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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

February Highlights

- **2/2, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  Shotsuki Hoyo
  * *11:00 am: Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am: English Language Discussion*
- **2/9, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Noritaka Imada
- **2/16, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  Boy Scout Sunday Service

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- **3/2, Sunday, 10:00 am, Online ONLY**
  BCA Eitaikyo Service
  * *Watch Party in MVBT Hondo*

The Pure Land Is a Wonderful Place

"His countenance is perfectly pure and round, like the full moon;

His majestic light shines like a thousand suns and moons;

His voice is like a heavenly drum, yet like a heavenly bird;

Thus I prostrate myself before Amida Buddha"

Ju Ni Rai – Twelve Verses of Homage to Amida Buddha

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

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This is a translation of the third stanza of *Ju Ni Rai Sutra*. The translated name of the sutra is The Twelve Verses of Homage to Amida Buddha and it was written as a gatha by Nagarjuna. the first of the Seven Masters of Jodo Shinshu. In our o-naijin , he is at the top of the scroll on the far-left side, as you look into the o-naijin from the gejin. Nagarjuna wrote Ju Ni Rai to express his deep gratitude to Amida Buddha. Nagarjuna was one of the first Dharma teachers to write about the Nembutsu path, or the "Easy" path as we sometimes call it, to end suffering for those unable to follow the Difficult Path such as becoming a monk and following strict practices. Because Nagarjuna recognized that Amida's Compassion enables all beings to be born into Amida's Pure Land, he expresses his deep appreciation for Amida Buddha in *Ju Ni Rai Sutra*.

Sensei John Arima

When you hear the words of *Ju Ni Rai*, the words themselves can sound like someone is idolizing Amida Buddha and Amida's Pure Land. From the stanza at the beginning of this article, the words say his face is pure and beautiful, he projects a light or presence that shines for all to see, and his voice is strong yet soothing. There are also some descriptions of Amida's Pure Land in *Ju Ni Rai Sutra*. It describes Amida's Pure Land as a "golden treasure pond where lotus

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BWA Udon Fundraiser

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Pickup 11 am - 1 pm

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February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2p-7p Tri-Temple Crab & BBQ Ribs Fundraiser Take-out (Pickup 5:00 pm)
2 Groundhog Day 6a-2p BWA Udon Fundraiser (Pickup 11 am - 1 pm) 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 11a-2p Senior Craft Boutique 11:30a-12:30p YBA Lunch 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 12p-1p Miroku Monthly Meeting 12:30p-2p YBA Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**3** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group	**4** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**5** 6p-9p Boy Scouts	**6** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**7** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**8**
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23 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**24** 7:30p-8:30p RPC Meeting	**25** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**26** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**27** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**28** BCA National Council Meeting	

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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — February 2025

February 2, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am Japanese Languare Service
11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group

February 3, 2025, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online Meeting

To join, send email request to staff@mvbuddhhisttemple.org

February 9, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am — Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service

Nirvana Day: Observe the passing of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana
Pet Memorial: Express our gratitude and gratefully remember the pets who provided us with love and companionship
Guest Speaker: **Rev. Noritaka Imada,** Resident Minister of the Buddhist Church of Florin and Supervising Minister at the Buddhist Church of Lodi

February 16, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Scout Sunday Service

Observe the contributions of the Cub & Boy Scouts to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

February 23, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service

BCA National Council Meeting Town Hall immediately following service. Watch Party in Hondo

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March 2, 2025, Sunday, 10:00am — BCA Eitaikyo Service, Online Service

Eitaikyo: Means "perpetual chanting sutras." A memorial service that honors our family and friends who have lived before us. Without them, we would not exist.

Watch Party of livestreamed service in MVBT Hondo

JOIN US

Sunday Services are on Zoom. These Hybrid Services allow the Sangha to attend the service in person or on Zoom.
The Link to the Zoom Livestream can be found on Putra's Post that is emailed before the service.

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

At the Temple, put your Jozai into the Dana Box

or

Go to MVBT website & Press the Donate button & Find Jozai - Sunday Service Donation

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class** **Dharma School - 11:00 am**

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 26, 2025 @ 11:00 am

EVERYONE IS INVITED

In the Hondo immediately following the Service.

Hybrid meeting

The Pure Land Is a Wonderful Place — cont'd

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flowers bloom" and there is a wonderous throne where Amida Buddha reigns over his Pure Land like a king. Even more wonderful things are described in Amida's Pure Land in the *Amida-Kyo*:

"in the Buddha Land heavenly music is played at all times;

gold is spread on the ground; and

six times each day and night it showers Mandarava blossoms."

