



## Dec/Jan Highlights

- **12/15, Sun 10:00 AM**  
**Bodhi Day**  
Dec/Jan Shotsuki  
Monthly Memorial  
Service
- **12/18, Wed 7:30 PM**  
Temple Board Mtg
- **12/12, All Day**  
**Mochi-Tsuki**
- **12/19, Sun 10:00 AM**  
**O-Soji**  
(Temple Cleaning)
- **12/31, Fri 7:00 PM**  
**Jo-ya E**  
**Year-End Service**
- 8:00 PM**  
**Toshi-Koshi Soba**
- **1/1, Sat 10:00 AM**  
**Shusho-E**  
**New Year's Day Service**
- **1/2, Sun**  
**NO SERVICES**
- **1/3, Mon, 7:30 PM**  
**Religious Planning Mtg.**

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## MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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# Overdoing Things Cannot Lead to Happiness

*Born into a kingdom afforded Prince Siddhartha a life of luxury. However, despite being surrounded by beautiful people and beautiful things, he felt a shallowness to his life. He had no real purpose. And as he opened his eyes he realized that people still suffered through old age, sickness and death. Although he had a family, a wife, a young child and a whole kingdom, Prince Siddhartha made a difficult decision—to leave them all behind in search for an answer to his question of life:*

*"How can I enjoy my life knowing there is so much suffering in the world?"*

### By Reverend Dean Koyama

He thought that by giving up attachments to material and physical things, he would get closer to the truth. The more attachments he was able to abandon, the closer he would be able to see clearly the answer to his question.

So he cut off his hair, renouncing his worldly lifestyle and called himself Gautama. He abandoned his clothes made from the finest of silks, for a robe made of thrown out pieces of fabric. And he abandoned the comfort of his home and delicacies made by his cooks, for a bowl with which he would beg for food.

In his quest for the truth, he studied and practices with the wisest teachers of his day. The methods of his practice were unbelievably intense. He spurred himself on with the thought that "no one in the past, present, and or future, ever have or ever will practice more earnestly than I do."

The sincerity and intensity of his practice were so astounding that before long, other monks became followers to support and look after him while he practiced.

For six long years he practiced very severe and difficult tasks of abandoning all attachments to all things. He sat in meditation and ate

# A Legacy That Needs to Continue

### By Glenn Kitaoe



Yas always had a smile and could never say no when asked to do something. I am where I am today because of many people like Yas.

We have so many people just like Yas here at MVBT. Our family joined MVBT because of the people, even though my Mom is at another Temple. Yas explained it that MVBT people came from all different areas but that everyone appreciated what you did no matter how little you or how much you did.

We lost another Elder recently in **Yas Shimoguchi**.

Yas was the one who got me involved with MVBT. He was my mentor and a leader by example.

We have so many people like Yas; Allan Nara, Yosh Umemoto, Richard Endo, Richard Fujikawa, Jits and Jean Higa, Isamu Higa, Aggie Hirotsu, Amy Imai, Mel Inouye, Hiroji Kariya, Toshiko Kawamoto, Hannah Sato, Jim Satake... There are plenty of others, and if I did not list you, please excuse me. I could put everyone down from the Temple because that's the way I feel.

Because of our Elders and their Leadership, we have plenty of younger people ready to step up and take over too.

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## Mountain View Buddhist Temple

## Religious Planning Committee Report—December/January

**Nov 28th 10:00 AM Eshin-ni-ko/Kakushin-ni-ko Service**      **Chaired by: BWA**



Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dennis (Jay) Shinseki.**

**Dec 5th 10:00 AM Bodhi Day & Shotsuki Hoyo Service**      **Chaired by: 7th/8th Grade**



**PLEASE NOTE: The January Shotsuki Service will be combined with the December Service.**

**Dec 12th Mochi-Tsuki (No Services)**

**Dec 19th 10:00 AM O-Soji (Temple Cleaning)**

**Dec 26th No Services**

**Dec 31st 7:00 PM Joya-e Service (New Year's Eve)**

**Jan 1st, Saturday, 10:00 AM Shusho-e Service (New Year's Day)**

### What Do These Icons Mean?

In an effort to consolidate information within the Echo as well provide more information on services, the following icons indicate various activities for Sunday Services:



