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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

April Highlights

- ***4/1 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***4/2 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***4/11 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***4/15 Sun, 10:00 pm***
  Hanamatsuri Service with Hatsumairi
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Mas Kodani
- ***4/29 Sun***
  No Services at Temple

Do You Have Cultural Food Preferences?

My son

is now five years old. The trouble is that Oji is a picky eater. Although my wife always tries to prepare food in many different ways so that he will eat, he sometimes doesn't touch anything at all. When we think about his growth, we sincerely want him to be able to eat anything. This is why his pickiness is so distressing.

Although he has this terrible problem, he does have a favorite food: **Spam musubi**. My wife often makes lunch for our kids and has them take it to school. If it is a sandwich, my son brings half of it home. But, if it is Spam musubi, he always comes home with his lunch box empty. So you can see that he

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

really loves Spam musubi.

But one day after he came home from school, Oji said, "Mommy, you don't have to make Spam musubi anymore." It turns out the reason was because when some of his classmates saw him enjoying Spam musubi, they said, "Yuck! That's not food!" Maybe for kids not used to seeing it, this Japanese American favorite just looked too different, wrapped in black seaweed. But their reaction was a great shock to my son.

When my daughter was a first

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Hanamatsuri Service – Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 am

. This year, the combined Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi service will take place on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 10:00 am. Hanamatsuri,"flower festival," is to celebrate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, who later became enlightened as Sakyamuni Buddha. Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony) is a ceremony in which a child is presented to Amida Buddha for the first time.

Rev. Mas Kodani

The guest speaker at the service is **Rev. Mas Kodani**, former resident minister of Senshin Buddhist Temple.

Please join the Sangha at this special service.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting	**2** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**3** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**4** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**5** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**6**	**7**
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15 9:00 am Dharma School Hanamatsuri Lunch 10:00 am Hanamatsuri Lunch Program 10:00 am Hanamatsuri Service & Dharma School	**16** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**17** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**18** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**19** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**20** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice	**21** 4:00 pm Cub Scouts
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Religious Planning — April 2018

April 1, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am **Japanese Language Service**

April 2, 2018, Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Monthly Study Class

Rev. Mukojima's monthly study class and continuing through June. Class is based on the Tannisho written by Yuien, who was Shinran's disciple.

April 8, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Regular service

April 15, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Hanamatsuri Service

Hanamatsuri: This service commemorate the birth of Prince Siddhartha, who later became the historical Sakyamuni Buddha

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Mas Kodani**

Hatsumairi: The ceremony introduces your child to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma

Hanamatsuri Luncheon and Program following service and Dharma School

April 22, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Regular service

April 29, 2018, Sunday, No Services at Temple

Federated Dharma School Teacher's League Conference at Crown Plaza in Foster City

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting) - 9:00 am

Study Class - 7:00 pm

Adult Discussion - 11:00 am

Dharma School - 11:00 am

Donate to the Upcoming Services

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Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi

Gotan-e / Kangi-e (Obon)

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"

send a check to the Temple office, or donate at the Service

Do You Have Cultural Food Preferences? (cont'd)

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grader, something like that happened to her, too. At lunchtime, she was eating Spam musubi and some classmates also said, "Yuck!" to her. But in her case, my daughter said, "What? You don't know what this is? It's yummy. Try it!" And, she encouraged them to try some of her lunch. At first they hesitated, but when they tried some, all of them liked it, saying, "Mmm, it's delicious! Will you please ask your mom to make Spam musubi for us for tomorrow's lunch?" Since being accepted by her classmates, Spam musubi became popular. I would like to praise Kurumi's quick-wittedness. She did a good job! But these incidents at school made me consider how deep our food prejudices are.

When we look around the world, we see various dietary preferences in every country. Although cattle, pigs, chicken and fish are mainstream foods that are popular in most countries, there are some places with dietary habits for consuming dogs, cats, whales, dolphins, kangaroos, rabbits, and so on. However, most countries refuse to eat these animals because they are familiar to many people who have an attachment to them. And, so now it is a problem that some have a tendency to say that eating these animals is barbarous.

