto	Mr. Toyoshichi Otsuka	Mr. Jack Wong
Mr. William R. Galeota, Jr.	Mr. Gitaro Matsutani	Mrs. Taeko Robinson - <i>25th year</i>	Mr. Yoshio Yamabe
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GREETINGS SANGHA,

We hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the start of Spring. The Jr. YBA would like to kindly thank everyone for their contributions to our food drive for the Alameda County Food Bank. We collected more than an entire bin, which is amazing! All food collected was delivered to one

of the Alameda County Food Bank's designated drop-off locations. This would not have been possible without your support, so we extend our gratitude to all who contributed.

We hope to see everyone at church soon!

In Gassho,
The Jr. YBA ■

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MAY 2026

HOST 5: JARED MIYAMOTO-MILLS

SUN

MON

TUE

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SAT

						01	02
							9:30 am Japanese Language School
03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
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 at BCO
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
9:30 am Kieshiki Ceremony 10:30 am Gotan-e/Fujimatsuri Dharma School Service & Luncheon 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	
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HOST 6: RON NOMURA

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10:00 am Graduation and Infant Presentation Service & Luncheon				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 11:00 am Concord Howakai		1:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
No Service				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 7:00 pm Task Force on Finance		1:00 pm Introduction to Buddhism Class
28	29	30				
No Service						