You might wonder why wonderful descriptions of things are used when we're so often told that we should not be attached to these kinds of things because they are impermanent.

One of the reasons such descriptions of Amida Buddha and Amida's Pure Land are used is based on our human limitations to perceive what we cannot see. Because the Pure Land and the enlightenment it leads to is something beyond our human ability to fully understand, Shakyamuni Buddha used these wonderful descriptions so that ordinary humans could begin to perceive that the Pure Land was a wonderful place where they should aspire to be born. In other words, because there is no way for us to fully understand enlightenment itself, there must be a way for us to be guided towards enlightenment. Rev. Mukojima has explained this to us as the "finger pointing to the moon" in past Dharma messages.

To give an example of how perceptions can become beliefs, I'll share an experience I had at work. Around 25 years ago, I was assigned to support my company's sales office in Singapore from my work location in California. At that time, we didn't have Zoom or Teams so all my first interactions with the Singapore office were by telephone – audio only. For the first 3 - 4 months of this work, I was on the phone daily with the sales staff in Singapore, but it was only by voice. Then the time came for me to make a trip to Singapore to meet them face-to-face for the first time. When I arrived at the office, the first thing the Singaporean Sales Manager said was, "Hey! You're Asian!" He truly had a surprised look on his face. Because I was born and raised in America and I have an American English accent, the Singaporeans had built a perception that I would be a Caucasian American. It turned out that the whole Singapore office thought the same thing. This is an example of how our human minds work. Our perceptions of what we directly experience form what our minds believe will be reality.

I don't know if it's just me, but even in today's world of Zoom and Teams, there are still similar cases of perception. After having video meetings, when I meet people face-to-face for the first time, I often get told, "I thought you'd be taller." Because in Zoom you get to see the person's face, so general ethnicity can be seen, but you only see a person's head and shoulders. The best one of these instances was this past year, when I first met one of my company's Korea sales manager face-to-face. We were talking casually to get to know each other better and he said that he thought over Zoom that I might be Samoan; like "the Rock". I guess that reality of meeting a "pebble" instead of a "Rock" might have been disappointing for him.

So, back to Buddhism. Why are such wonderful and positive descriptions used for Amida Buddha and Amida's Pure Land? One reason is to give us a finger that provides guidance towards Amida's Pure Land. Another reason is to use descriptions that build our aspiration to be born in that Pure Land. Amida's Pure Land is closely associated with Nirvana because all who are born there are assured of attaining enlightenment. However, Nirvana is the cessation, or the end, of suffering and often described by negation using terms like being "unconditioned." Because true enlightenment is beyond what our human minds can understand, it is often described by negation. Defining things by negation can be something like "Darkness is not having any light." It is used when defining things by example is difficult to do. Because we cannot give a good example of what enlightenment is, it becomes described as "not conditioned by causes of suffering". A way to explain enlightenment is to say it is not living in a world of suffering. By using the Pure Land as a finger, or what can be called an expedient device, that uses positive images, the path to Nirvana can be more easily imagined by ordinary humans like all of us and be perceived as somewhere to aspire to be born. This is why the closing stanza of *Ju Ni Rai* expresses why Nagarjuna has such deep gratitude for Amida Buddha; because Amida's Compassion has created a Pure Land that all can be born into and once you are born in Amida's Pure Land, you are assured to attain Nirvana.

"Thus have I praised the virtues of Amida.

Boundless are they like the water of the sea.

Upon receiving these pure and good qualities

May all beings be born into his Land"

Ju Ni Rai – Twelve Verses of Homage to Amida Buddha

Namo Amida Butsu

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YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

The YBA Spaghetti Dinner Chair, **Emi Hirabayashi**, has been making preparations for this year's Spaghetti Dinner on March 1.

Order Forms

The Order Forms are available in three places:

1. In this Echo below
2. Fill out an online Order Form link in Putra's Post
3. Fill out a paper Order Form that is available in the back of the Hondo

We are excited to have our fundraiser and hope everyone will come out to support YBA.