There are many people who have the idea that we must not eat these animals because they are too pure or pitiful or highly intelligent. Still others justify their custom of eating cattle, pigs and chickens. But these food preferences are nothing but human conceit and arrogance denying the concept of "equality of life." Originally, there were no animals in the world meant to be eaten by humans that we should kill in order to live. All lives without exception are precious and should be loved. Therefore, I feel uncomfortable with the idea that it is natural to eat animals if they are cattle, pigs or chickens raised on a farm. And even if some people say that we cannot eat certain animals because they are intelligent, I have a question: "Where do we draw a line?"

Religious belief can also play a part in food choice. One religion may regard the cow as sacred, so it must not be eaten. In another, we should not eat pigs or chickens because they are considered "dirty." Again, "Where do we draw a line?"

In Buddhism, there is a teaching called ***Issui-Shiken*** or "the four views of water." It means that something can look different when seen from different perspectives. For example, you and I may see water as something to drink; fish regard it as their home; hungry ghosts perceive it as boiling water; and heavenly beings see it as precious lapis lazuli. So even though each of us is looking at the same body of water, we may each have a different idea of what we are looking at. So depending on our perspective, even when people are looking at the same cow, there are some who may dislike it, some who want to eat it, some who feel sorry for it, and some who consider it sacred.

Buddhism teaches us that we cannot see nor think about anything without looking at it through the lens of our self-centered passions. That is why we always look at food as what we can or must not eat for personal reasons. It is human nature to make judgments about what is good and bad solely by our own values. But if the ways we use animals are not humane, we must improve them; and if animals are endangered, we have an obligation to protect them. In this sense, we must not eat mistreated or endangered animals.

Apart from that, I am not in a position to discuss the right or wrong of another culture's diet. Also I don't want to try any animals that are not in my culture. The important thing is that we have to fully realize that our species is only able to survive because we take others' lives. Even being vegetarian is no exception to this fact. That is, we must

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Issui-Shiken

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Four views of the same body of water

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Looks different when seen from different perspectives

Do You Have Cultural Food Preferences? (cont'd)

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sincerely accept that, by the mere act of having a meal, we are once again breaking the precept, "Do not kill others," which is a fundamental teaching of Buddhism. We must become aware of these truths: that we can't live without taking the lives of other beings; that there are countless beings that sacrifice their lives to sustain ours; and that our lives are only possible because of the precious generosity of all lives.

So let us understand that in our daily pre-meal ritual, "***itadakimasu***," is a sincere expression of both the mind of gratitude ("Thank you") and the mind of regret ("I am sorry").

Our present life is the fruit of all lives that we have experienced. This means life is possible for us because of the sacrifice of countless others. With this in mind, we must try our best to live brilliantly each day, in deep gratitude and self-reproach. For humans, the problem should not be what we eat, but that whatever we eat, we do so mindfully.

Anyway, I hope that soon my son will have the courage to tell his classmates how delicious Spam musubi is, just as his sister did. Then, they will surely accept it as something good to eat, and he can enjoy Spam musubi at school again.

In Gassho,

2018 Annual CPR/AED Training Class

Sunday, June 10 in the YBA Hall

1:30 - 5:30 pm

Registration <u>Required</u> by Saturday, May 26

RSVP: Eileen Fujikawa, 408-996-0845, fujikawabachan@gmail.com

Open to Temple members and members of affiliated organizations on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you were trained in 2016 or earlier, you need to get re-certified. If you were trained last year, but you can't remember anything, you should also take this class. You can never be "over-trained!"

The training fee is $68 per person and class size is limited to 12. Please make your check payable to "MVBT- ABA" with a note "CPR/AED class."

ABA will provide a light lunch, so that you can attend the morning Sunday Service and stay for the class.

For information, contact Eileen Fujikawa

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一八年四月法話

― 食文化への偏見 ―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

現在、私の息子は五歳なのですが、困ったことに食べ物の好き嫌いが多く、よく残します。妻は、息子が食べやすいようにといつも工夫して料理をするのですが、それでももためです。彼の一体の成長を考えると、今や息子の偏食が私達の夫婦の大きな悩みの種です。