**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**



**O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM**



**Adult Discussion—11:00 AM**



**Dharma School—11:00 AM**

## Mochi-Tsuki—Sunday December 12th!



**Mark Your Calendars**

**Mochi-Tsuki Prep  
Dec 10 & 11**

**Mochi-Tsuki Pick-up  
December 12th  
12:00 PM—4:00 PM**

# The ECHO

## Overdoing Things Cannot Lead to Happiness (Cont'd from Page 1)

only roots, leaves and fruit. He practiced fasting, which was thought to be one of the best ways to acquire wisdom and clarity. He lived on a grain of rice a day and In fact, he became so thin that his bones protruded from his transparent skin and he looked like a living skeleton. He suffered terrible pain and hunger, yet continued to meditate until he was in a state near death. Yet despite all of this, he did not find the wisdom or the answers to his questions.

Soon after that, a young girl named Sujata saw this starving monk and took pity on him. She offered a bowl of food for him.



Siddhartha then realized that “Neither my life of luxury in the palace nor my life as a monk in the forest is the way to freedom.

**Overdoing things can not lead to happiness.”**

I was reminded of this simple truth this past fall, we moved our 2nd son into his college dorm in Arizona. I think how we gauge whether our children will be successful in college is dependent upon the dining commons. Having a good dining commons means not having to worry about your next meal.

When we first took Justin to UC Davis, we found dining commons just like the Food Court at Valley Fair Mall. You can get whatever you want. They had typical ham-

burgers and French fries, spaghetti, cold cut sandwiches and a salad bar, but also Chinese, Mongolian Bar-B-Q, pizza, and soft serve ice cream.



Curtis' dining hall also had the wide variety of offerings but also included gelato! And even better, during freshmen orientation, the parents got to sample the food.

I went for the Mexican fajitas tortillas, beans and rice. Note that I passed the healthy salad bar. I went back to try the tri-tip steak sandwich with French fries and a bowl of clam chowder. For drinks? Soda fountains were all over the place with free refills! I got a Diet Coke. Why get a Diet coke when eating so much? It didn't make any sense. Then, of course, I had to have dessert: Apple pie and the gelato ice cream with coffee.

As you can imagine, I wasn't feeling very well after I ate. I couldn't move. I couldn't breath because I ate too much. I had to loosen my belt and unbutton my pants so I could feel better.

As Siddhartha realized, **“Overdoing things cannot lead to happiness.”**

So he ate the small bowl of rice and drank the milk Sujata had brought. Having been nourished

by the food and revitalized, Siddhartha once again renewed his attempt of achieving some sense of enlightenment.

He meditated on his breathing in and breathing out. He sat there for many days, first in deep concentration to clear his mind of all distractions, then in mindfulness meditation, opening himself up to the truth. Thoughts of desire, craving, fear and attachment arose; yet Siddhartha did not allow these thoughts to disturb his concentration.

He began to feel calm as he let these thoughts go. He realized the impermanence of life and understood how to end sorrow, unhappiness, suffering, old age and death.



Siddhartha finally understood the answer to the question of suffering and from that point on, he was known as Sakyamuni the Buddha.

From birth, Siddhartha lead a life of luxury where he could have everything and anything that he wanted. Yet he realized that that kind of life did not fulfill him with peace and happiness. In pursuit of his quest for Enlightenment, Siddhartha went to the other extreme and abandoned everything including his home and family to the point that

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almost brought him to death. Having experienced these two extremes, he realized, "Overdoing things cannot lead to happiness." This is known as the middle path.

During these busy times, if it is at all possible, let us try to keep these wise words of the Buddha in mind.

We may face stress and tension as we try to keep all of our family and work obligations. We may over indulge in parties and meals.