In Gassho,
Jillian Higa
2024-2025 YBA President

MVBT Young Buddhist Association

Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo

March 1, 2025

Dinner: 5:00-7:00 pm

Bingo: 6:00-8:00 pm

MVBT Sangha Hall

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from our Spaghetti Dinner funds religious and social activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for YBA members to experience the Dharma together. We appreciate any and all support you can give, including donated goods or services and monetary donations. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening!
(Take-out is also available.)
Please pre-order if possible as this allows us to plan and give you the best Spaghetti Dinner possible. If you have any questions, please contact Emi Hirabayashi at 408-981-1758 or emisophiahirabayashi@gmail.com.
Thank you for supporting the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi, Spaghetti Dinner Chair

To Pre-Order Dinners **(Deadline February 23, 2025):**
-Fill out the order form below
-Mail your payment and order form to the Temple office addressed to "MVBT YBA" or drop them off at the Temple office
*Checks should be made out to: MVBT YBA
**We follow a ticketless system, so no tickets will be distributed

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please Check One: **Eat In:** [ ] **Take Out:** [ ]

	Quantity	Total
Adult Dinners:	_____ x $15.00	$_____
Adult Vegetarian Dinner	_____ x $15.00	$_____
Child (10 and under) Dinners:	_____ x $10.00	$_____
Child Vegetarian Dinner	_____ x $10.00	$_____
Bingo Cards:	_____ x $5.00	$_____
Additional Donation:		$_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		$_____

Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service - First Service of 2025

The last service of 2024 was held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 7:00 pm. This Joya-E service had more than 108 Temple members and friends gathering on New Year's Eve. This service expresses the gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year.

The service included sutra chanting, meditation, and Dharma messages from **Rev. Mukojima** and **Rev. Devon Matsumoto**. On the Onaijin with Rev. Mukojima and Rev. Matsumoto were **Oasaji Leader Ken Nakano**, and three former Youth Minister's Assistants while in high school, **Evan Tsukahara**, **Kevin Kujiraoka** and **Allison Tanaka**.

After the service, everyone in attendance lined up and rang the Kansho (bell). It was struck 118 times, and Mrs. Helen Sasaki was the 108th person to strike the Kansho. By striking the kansho, we symbolically "ring out" our passions and delusions and aspire to become free of them in the new year.

What is the significance of 108? Why 108 (6 x 3 x 2 x 3)? The "6" represents our six senses of sight, touch, sound, taste, smell and consciousness. The "3" indicates the different ways those sensations are experienced: good, bad or neutral. The "2" is for the dimension of attachment to pleasure: attached or unattached. The final "3" represents past, present and future. Multiply the numbers together and you get 108.

In Gassho

Toshikoshi-soba Treat After Joya-e Service

After the service, Rev. and Mrs. Mukojima, Kurumi and Oji invited everyone to enjoy traditional Toshikoshi-soba (buckwheat noodles) in the Sangha Hall. Zones 4 and 5 assisted.

In Gassho

Shusho-e / New Year's Day Service - First Service of 2025

The first service of 2025 was held on Monday, January 1, 2025 at 10 am. The new year is a new beginning. The Shusho-E service is to renew our resolutions to live with Nembutsu gratitude. The service included sutra chanting, meditation and the first Dharma Talks for 2025 by Rev. Mukojima and Rev. Devon Matsumoto.

After the service, sake was served to adults and sparkling cider to children.

In Gassho

Dharma School News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
明けまして　おめでとう　ございます!

I hope you all had a great start to the new year. As we work through our resolutions and goals, let us not forget to take time to pause and reflect upon our lives with appreciation and gratitude for the many people and the causes and conditions that have led us to where we are today. In that spirit, I would like to thank our teachers and ibrarians who have given their time in crafting and sharing lessons that bring the Dharma to life, the parents who have served on our Cabinet and volunteered in our various activities, and all of you, our Temple members who continue to support our Dharma School.

May you all have a wonderful 2025!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Avery, Reina, Yuji and Cameron!

From Left: Brent Izutsu, Avery, Reina, Yuji and Rev. Mukojima

Not pictured: Cameron

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT Dharma School

Miroku

DECEMBER MEETING

Service Project

This year, Miroku will collaborate with the 6 - 8th Grade Dharma School class for their Dana Project. From our voting in December, we selected Alma Bonita Animal Rescue in Morgan Hill as the organization that we will support. To make money, we will sell cards, as well as a few other items that we will make.

We will visit the rescue center in February, to meet the people that run the farm and learn more about how they need help. We also plan to do a short presentation to the Sangha in March to share what we learned.

AED Checks

We ended our meeting with the monthly AED checks and snacks.