そんな息子にも、大好きな食べ物があります。それは、スパムむすびです。妻は、ほぼ毎日子供達にランチをつくって学校へ持って行かせていますが、サンドイッチなどであれば半分は残して帰ってくる息子も、スパムむすびであれば弁当箱を必ず空にして帰ってきます。しかし、ある日、学校から帰ってきた息子が妻に、「ママー、もう明日からスパムむすびをつくらないで」といって言ってきたそうです。その理由を聞いてみると、クラスの子供達がスパムむすびを食べている息子を見て「気持ち悪い！こんなものは食べ物じゃない！」と言ったそうです。日系以外の子供からすると海苔で巻かれた黒い食べ物をあまり目にすることがないので異質に感じたのでしょう。しかし、それが息子にとって相当ショックだったようです。

思い返せば、娘も小学一年生の時に、同じようにクラスの数人が「気持ち悪い！」と、スパムむすびを見ていじわるを言ってきたことがありました。しかし、その時娘は、「え？これ知らないの？おいしいよ。食べてごらん」と言って、弁当箱に入っていたスパムむすびをその子達に勧めました。最初は、ためらっていたそうですが食べてみると皆がおいしいと感激して、挙句の果てに「お母さんに頼んで、明日のランチに僕達の分も余分に作ってくれるようお願いしてくれない？」と娘に言ったそうです。その日以来、娘のクラスでは、スパムむすびは人気の食べ物となって受け入れられています。これは幸いでしたが、この件を通して、食に対する私達の偏見の深さに改めて気づかされました。

世界を見渡すと、その国々でいろんな食文化を見ることができます。多くの国では牛、豚、鳥、魚が主流で大変好まれていますが、中には、犬や猫、鯨やイルカ、カンガルーや兎などを食するといった文化を有する国もあります。しかし、これらは愛着のある動物という理由で食することを拒絶する国がほとんどです。そして今、問題になっているのは、これらの動物を食べるのは野蛮だという風潮です。

そこには、可愛いから、可哀そうだから、知能が高い動物だから食べてはならないという考え方が多くみられます。しかし、そうした考え方の底流には「いのちの平等」を否定する人間の傲慢さや自惚れが透けて見えます。本来、この世には、人間に食するために生まれてきた動物や、食するのに殺していい動物などは何一つとして存在しないのです。全てが尊く、慈しむべき「いのち」なのです。ですから、飼育された牛や豚、鳥であれば、食して当たり前という考え方に違和感を覚えます。また、知能が高いとはどこで線引きをするかも疑問です。この理論は、人間世界においても通用するのでしょうか。また、ある宗教からすれば、牛は神聖だから食べては駄目だという意見もありますし、豚や鳥は不浄だから口にしてはいけないという考え方もあります。

仏教には「一水四見」という教えがあります。同じ水を見ても、見るものによって、それぞれ見方が違うという意味です。例えば、同じ水であっても、人間には飲み水、魚には住処、餓鬼には膿漿、天人には水が瑠璃に見えるというのです。ですから、同じ牛でも、おいしそうだと思う人、かわいそうだと思う人、神聖だと崇める人もいるのです。

私達人間は、自己中心という眼鏡をかけてしかものを見ることも考えることもできません。ですから、食べていいと思うのも、食べてはならないと思うのも、全て自分の都合で判断してしまっているのです。自分の価値観だけで善悪を決めているのです。しかし、いのちを奪う方法が人道的でないとすれば改善していく必要はありますし、絶滅危機にある動物に限っては当然が保護していく義務はありますから、そういった意味では食してはなりません。

それ以外、私には他の食文化について是非を論じる立場にありません。ここで大切なのは、「私のいのちは「他のいのち」を奪ってしか生きられないという事実です。それは、ベジタリアンであっても例外ではありません。つまり、食事をいただくという行為は、不殺生戒「生き物を殺してはいけない」という仏教の根本的な教えを犯し続けていくということに他ならないということに気づくことです。自分以外の「いのち」を奪わずには生きていけないという事実、「私のいのち」にまでなってくれた多くの「いのち」の事実、全て与えられたいただきものの「私のいのち」であったと深くうなずいていく姿こそが大切なのではないでしょうか。

ですから、「いただきます」とは有難うという感謝の思いと、「申し訳ない」という慚愧の思いを深くあわせ持つ言葉として理解していかなければなりません。生かされて生きている「私のいのち」です。

これまでいただいてきた多くのいのちの結晶が今の私を生かして下さっていることに目覚め、感謝と慚愧の中に、今ある「いのち」を精一杯輝かせていく生き方が何よりも大切なのです。何を食べるかではなく、どういただいていくかを私達人間は問うべきなのです。

BWA Actiities

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the Nakayama family for the loss of their mother, **Sally Nakayama**.