So in the midst of all these busy and frantic times, let us try to take a moment of peace just to catch our breath and calm our minds. And if we are too busy to even do that, Let us just do the Nembutsu

—be mindful of the Buddha and recite Namo Amida Butsu so that we can remind ourselves of all the many wonderful things that make our lives possible and enjoyable.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season,

**Gassho,**

**Rev. Dean, Linda & the Boys.**

## A Legacy That Needs to Continue (Cont'd from Page 1)

We have it pretty good here at Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Please take the time to express your appreciation and love to each and every one of our Temple and Dharma Members, and to Reverend and Linda Koyama. Sometimes you don't get a chance to do that.

We have a great thing going on here at Mountain View Buddhist

Temple—that our original Temple Members started. Let's keep it going, not only for them but for future generations!

I Appreciate and Love Everyone in our Temple!! Have a Merry Christmas!!

**In Gassho,**

**Glenn Kitasoe**



## YBA Holiday Party and Mochi-Tsuki Help in December

23 YBA members attended the Central CA Conference in Fresno on 11/13. Members met new people, participated in workshops about Buddhism, and spent time with their fellow YBA members.

The conference included a talent show for which the YBA members had been practicing their performance for the past few weeks. Also included was a dinner and dance.

On November 14th, the YBA members helped to serve tea and dessert at the annual Keiro Kai

Luncheon. Also in November, several members attended a mini retreat held in San Jose on the 21st. The retreat was held to increase the involvement in planning the CDYBL Conference in March for which Mountain View YBA will be one of the four hosts.

The mini-retreat gave YBA members an opportunity to voice their opinions and come up with creative ideas for conference activities.

For the month of December, the YBA will have their annual Holiday

Party for its members. Also, the YBA looks forward to helping in Mochi-Tsuki.

**In Gassho,**

**Ashley Andrews**

**YBA President, 2010-2011**



**YBA**

**Updates**

# The ECHO

## Senior Activities Winding Down for 2010

Last Senior Activities Day for 2010

Bingo Nov 18th

**NOV 18TH BINGO & LUNCH**  
We will have our annual bingo session with prizes and will also provide a special lunch. We will start crafts and activities at 9:00AM, and break for lunch at 11:30AM.

Around 12:15AM, we will start our annual bingo games. Please come and enjoy the fun and win some prizes. This will be the last day of craft, before the holidays.

**ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS RESUME ON JAN 6, 2011**  
Please mark this date on your calendar.

The Senior Craft Group continues to stay busy for the upcoming boutique on **November 20th, at the Mountain View Senior Center** and many continue with their own projects. We have two table currently set up for card games. Many just enjoy each others company sharing ideas. We are always looking for new ideas, so please join us and share.

The scheduled time is from 9:00AM to 12 noon, but some come a little earlier. We provide coffee, tea and many fine desserts. Everyone is welcome

to join us. Bring a friend and enjoy the socializing. Make new friends or renew old ones.

### **NO ACTIVITIES OR CRAFT PROGRAM IN DECEMBER**

We wish everyone a safe, healthy and a Happy Holiday Season.



## Mochi-Tsuki—Sunday December 12th!

**Mochi-Tsuki** time is here again and we look forward to seeing you all at this annual get together. Come and have fun helping and participating in the activities that make this cultural event and fundraiser a success.

Tickets have been distributed to each zone and **a final count is due Monday, December 6, 2010**. Tickets are also available at the MVBT office or thru your zone chairperson.



### Work schedule is as follows

<b>SAT, Dec 4</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Pre-preparation, test equipment, and hang plastic
<b>FRI, Dec 10</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Wash barrels & rinse rice
<b>SAT, Dec 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Final setup, clean area, move equipment
<b>SUN, Dec 12</b>	<b>Mochi-Tsuki Day</b>	
	<b>5:00 am</b>	Start steamers
	<b>5:30 am</b>	Start cooking rice
	<b>6:00 am</b>	Start pounding
	<b>6:30 am</b>	Start shaping mochi
	<b>12:00-4:00 pm</b>	Mochi Pickup

See you all on Sunday, December 12th.

