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## Our Temple and the Sword of the Dharma

J.K. Hirano

*This then is the true teaching easy to practice for small, foolish beings; it is the straight way easy to traverse for the dull and ignorant. Among all the teachings of the Great Sage preached in his lifetime, none surpasses this ocean of virtues.*

CWS Kyogyoshinsho pg. 3

There seems to be some confusion as to what our temple's racial or ethnic tradition is. Although Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is usually categorized as a Japanese form of Buddhism, in that its founder Shinran Shonin was Japanese and it has a history of over 750 years in Japan. Jodo Shinshu has been in the United States for well over 100 years and this year we will be celebrating 100 years of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Utah. As a result, could Jodo Shinshu be said to be a Utah form of Buddhism? If we use the logic that Jodo Shinshu is for Japanese because Shinran was from Japan. Siddartha Gautama who was East Indian racially and Nepalese by nationality, does this mean Buddhism is only for Indians or Nepalese? If these racial and cultural biases are true, how did Shinran, a Japanese, understand Buddhism, which was Indian? Buddhism of which Jodo Shinshu is a major tradition is for human beings regardless of race or nationality.

This passage I began with is from the preface to Shinran Shonin's Kyogyoshinsho. In this work, there are references to human beings and there is reference to the Great Sage, Shakyamuni Buddha, who was Indian and there are also references to the various Indian, Chinese and Japanese masters. However, nowhere does it say or suggest our tradition and the teachings are particularly for Japanese or individuals of Japanese descent. Shinran says that this path is for foolish beings, dull and ignorant, nowhere is ethnicity or nationality made reference to. It is for those of us who are filled with ego and cannot see the Truth in this life beyond self.

I believe that there is no place in our temple for racial or cultural bias. I have received a letter mentioning Carmela's article in our April "Buddhist Thoughts". The person writing the article was concerned about how "cute" and "self-promoting" the article was and that no

Japanese would say the things she did. The writer also felt it was “a course and shallow approach to Buddhism. We deserve better.” This letter helped me realize how much I need Jodo Shinshu because my small and foolish self became extremely angered by the comments.

The writer of the letter has every right to complain and give their opinion of the temple, as they have done in the past. I have heard this individual was concerned that I was being paid too much and that I was bankrupting the temple. Members are free to complain about those areas that are the board’s area to decide upon and if the board decides to follow the writer’s suggestion, that is their prerogative. Carmela is my wife, but I was not upset just because my wife was being criticized for helping the temple.

Kaikyoshi and their families are the subject of comments and complaints of one sort or another. It is to be expected. I have been told I shouldn’t have nice cars or my house is too big. These things are merely the opinion of the writer or complainers. I realize that although some people are congratulated on their material possessions, ministers are often expected to live below the level of whoever is doing the complaining. My children were once told that they didn’t have a home, it was the temple’s house not theirs, so I bought my own home. Carmela’s work for the temple is strictly voluntary; she does not work at the temple for monetary gain. She has her own private practice and the salary of a physician is about five to ten times that of a BCA minister and it is up to Carmela to decide where she wants to live or drive. Therefore, when I married Carmela, I told her that she should expect to hear complaints about how we live and she basically said, “Bring it on.”

This letter would not upset Carmela but merely elicit sympathy for the writer. However, I feel it is my duty to back up my minister’s assistants when they are being slandered. My mentor and friend the late Rev. Russell Hamada once told me that in most cases, Kaikyoshi need to be kind, gentle and understanding. However, they must remember that their job is not only to share the teachings but to protect the Dharma and destroy ignorance when necessary and it won’t make the ignorant happy. Well, in this case, I think it is necessary to bring out the sword of the Dharma to destroy the ignorance evident in this letter.

The major focus of the letter was how I am taking the Dharma too lightly and the temple deserves better. The Dharma is my area of the temple and I never take this responsibility lightly. I try my best to live, share and teach the Dharma. As Rev. Yuki Sugahara of the Florin Buddhist Temple has said, the temple should be a place for FUN; Friendship, Understanding and the Nembutsu. I have tried to do this and unconstructive complaints can kill the FUN of a temple and this is listed as one of the five grave offences in Jodo Shinshu. Therefore, out comes the sword!

First of all, let’s make it clear that Carmela is not Japanese. Second, the article was a copy of the Dharma talk that she was asked to give at the BCA National Council Meeting. The editor of our National Newsletter “Wheel of Dharma” asked for permission to reprint it because he thought it was well thought out. I reprinted it in our temple newsletter for the same reason. Rev. Kodo Umezu our current Bishop for the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) also spoke with Carmela and I about what a profoundly moving and deep Dharma Talk she gave. Bishop Koshin Ogui our former Bishop also said the same and he was one of the people involved with her selection to give it. Rev. Masumi Kikuchi a researcher from Ryukoku University also asked to speak and interview Carmela because she wanted to know how a non-Japanese could have such a deep understanding of the principles of Jodo Shinshu. There were also other ministers that changed their own minds from being against the Minister’s Assistant Program (MAP) to consider beginning it in their own temples, because they were so impressed with her deep

appreciation for some of the key concepts of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu that was evident in her talk.