CHIRASHI FUNDRAISER CANCELLED

BWA sadly apologizes to announce the cancellation of our Chirashi Fundraiser. Events were out of our control. Hosting and the preparation for our 58th Coast District Buddhist Women's League Conference made it difficult to undertake.

58th CD BWL CONFERENCE

Our appreciation and gratitude to ABA and Temple members for assisting us with the 58th CD BWL Conference. With their help, we had a successful conference. Our Keynote Speakers **Rev. Candice Shibata**, from the Buddhist Church of Florin, and **Rev. Yushi Mukojima** were very well received. The Workshops – Line Dancing led by **Naomi Ariyama**, ID Bands headed by **Debbie Kitani**, and the Taiso by **Julie Ushiba** – were fun. Look for a pictorial in the next issue of the Echo. **Eric and Amy Arakaki** our Temple photographers did an outstanding job.

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully accepted:

In Memory of Husband's 7-Year Memorial

Mitsue Fukuda

For Memorial Service

Sally Nakayama's Family

JOIN BWA

Anyone interested in joining our BWA, contact **Reiko Murakami** at 408-257-0687 or at reikomurakami@comcast.net.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. April 14, 2018, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association

YBA Activities

BAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MV YBA sent 19 delegates to the 2018 Bay District Conference at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple on March 17. The theme of the conference is "Spirited Away: Overcoming the Three Poisons through Authenticity," based on a hit Studio Ghibli film.

DISNEYLAND TRIP

YBA is currently planning an end-of-the-year trip to Disneyland, and the confirmed dates of the trip are July 28-31. We thank the Sangha for their continuous support to ensure our members have enough funds to enjoy their trip.

DONATIONS

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the MVBT BWA for their generous donation to YBA!

In Gassho,
Maddie Matsumoto
2017 - 2018 YBA President

150 Club News

Our winner for March is **Carolyn and Ron Murata**.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
APR	Zones 4 & 5	N / A	N / A
MAY	Zones 6 & 7	Apr 13 (Fri)	Apr 18 (Wed)
JUNE	Zones 8 & 9	May 11 (Fri)	May 16 (Wed)

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This will provide time to layout and production. Thank you.

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

ABA News

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UPCOMING OUTING

Several ABA members will take a back-stage tour of the KNTV Channel 11 television station on March 29. The tour will include the viewing of a live midday show. Big thanks to **Mike Inouye**, KNTV's morning traffic anchor, for arranging and hosting the tour.

DONATIONS

Donatiions are gratefully acknowledged:

Alice Ishida
Recovery from illness $100

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

MIROKU
middle school group

Miroku

Miroku has had a busy March.

BLACK PANTHER

On Saturday, March 10, Miroku held its first fun event of the year. Members, parents, siblings, and advisors attended a showing of Marvel's Black Panther. Everyone had a great time enjoying the movie and gorging on popcorn, hot dogs and candy.

DANA PROJECT

The following Sunday, Miroku members, parents, and advisors along with Dharma School kids and parents began to inventory the health kit items generously donated by the Sangha. These health kits are part of the joint Dharma School and Miroku activity for this year's Dana Project to benefit "Stand Up For Kids," a provider of resources and support for homeless youth in Silicon Valley. So far, we've received toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner and body lotion. We can still use more brushes, combs, small deodorant, hand & feet warmers, warm gloves, lip balm, tissue packs, wipes packs, disposable razors and Band-Aids in new, unused condition.

NEXT MEETNG

Our next general meeting is Sunday, April 1, at 12:00 noon when we encourage all Miroku members to come out and help with the final inventory and assembly of the health kits. The meeting will be held in the Pancake Room in Sangha Hall.

THANK YOU, BWA

Finally, Miroku would like to humbly thank the BWA for their generous Dana donation. Their continual support of the Temple's youth groups is truly inspirational. Thank you.

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors

WE NEED MORE HEALTH KIT ITEMS.