**If you have any questions, please contact Bob Imai at (650) 960-4094.**

## Mochi Prices

**Komochi**  
\$ 4.00  
(1-pound pkg)

**Okasane**  
\$ 8.00  
(Kagami)  
(1-pound pkg)

**Noshimochi**  
\$16.00  
(4-pound pkg)

## Keep on Dancin' Successful—Thanks to A+ Volunteers!

A big **THANK YOU** to the dance committee, **Judy & Russ Nakano, Sterling & Joanne Makishima, Ken & Mieko Nakano, Dennis Tsukagawa, Norm & Adele Sato & Ron & Carolyn Murata** for all their hard work in taking care of all aspects of "Keep on Dancin".

This dance was successful not only due to their hard work but also the participation and generous support for the rest of the membership as well as the committee's family members and the whole community. (Special Thanks to Brad for the lights) It was fun! ABA is very grateful for all of the support..

### THANKS TO ALL!!!

The ABA New Members/ Appreciation Dinner was held on Friday November 12, 2010. ABA welcomed new members **Barbara**

**& Larry Utsurogi**. Everyone enjoyed good food in a wonderful decorated multi-use room. Thank you to the "Committee" which included **Judy & Russ Nakano, Alice & Sadao Ishida and Alice Ikenaga** (who took charge of the dinner portion) and **Dennis Tsukagawa,**

**Sterling and Joanne Makishima and Ken and Mieko Nakano** (who handled the "entertainment" portion of the evening). Additional thanks to **Marilyn Ozawa & Ann Uyehara** who helped with registration & check-in.

The entertainment portion of the evening began with some special SF "Giants" who gave us a batting demonstration with new member Larry showing us some of his pitching expertise. As in the past the evening ended with everyone's joyful participation in the contest

between the men and women. Again this year the men prevailed!!

### SAVE THE DATE

**January 8, 2011**

Come one! Come all to the ABA New Year/Installation Dinner. The place will be Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View, and flyers have been sent out via email, personal delivery or regular mail.

Cost is \$37.00 or \$27.00/person, depending on menu selection.

Remember to send forms and payment to Ann Uyehara on or before December 20, 2010. So get out that 2011 calendar and mark that date for "ABA Fun Evening".

**REMEMBER JANUARY 8, 2011!!**

**Save the Date!**

**ABA New Year's Dinner**

**Jan 8th**



## Thank You from Dharma School—Donations & Activities

Dharma School is happy to announce 16 new students!

### THANK YOU

To **Katie Itow** and **Patty Chow-Tokutomi** for organizing the wonderful Welcome Back Lunch on Sept. 12th.

To **Joni Furumasu** and **Margie**



**Nishimoto** for this year's fantastic Halloween activity—complete with costume parade, crafts and caramel apples!



### BIRTHDAYS

Joey Lee

—**Janice Matsumoto**

—**Larry & Fay Matsumoto**

Jeremy Tao

—**Janell Tao**

Jacob & Bradley

—**Cindy Hiroshige**

Douglas Zolezzi

—**Doris Kuboyama**

Jordyn, Tyler, and Connor Sato

—**Randy & Debbie Sato**

Lauren Hamasaki

—**Craig & Betty Hamasaki**

## Confusion Is Often the Beginning of Learning—JSCC Course Essay

**The following  
is from**

**the  
JSCC History  
of  
Jodo Shinshu  
section.**

**As always, I  
strongly  
encourage  
anyone who is  
interested in**

**learning more  
about Buddhism**

**and our**

**Jodo Shinshu  
traditions**

**to sign up  
for the JSCC.**

Even in Shinran's time, there was confusion over Shinshu teachings. What do you think are some of the reasons for this? How do you think Shinran dealt with settling the confusion and subsequent troubles that arose, in addition to clarifying the teaching for the followers? How do you think he was able to interact with all the other leaders as well as lay followers?

To better understand the reasons for confusion over the Shinshu teachings, it is necessary to examine the source of Shinran's Pure Land education, Honen's Jodo Shu teachings. In 1147, at the age of 14, Honen was sent to Mt. Hiei to study the Tendai traditions. However, Honen was unable to find teachings and practice that resolved the questions he had. Honen did not find what he was seeking through the threefold training of Buddhism (morality, contemplation, and wisdom) and continued his studies yet doubted the traditional way of liberation. Honen eventually found the inspiration in Shan-tao's Commentary on the Meditation Sutra. It was an often quoted passage on Nembutsu practice: "Think solely upon Amida's name. Whether walking or standing, sitting or lying down, do not be concerned with what is long or what is short. Do not cease thinking upon his name even for a moment. This is an act that ensures rebirth in the Pure Land, for it is in accordance with the vow of that Buddha."