It was fun seeing everyone after the holiday break!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2, at noon in the YBA Conference Room.

In Gassho,
Yoshi Paris
7th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

Join the Fun This Summer at Nakayoshi Gakko!

"Friendship School"

Nakayoshi Gakko, or **"Friendship School"** is a two-week summer program held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple where children in Grades 1 through 8 learn about Japanese culture and tradition. It is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to explore the many aspects of the Japanese-American heritage.

Full-Day Program

Nakayoshi Gakko is a full day program (8:30 am - 3:30 pm). Morning sessions include art, literature, social studies and Japanese language. Afternoon sessionss continue with specialty subjects such as origami, odori (dance), soroban (abacus), cooking, anime, undokai (P.E.), sumi-e, music, and so much more!

2025 Session: June 16 – 27

The 2025 session is from June 16 – June 27. Children entering 1st through 8th grade for 2025-2026 school year are eligible.

There are limited number of spots per grade. Dharma School students receive priority for enrollment.

Senpai opportunities for current High School students are also available.

We are also a 501(3)(3) organization and co-op. Parent participation is required and welcomed.

More information at the Nakayoshi Website

www.nakayoshigakko.org

Or, scan this QR code

"Crooked Tree" in Parking Lot

At its November 2024 meeting, the Temple Board approved the placement of a plaque near the "crooked tree" in front of our Temple to commemorate its planting by **Gomonshu Ohtani** and **Lady Ohtani** of the Kyoto Nishi Hongwanji who visited our Temple in 1964.

In the 60 years since its planting, the tree has taken firm hold in the ground and the branches have extended high and wide into the sky as if to encourage us to earnestly follow the Nembutsu Path.

It was a wish of the late **Richard Endo** to commemorate the tree so that current and future members know the importance of the tree to our Temple's heritage. If you would like to make a donation towards this commemorative plaque, please visit our Temple Donation page at:

https://tinyurl.com/CrookedTreeMVBT

and look for "Crooked Tree Plaque."

In Gassho,
Family & Friends of Richard Endo

Plaque Size – 18" x 15"
Layout not to scare

Commemoration of Gomonshu Visit

May 15, 1964

December 28, 2024

On May 15, 1964, the Gomonshu Kosho Ohtani and Lady Ohtani of the Kyoto Nishi Hongwanji visited the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This Cook pine tree was planted to commemorate their visit.

The tree has since taken firm hold in the ground and the branches have extended high and wide into the sky as if to encourage us to earnestly follow the Nembutsu Path.

Namo Amida Butsu – With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Plaque Layout (Not to Scale)

One Possible Mounting

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

Hoonko Seminar

For the Hoonko Seminar on January 11 with Rev Yuki Sugahara, **Alice Ishida** and **Judy Nakano** from ABA arranged the refreshments for the attendees. Thanks Alice and Judy!

2025 ABA Cabinet

The 2025 ABA cabinet members were installed at the BWA Memorial Service on January 19.

To Join ABA

If you are interested in joining ABA or have any questions, please contact **Reiko Tsuchida** (Membership Chairperson), **Mieko Nakano** (Assistant Membership Chairperson) or any ABA member.

Next Meeting

The next ABA is Friday, February 14, at 7:30 pm (Hybrid).

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

2025 ABA CABINET

President	**Ken Nakano**
Vice President	**Russ Nakano**
Treasurer	**Sterling Makishima**
Recording Secretary	**Lois Okino**
Asst Recording Secretary	**Shirley Matsumoto**
Corresponding Secretary	**Joyce Okumura-Lee**
Asst Corresponding Secretary	**Marilyn Ozawa**
Co-Social Chairperson	**Alice Ishida**
Co-Social Chairperson	**Judy Nakano**
Auditor	**Steve Tsuchida**
Historian	**Will Dea**
Asst Historian	**Lois Okino**
Membership Chairperson	**Reiko Tsuchida**
Asst Membership Chairperson	**Mieko Nakano**
Hospitality Chairperson	**Joanne Makishima**
Ministerial Advisor	**Rev Yushi Mukojima**
Advisor	**Jean Shimoguchi**

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Happy New Year!

The Girl Scouts will begin the year with Cookie Sales that started on January 13. Please see any Girl Scout or leader to order. We will also be having sales at the Temple after an upcoming February service.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

2025 150 Club News

Wishing you the very best for the New Year!

The January winner was **Yumi Higa**.

Congratulations to Yumi!