PLEASE HELP. THANK YOU!

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

Sally Nakayama ***Mar 30, 1929 – Feb 15, 2018***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Dharma School News

DANA PROJECT

For this year's Dana Project, Dharma School and Miroku are collecting supplies to make hygiene kits for homeless youth. We would appreciate your donations of toothbrushes and travel-sized toothpaste, hand sanitizer, shampoo, deodorant, soap, combs or hairbrushes, lip balm, tissue packs, and wipes. The kits will be given to "Stand Up for Kids," which provides resources and support for homeless youth in Silicon Valley.

There will be collection boxes in the YBA Hall and in the back of the Hondo. The drive will end on March 28. Thank you for your support!

HANAMATSURI

In addition to performances by Dharma School students, this year's Hanamatsuri program will include a performance by Taiko masters **Johnny Mori** and **George Abe**. Thanks so much to the organizers of the Taiko Workshop for coordinating this treat.

FDSTL CONFERENCE

This year's Federation of Dharma School Teachers League conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, April 27 - 29. Usually, the conference is only open to Dharma School teachers and administrators, but, this year, the conference is open to Dharma School parents, too. The theme of this year's conference is "Intersections" and will feature keynote speaker **Reverend Henry Toryo Adams**.

Registration information was sent out via the Dharma School Google Group. The registration deadline is March 30, 2018. If you didn't receive the conference information, please contact Curt Fukuda.

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

DONATIONS

Dharma School gratefully acknowledges donations from:

Kelsey Nakano & Ricky Chu
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Monica Smith & Curt Fukuda
Eileen Fukuda's Birthday

February—March Birthdays

Dharma School

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MVBT Boy Scout Troop 87

We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who attended our recent Eagle Court of Honor event on March 4! It was a marvelous day and Troop 87 and the Eagle families were delighted to see so many of our MVBT friends and supporters (including a few Troop alumni from way back!). The Troop gratefully acknowledges the many donations given to the Troop to honor this event - Thank You! As always, Troop 87 highly values its long relationship with the Temple community and appreciates your support.

Yours in Scouting,
The Sato, Bonini, & Young Families
Troop 87

Jimmy Sato, Paul Young, Charlie Bonini & Jeff Sato

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Eagle Scout - the highest award in scouting

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 20

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

All Hands Needed

Note: No Pick Up in Morgan Hill

Our 2018 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Tickets have already been distributed to the Zone Chair-persons.

A reminder to all Temple members, affiliated organizations, friends, and non-affiliated organizations like Nakayoshi Gakko and Tri-City Youth Group, we ask for your assistance once again this year to help make this Temple fundraiser a success.

If you are available to help, please contact

Derek Ives,
408-761-1608,
zippersweaters77@hotmail.com

We can make sure we are well enough manpowered in all aspects.

The key dates to know are:

May 1, Tues.....Preliminary Count Due

May 9, Wed .....Final Count Due

May 16, Wed .....Chicken Cleaning ..... 6:00 pm
.....Turn in Tickets & Money

May 18, Fri.....Tsukemono Making ..... 8:00 am

May 19, Sat.....Chicken Cooking ..... 6:00 am

May 20, Sun.....Packing Bentos..... 8:00 am
.....Pick up Bentos ..... 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

On behalf of everyone in Zone 5, I would like to thank the entire Sangha and our many friends for their kind support.

Derek Ives – Zone 5
2018 Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson

Fuji Club

CONTINUING THE LEGACY

After 40+ years of dedication to generations of girls, Mrs. Higa deservedly retired from overseeing Fuji Club in late 2017. Parents came together to figure out how best to carry on her legacy, and have put a plan in place for parent-run quarterly meetings/activities, with the aim of fostering friendship and fellowship, Temple and community service, and hands-on activities related to Japanese American culture.

HINAMATSURI FUN

We held a kick off activity to celebrate Hinamatsuri in late February. The girls set up the dolls, did origami, and made chi-chi-dango and strawberry guava baked mochi. They had a lot of fun and made a big mess. Thank you to everyone who helped with this effort.

JOIN FUJI CLUB

Any girl kindergarten-age and up is welcome to join in Fuji Club activities. Please contact Traci Inouye at traciendo@aol.com and she will add you to the Shutterfly Site where you can get information about upcoming activities.