"When I read that passage, I was impressed by the fact that even ignorant beings such as myself, by meditation upon those words and by practicing invocation of the

name, not ceasing for a moment, will unfailingly attain rebirth in Amida's Pure Land. I was led not only to believe in the teachings bequeathed by Shan-tao, but also earnestly to follow the vow of Amida. Especially engraved in my mind was the phrase "For it is in accordance with the vow of that Buddha."

Following this inspiration, Honen descended from Mt. Hiei, settled in Kyoto and began teaching the Nembutsu practice.

Due to the growing popularity of Honen's teachings, he was invited to the Ohara Discussion of 1186 where he discussed his doctrine with leaders from other Buddhist sects. Honen greatly impressed the scholars with his explanation of why Pure Land teachings were best suited for the age. With this recognition, Honen's followers increased and he composed the Collection of Passages on the Original Vow and the Nembutsu to systematically clarify the Pure Land doctrine.

"If we wish to free ourselves from the round of birth and death, we should lay aside at least for now one of the two excellent teachings, the holy path, and select and enter the way of the Pure Land. If we wish to enter the way of the Pure Land, which advocates two methods of training, the true and the miscellaneous, we should at least for now reject the miscellaneous method and select the true one. If we wish to practice the true method, which includes "essential" and "helpful" practices, we should set aside the helpful practice and select only the essential one. The essential one [which ensures rebirth in the Pure

Land] consists of invoking the Buddha's name. This results in rebirth in the Pure Land, for it accords with the Buddha's Original Vow."

This doctrine created conflict with the existing Buddhist sects because it declared they were not meeting the needs of the age. While there are no records of Honen actively attempting to establish his own sect of Buddhism, his followers grew to such numbers that the established sects had to take notice. In addition, there were some who claimed to be followers of Nembutsu practice who were attempting only to fulfill their selfish desires.

"There were those who delighted in arguing with people of other beliefs; those who indulged in sexual relationships, meat eating, and drinking; and those who actively sought out patrons, wanting fame and position, who liked popular preaching methods and who used the Pure Land teachings as entertainment."

These reasons led the Enryaku-ji monks from Mt. Hiei to ask the leaders of the Tendai sect to ban Nembutsu practice in 1204. In response, Honen wrote his Seven-Article Injunction that specifically addressed false practices and smoothed relations with other sects. While Honen was able to avert trouble from the Enryaku-ji movement, he was unable to prevent the efforts of the Kofuku-ji priests to eventually lead to his exile.

It is clear that Pure Land teaching had a basic conflict with the established teachings of the time and confusion was created by those who sought personal gain by falsely rep-

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resenting themselves as followers of Nembutsu practice. Examples of similar issues that Shinran faced can be seen in the Kanto region followers, after he returned to Kyoto. Shinran was informed of a dojo leader, Shinken-bo, who taught that followers could give themselves to any wrong doing without fear. In response to this news, Shinran wrote a letter to be read at all the Kanto dojo explaining that self-awareness arises from true entrusting and makes willful self-indulgence impossible.

“It is sorrowful to give way to impulses with the excuse that one is by nature possessed of blind passions – excusing acts that should not be committed, words that should not be said, and

thoughts that should not be harbored – and to say that one may follow one’s desires in any way whatever. It is like offering more wine before the person has become sober or urging him to take even more poison before the poison has abated.”

Shinran’s response was much like Honen’s Seven-Article Injunction by directly addressing the issues at hand. Shinran’s response and disowning of his son Zenran for falsely claiming to have received a secret teaching was also a very direct action in response to an issue. From these two responses, we see that Shinran chose to directly address issues as they arose with direct communication that emphasized the false interpreta-

tions being made. These communications were directed not only to the dojo leaders, but were intended to be read to all lay followers. Shinran’s use of direct communication is also seen in the wasan which he wrote in Japanese to directly make the teachings more accessible to lay followers. It is this use of direct communication through the various media of the time that Shinran chose to clarify the teachings and interact with dojo leaders and lay followers.