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club for 2025!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

Have a Happy New Year!!!
150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
FEB	Zones 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
MAR	Zones 10 & 11	Feb 14 (Fri)	Feb 19 (Wed)
APR	Zones 12 & 13	Mar 14 (Fri)	Mar 19 (Wed)

Please note the article deadline and mailing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue.
Thank you. *Domo Arigato.* ありがとう ございます。
Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

MVBT's Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser - Sunday, May 4

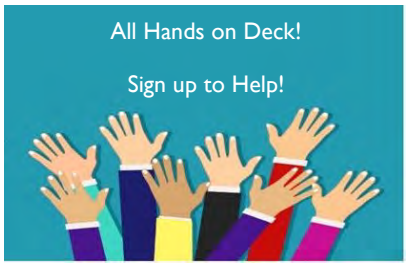
Putra's Post and Echo

Details will be available soon. Look in future Putra's Posts and in upcoming Echos.

Volunteers Needed

Also, be on the lookout for the volunteer sign-up sheet ! All Hands needed. There are various jobs to make the fundraiser happen and be successful/

Thank you!
Zone 9 & 12



Putra says
"Join us for a Chicken Teriyaki Dinner"
on Sunday, May 4

YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 1
Dinner: 5 - 7 pm
BINGO: 6 – 8 pm
Bring the family & have fun!
Deadline to Order: February 23
** Order form on Page 5 **

BINGO
Fundraiser

3rd Annual Tri-Temple Fundraiser - Choice of Crab or BBQ Ribs Dinners

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual
Tri-Temple Fundraising Event
(Mtn View, Palo Alto & San Mateo)

Saturday, February 1, 2025

NEW THIS YEAR!

Choice of Whole Crab or BBQ Spareribs

- **Take-out from ANY temple from 4:00 pm**
- **Dine together at PABT Dining Room from 5:00 - 8:00pm**

To Order, Go to Dinner Website

https://www.pabt.org/tri-temple-fundraiser2025

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

We wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Thursday, February 20, 2025: We will have guest speaker Sharmin Sultana, a Senior Program Manager of "Breathe California." She will do a presentation about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Learn about keeping our lungs healthy.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and the presentation will start at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025: We have a Casino trip planned. We had good reviews going to Sky River Casino in Elk Grove, therefore we will do that trip again. We started taking names at the Senior Activities Program on January 9. T he price is $45 per person. More information will be provided.

SENIOR COOKBOOK

The Senior Cookbook is still available. It can be purchased at the Temple office or through our committee member. The price is still $10. Makes a wonderful gift.

SENIOR CRAFT and ALL ACTIVITIES

The Craft and all Activities program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12 noon.

DURING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

A light refreshment is provided that includes coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome.

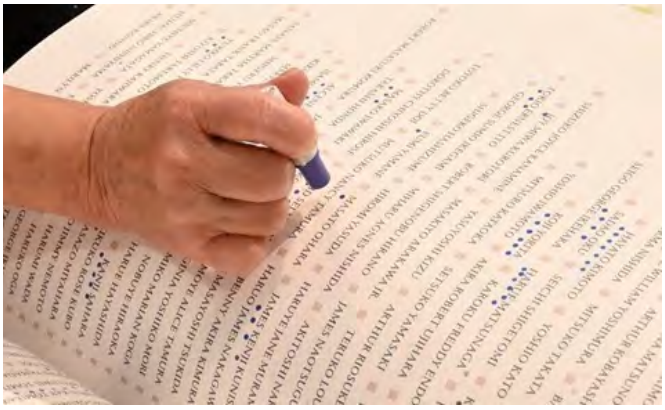
In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

The Irei Project and JANM Needs Our Help

Over the past twenty-six months, an unprecedented number of people have traveled from around the country to the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles to bear witness to the names that are printed in the ***Ireichō***, a book monument containing the names of 125,284 individuals of Japanese ancestry unjustly incarcerated during World War II.

Named after the Japanese term for "consoling the spirits," the *Ireichō* monument honors both those who have gone before us as well as those who carry on the memories and legacies of forced removal, unjust incarceration, and family separation. Every visitor to the monument is invited to contribute to the creation of the monument by marking one or more names in the *Ireichō* with a blue ***hanko*** stamp. For many camp survivors and descendants, leaving this mark has been a way to honor the personhood of a family member who suffered the indignities and losses of the wartime incarceration.