THANK YOU, BWA

Finally, many thanks from the Fuji Club girls to the BWA for your generous donation. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and look forward to connecting on an activity together soon!

Seniors Activity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18, Wednesday. A day trip to Cache Creek Casino is planned. Mark this date on your calendar and don't be left out. Call **Chuck Uyeda** to sign up.

May 16, Wednesday. We have rescheduled the Angel Island Trip with **Doug McConnell** as our guide. McConnell was the TV host of ***Bay Area Backroads, Mac and Mutley and Open Road***. He will guide us through Angel Island and Tiburon, visit Ayala Cove, and see the remnant of our military history on the island from Civil War and the Cold War. Learn the poignant history of the island's Immigration Station and much more. We will also have a picnic lunch provided: a choice of tuna, turkey or veggie sandwich, salad, cookie and bottled water. Please sign up by calling **Chuck Uyeda**. We still have space available.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Senior Cook Book is still available in the Temple office or from any of the committee member. A perfect gift . Price: $18.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Debbie Kitani has been very helpful with the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies many new ideas in knitting and different crafts. Please support Debbie with any ideas in craft for our upcoming events.

9:00 am to 10:00 am. Line dancing with **Naomi Ariyama** instructing and **Reiko Tsuchida** and **Toshiko Uyehara** assisting.

10:00 am to 10:45 am, Join **Kinji Ushiba** with the "Sing Along Group."

10:45 am to 11:15 am. Following the Sing Along, a chair exercise as you sing along, lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light chair exercise.

SENIOR HOURS

Every Thursday,
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join us to share new ideas and to make new friends.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Senior Activities & Crafts

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

DAISY

The Daisy girls attended the Teddy Bear Tea, hosted by another Mountain View Girl Scout Troop. The girls had a fun time doing activities to earn their "Respect Myself & Others" patch,

learned more about the Girl Scout Promise, and helped by donating food to the Humane Society.

CADETTE

The Cadettes have been learning about color theory and applying it to craft projects. As part of a Girl Scout Silver Award project, the troop has also been learning about how Nuru International helps communities establish a sustainable economy.

SENIOR

The Seniors had a successful Kahlua Pork & Curry Rice fundraiser on Sunday, March 18. They did an excellent job planning for their Temple service project. The Seniors thank you for your support.

AMBASSADOR

Our Ambassador has been helping in the classroom with the Daisy Troop. The girls get to have a role model in the room with them and they love it!

TROOP

Several of our members attended the Service Unit Father-Daughter Dance, held here at the MVBT.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES SALES

A special thank you to the MVBT members for supporting our annual cookie sale!

Gril Scout Graduation Lei Sale

Do you know a graduate this season? Then you're in luck….the MVBT Senior Girl Scout Troop will be selling customized satin ribbon leis! Order form below can be dropped off in the Girl Scout mail slot in the office. Thank you!

Ribbon Leis

____ 2 colors - $20

____ 3 colors - $25

Please circle your graduate's colors.

Red	Green	Blue
Yellow	White	Black

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please turn this form with any others in to the Girl Scout box in the office. Checks can be made out to MVBT Girl Scout Troop 60736. Form due April 29.

Graduation Lei Sale!

Order Now

Register for Hatsumairi by Friday, April 6, 2018

Hatsumairi Infant Presentation — Sunday, April 15, 2018

ATTENTION NEW PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** (Infant Presentation) held during the Hanamatsuri Service. This special service will be held on **Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

The ceremony introduces your child to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma. The Naijin (or altar) symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple by **Friday, April 6, 2018**.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

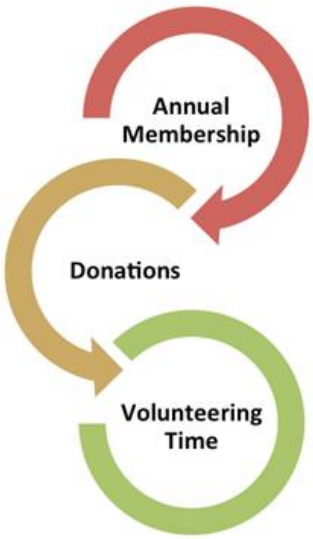
Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form by Friday, April 6, 2018 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukjima@gmail.com)



Dues & Donation Committee

The Dues and Donations Committee is sponsoring a Sake Social.