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## Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course

**2011 Spring Enrollment**

**Applications Accepted Beginning Nov 1st**

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is accepting applications from November 1 for the spring 2011 enrollment starting March 1, 2011. The popular 2-year, computer-based program continues to offer online instruction in the origins and development of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin’s life and teaching, sutras & masters of the Pure Land tradition and history of Jodo Shinshu.

An excellent opportunity for beginners or for those who have already studied Jodo Shinshu, the program reaches out to people all over the world. Students come from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Belgium, Poland, Japan, as well as, Hawaii and the BCA. With over 100 students enrolled, the course has much to offer those interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. The course instructors consist of 14 ministers and professors who specialize in the subjects taught. An optional August Workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center is held every year.

For more information, please visit the course website at: [www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org) Applications may be submitted online at course website. Deadline: February 15, 2011. Course limited to first 20 students.

Questions may be directed to:

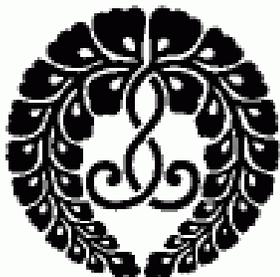
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# The ECHO

## Udon Fundraiser Coming December 5th



### Buddhist Women's Association

#### NOVEMBER SERVICES

BWA will be responsible for the month's services (except Nov 14).

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** to **REIKO MURAKAMI** for organizing all the BWA services in November.

November 28th is a special memorial service for Eshinni-ko and Kushinni-ko and for the late BWA members. **REV JAY SHINSEKI** will be the guest minister. BWA is arranging a luncheon and will take sign-ups for lunch.

#### UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

##### Udon Luncheon

Sunday, December 5, 2010

11:30AM TO 1:00PM

\$5.00 per person

TICKETS sold by BWA members and limited number to be sold, so early purchase recommended

**Dine-in or take-out.** Proceeds will be donated to MVBT 50th Anniversary celebration.

#### DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

##### May and Jean Shimoguchi

In memory of Yas Shimoguchi (\$100)

#### NEXT MEETING

Saturday, December 11th 9:00 AM

*The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to express its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of:*

**Yasuo Shimoguchi** **October 16, 2010**

*May you find comfort in the embrace of Infinite Light and Life,  
the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.*

*Namo Amida Butsu*

### 150 Club News

We had a winner for the November, 2010, 150 Club winner, **Amber Ozawa**.

There is 1 more monthly drawings plus the big December bonus drawing left.

Thank you all for participating in the 2010, 150 Club.

The new 2011, 150 Club tickets are now available. Call your zone chairman for your lucky tickets.

### Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
DEC	Zones 9 & 10	Dec 16	Dec 10
JAN	Zones 11 & 12	Jan 20	Jan 14
FEB	Zones 13 & 1	Feb 17	Feb 11

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This is provide time to layout in the new format. Thank you.

Email all articles to [echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org](mailto:echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org)

## Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

*Due to scheduling conflicts, the January Shotsuki Service will be combined with the December Monthly Memorial Service.* The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the temple in memory of the past members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The Shotsuki loved ones are:

### DECEMBER & JANUARY

Yoshiko Akizuki  
 Ichiro Chikasuye  
 Emiko Fujikawa  
 Mamoru Fukuma  
 James Furuta  
 Sato Hiroshige  
 Dorothy Horiuchi  
 June Hoshi  
 Teruko Ikeda  
 Hana Inouye  
 Harry Ishii  
 David Kawamoto  
 Junso Kawamoto

Tsue Kawamoto  
 Tomiko Kosakura  
 Tsutomu Koyama  
 Alice Koyano  
 Tomoe Kumamaru  
 George Kunimoto  
 Yoshio Kusaba  
 Nobuichi Masaki  
 Kiyoko Murakami  
 Jane Nakamura  
 Masazo Nakamura  
 Miyuki Nakano  
 Shunsuke Nakano