Through the efforts of the community and public-at-large, as of last month, 81,485 names out of the 125,284 names in the original edition of the *Ireichō* have been acknowledged through *hanko* stamps. Our campaign to make sure every person in the *Ireichō* is honored now that the exhibit at JANM has come to an end is premised on taking the *Ireichō* to all the WRA camps and at least one representation WCCA assembly center and DOJ internment camp during community-organized pilgrimages.



And we're now trying to raise some funding to add a number of additional cities to the 12 former sites of the camps to create a truly national tour of the *Ireichō* to give people around the nation, especially an opportunity to stamp names. To that end, we're hoping to raise $125,284, a figure reflecting the number of individuals in the *Ireichō*.

Even a simple gift of $1 will help honor someone in the Book of Names. To donate or learn more about this project, please visit the link below.

https://tinyurl.com/MyOneCause

Respectfully submitted by Carol Yonemura from the fundraising website

February

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for February to be held on Sunday, February 2

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details of the Service

February 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 **February** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada	**James J. Inokuchi**	**Tsuneo Nishimura**
Tom Fukuda	**George Tadashi Ishimaru**	**Edward Okamura**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**Kay Hisako Ishizawa**	**Kimi Okubo**
Ben Furuichi	**Jiro Iwata**	**Jane Okumura**
Thomas Gishi	**Kazuo Kato**	**Frank Sakino**
Yusaku Haruta	**Jack Kawamoto**	**Mary Sasaki**
Nabei Higa	**Nori Kondo**	**Kiyoshi Sawamura**
Chiyo Higuchi	**Chiyeko Matsumoto**	**Zensaku Shishido**
Tomiuemon Hiramoto	**Frank Matsumoto**	**Mary Somen**
Chiyoko Hirohata	**Hideko Helen Matsumoto**	**Rodney Togashi**
Jeanette Hirota	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Ruth Yamatoda**
Maureen Hojo	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Haruo Yamaji**
Shuichi Hori	**Yosuke Mizuhara**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.	**Richard Miyashiro**	**Tracy Takeichi Yamamoto**
Henry Hideo Hoshi	**Shigeki Murai**	**Mildred Yamanaga**
Clara Hoshida	**Akiko Nakagawa**	**Tsutomu Yamanaga**
Matsuyo Idehara	**Haruko Nakano**	**Kenneth Yasuda**
Rev. Ryumei Iguchi	**Sally Tokiko Nakayama**	
Tatsuhiko Ikebe	**Tsuneko Nakayama**	
Francis Ikenaga	**Niro Nishimoto**	

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.

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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.

2025 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2024	3rd Year Memorial	2023	7th Year Memorial	2019
13th Year Memorial	2013	17th Year Memorial	2009	25th Year Memorial	2001
27th Year Memorial	1999	33rd Year Memorial	1993	50th Year Memorial	1976

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 BCA National Council Meeting YBA Spaghetti Dinner (5:00-7:00 Dinner, 6:00-8:00 BINGO)
2 10a-12p BCA Eitaikyo Service 11:30a-12:30p YBA Lunch 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 12p-1p Miroku Monthly Meeting 12:30p-2p YBA Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**3**	**4** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**5** 6p-9p Boy Scouts	**6** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**7** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**8** Int'l. Women's Day
9 Daylight Saving Begins 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**10** 1p-3p Senior Activities Committee Meeting 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group	**11** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**12** 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting	**13** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**14** 6p-10p ABA General Meeting 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**15** 9a-12p BWA Meeting 4p-12a Cub Scouts overnight
16 12a-9a Cub Scouts overnight 10a-12p Spring Ohigan Service 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**17** Saint Patrick's Day	**18** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**19** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**20** Spring Begins 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**21** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**22**
23 10a-12p Girl Scout Sunday & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**24** World Tuberculosis Day	**25** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**26** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**27** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**28** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**29** 5p-11p ABA Activity
30 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**31** 7:30p-8:30p RPC Meeting					

Upcoming Events

February 2, 2025, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

February 9, 2025, Sunday
Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial

February 16, 2025, Sunday
Boy Scout Sunday

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March 2, 2025, Sunday
BCA Eitaikyo Service

March 16, 2025, Sunday
Spring Ohigan Service

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Bodhi Day / New Years Services

Hoonko / BWA Memorial / Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial / Spring Ohigan

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YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO	*5, 10*
Crooked Tree Plaque Donation	*8*
Girl Scout Cookie Time	*9*
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser	*10*
Tri-Temple Dinner Fundraiser	*10*

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