The social offer opportunities for friends to gather and have fun. It also creates opportunities to make new friends and networks.

Join us. **Everyone is welcome**.

SAKE SOCIAL

It is FREE for new Temple members who join in 2018.

The Sake Social will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018 in the YBA Hall at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

To purchase tickets, go to the online site

tinyurl.com/mvbtsake

The cost is $30 for each current MVBT member and $40 per each non-MVBT member. And, FREE for New Members joining in 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact **Susan Yuen**, **Glenn Kitasoe** or **Steve Tsuchida**.

SAKE SOCIAL

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2018 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

All chairpersons are highly encouraged to attend.

First Meeting Date:
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 @ 7:30 pm
YBA Hall Board Room

In Gassho,

Craig Hamasaki
(408) 857-6619
chamasaki21@gmail.com

Randy Sato
(408) 981-1725
radejo@pacbell.net

April Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family 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 **April** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Fujiko Abe	**Akira Kato**	**Henry Ryu**
Harry Fujii	**Hatsuye Kato**	**Margaret Sakino**
Shigeru Fujii	**Setsuo Kuboyama**	**James Sakuragi**
Naoye Fukuma	**Kazuko Makishima**	**Akiko Satake**
Ichihei Furusho	**Tokiyo Maruyama**	**Hiram Sera**
Juzaburo Furuzawa	**Ryu Masaki**	**George Shimamoto**
Rev. Russell Hamada	**George Matsuba**	**John Shimizu**
Tanejiro Hirano	**Kiwa Matsuba**	**Tom Shimoguchi**
Dorothy Horino	**Ryuichi Miyamoto**	**John Shinseki**
Robert Hoshida	**Emi Morishima**	**Taichiro Sugimoto**
Hiromichi Hoshino	**Fuji Nakano**	**Jeffrey Swartwood**
June Ichikawa	**Jishichiro Nakano**	**Ko Tachibana**
Toshiko Ikebe	**Kenjiro Nakashima**	**Amy Takaki**
Tojiro Ishimaru	**Henry Nishimura**	**David Takegami**
Eric Ives	**Tomoe Okada**	**Heidi Terada**
Shizuko Iwata	**George Okashima**	**Megan Yang**
Toshiko Juda	**George Omori**	**Koichi Yamashita**
Yotsuo Juda	**Ochiyo Omori**	**Tsune Yonemoto**
Shigehito Kashima	**Junpei Ozawa**	**Tsuneno Yoshida**

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

E-mail **ymukojima@gmail.com**

Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

April 1, 2018

10:00 am

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2018 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2017	3rd Year Memorial	2016	7th Year Memorial	2012
13th Year Memorial	2006	17th Year Memorial	2002	25th Year Memorial	1994
27th Year Memorial	1992	33rd Year Memorial	1986	50th Year Memorial	1969

may 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults - Canceled 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**2** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**3** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**4** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice	**5** 9:00 am Boy Scouts - Archery Training
6 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting 2:00 pm Obon Odori Practice	**7** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**8** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**9** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**10** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Padma class 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**11** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice 7:00 pm ABA General Meeting 7:30 pm Fuji Club	**12** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
13 7:00 am YBA Mother's Day Brunch (Serving 8:45 - 9:45 am) 10:00 am Gotan-e Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**14**	**15** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**16** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**17** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Dharma School Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**18** Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Prep	**19** Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Prep 4:00 pm Boy Scouts
20 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Dharma School Teacher's Meeting 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**21** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**22** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**23** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**24** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Padma class 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**25** 5:00 pm MVBT Sake Social 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice	**26**
27 9:30 am Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**28** 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**29** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**30** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Bazaar Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**31** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball		

Upcoming Events

May 13, Sunday

YBA Mother's Day Brunch (8:45 - 9:45 am)

Gotan-e Service: Shinran Shonin's birthday (10:00 am)

May 18 - 20, Friday - Sunday

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

May 29, Sunday, 9:30 am

Sunday Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery

June 10, Sunday, 10:00 am

Graduation Service

June 17, Sunday, 10:00 am

Father's Day Sunday Service

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