Dr. Leo Nakayama  
 Frank Okimoto  
 Kelly Sakae  
 Jiro Sakano  
 Hatsue Sako  
 Chiyo Shimoguchi  
 Yasuki Shinke  
 Laurie Takasugi  
 Robert Taniguchi  
 Florence Tsukagawa  
 Hiro Uyehara  
 Edward Yonemura

**Dec & Jan**

Monthly

Memorial

Service

*Sunday  
 December 5th*

*10:00 am*

Ronald Asada  
 Ichiro Endo  
 Tomizo Furuichi  
 Yoshiye Furuichi  
 Hidemi Furuzawa  
 Mary Hiramoto  
 Kiyoye Hirano  
 Tom Hirano  
 Frank Hirohata  
 Masaburo Hoshi  
 Kiyoko Inamori  
 Grace Ishii  
 Minoru Ishii  
 Tamaye Ishikawa  
 Shirlee Ishimaru

Itsuyo Kato  
 Katsuko Kochi  
 Umeyo Koyama  
 Joe Matsumoto  
 Tsuya Nagasaki  
 Haruyo Nakano  
 Misao Nakano  
 Yashichi Nakano  
 Kisaye Nishimoto  
 Katsumi Nishimura  
 Brad Okuno  
 Satoru Okuno  
 Tsuyako Osaki  
 John Saito  
 Doris Sakai

Shinajiro Satake  
 Larry Shimamoto  
 Tomoye Shimamoto  
 Tom Sugimoto  
 Shig Tachibana  
 Linda Takahashi  
 Shinsaburo Togashi  
 Yoshimitsu Tokutomi  
 Thomas Tsukamoto  
 Yoshio Yamaguchi  
 Yumi Yoneda  
 James Yoshino  
 Ben Yoshizumi  
 Henry Yusa

## MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—3rd in a Series

*Could it be? Yes, it could.*

*Something's coming,  
Something good,  
If I can wait!*

*Something's coming,  
I don't know what it is,*

*But it is  
Gonna be great!*

*—Tony  
from West Side Story*

**The third  
of a series  
in regard  
to our  
MVBT  
Capital  
Campaign**

However, it is not free:

**The Projected Costs of  
Master Plan**

Our initial concern, the **MVBT 50th Anniversary Project**, is now the first of four newly identified phases of a “Master Plan” that addresses the renovations of buildings

- (A) Hondo
- (B) YBA Hall,
- (C) Dharma School Classrooms
- (D) Sangha Hall and
- (E) Parsonage.

Since the scope of the Parsonage renovations are relatively small and can be implemented as the needs arise, they will not be included in the projected costs of the larger Master Plans at this time, yet it does bear mentioning for future considerations.

Funding constraints will dictate the magnitude of renovations made

possible. The plan is to approach all the projects in phases and to proceed only when deemed affordable by the Temple Board of Directors. Dollar estimates are based on prices as of June 2010.

Stay tuned for the next issue:

**Part IV: How do we pay for this and what you can do to help?**

Plus: The early Temple Affiliate donations already in the bank.

**In gassho,**

**Russ Nakano  
Chairperson**

Yes, something is coming, and it will be great! The wheels of the **MVBT 50th Anniversary Project** have been set in motion as of August 2010 with the building permit processes in the hands of the City of Mountain View. With luck we will be breaking ground for the YBA Hall and Hondo renovation, remodeling and addition in August of 2011.

**Projected Costs of the Master Plan (Based on June, 2010 Dollar Values)**

<b>Phase I</b>	<b>Hondo, Columbarium and YBA Hall</b>	<b>\$3.6 million</b>
<b>Phase II</b>	<b>Classrooms</b>	<b>\$800K</b>
<b>Phase III</b>	<b>Sangha Hall Complex</b>	<b>\$3.0 million</b>
<b>Phase IV</b>	<b>Parsonage</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>Projected Total (Phases I-III)</b>	<b>\$7.4 million</b>
	Optional New Education Wing	\$1.8 million

# january 2011

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## In this Echo—Mochi-Tsuki December 12th!



Mark your calendars for Mochi-Tsuki, Oso-ji, and New Year's services.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and best wishes for 2011!

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**In gassho,  
The Echo Staff**

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