Personally, I have a few Japanese tendencies left over from being raised in a Japanese American home and praising or bragging about my family is definitely something I don't do often enough, although I am extremely proud of Carmela, Kacie and Taylor. However, in the case of Carmela's understanding of the Dharma, I don't need to brag, I believe it is evidenced by the comments I have received by so many others, much more scholarly and senior in BCA to myself. However, for the sake of our temple, this is one of the times when ignorance must be addressed head on.

The letter then went on saying that the Dharma Talks I give are too warm and fuzzy and that Buddhism is to enlighten. The writer of the letter hopefully will find that this article is neither warm nor fuzzy; yet, I appreciate the writer's perspective. It is good to what the Sangha feels. However, I hope they will see when their own appreciation of Jodo Shinshu and Buddhism in general is extremely questionable. I would only conclude with the suggestion given by Rennyō over 500 years ago, which is so appropriate in this case, and day and age, for Japanese and Non Japanese alike.

*Faultfinding and personal Reform; Faults of others are easily seen, our own faults are obscure. If we see them in ourselves their magnitude is obvious. We must understand this and make amends. We often overlook our own weakness.*

*Softness in Mental Attitude; On acquiring faith harsh words towards others on the same path are not to be used; calmness should follow: according to the 33<sup>rd</sup> vow, "...within my light, mind and body will become soft and tranquil (**warm and fuzzy**).: Lacking faith there is ego-centricity, there is no harmony-and there is no tranquility. A situation to reflect upon. Goichdaiki Kikigaki (Sayings of Rennyō) 195 and 291.*

## President's Message

Dot Richeda

Where did the time go? Here it is the month of May. April was a busy month with both Hanamatsuri and Nihon Matsuri held in the same month. Hanamatsuri always brings a smile to my face when I remember all the past Hanamatsuri in Hawaii and at our Temple in SLC and Ogden. Seeing the children grow each year and showing off their talent is wonderful. They will have happy memories of Hanamatsuri to reflect on wherever they go. Even at my age, I always look forward to Hanamatsuri.

This year Nihon Matsuri was held on a hot and sunny day. This was our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual event and it was wonderful to share our Japanese tradition and opening our Temple doors to so many people. At this time, I would like to thank the sangha for their support of these two events. With your help and support both events were successful.

Our next event will be Obon, to be held on July 14, 2012. We will start Obon dance practice on July 2 to July 12<sup>th</sup> in the gym at 7:00 pm. Snacks will be served and a store will be selling items for Obon.

Please have a safe and happy summer vacation.

Announcements:

June 14th Temple Board Meeting

In Gassho,

## YBA NEWS

Maya Chow

Thank you to all who helped prepare and serve the Parent Day lunch. Special thanks to La Verne Kyed and Troy Watanabe and Kirk Terashima. Troy and Kirk used the "Dojo Restaurant" facilities to prepare the udon. Much appreciation to the JRs who helped serve and those who cleaned up.

We will be selling tickets on June 10 for our fundraising lunch/bingo to be on July 29 at 1:00 pm. Proceeds from this lunch will go towards sending the YBA to conferences. For tickets, contact any YBA member.

Doomo Arigato,

Maya Chow, Advisor --Don't forget to help out July 14 for Obon!

## Dharma School Happenings

Brenda Koga

The Dharma School year is already coming to a close with our last service for the 2011-12 year scheduled for June 10, 2012. At this time we will award our attendance awards for the year and recognize our high school and college graduates. Please be in attendance to honor those recipients.

In May the Dharma School sponsored the Nikkei Center Luncheon on the 5<sup>th</sup>, chaired by **Mary Misaka Jessop** and **Sherrie Hayashi**. Thanks to those two for sharing that responsibility, but also to be recognized is **Yo Misaka** who was the head chef and cook. Thanks also to **Samantha Sueoka** and **Tracy Roberson** who entertained the crowd with piano solos and Japanese Odori.

May 20 was our annual Parent's Day Luncheon chaired by **Stephanie Sueoka** who did an excellent job in planning and arranging for the day's events. Our appreciation is extended also to the YBA under the direction of **Troy Watanabe and Maya Chow**, preparing a delicious luncheon of udon noodles.

We would like to recognize our newest pianist for our Dharma School services—**Samantha Sueoka**. Thank you for volunteering to assist us with our gathas. Also, assisting with this past month's services was the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class** who led the Golden Chain and Promise.

The Dharma School will be helping out with the annual Obon Festival on July 14. Bussers will be needed, so please contact **Faye Eng** if you are a student who would like to help clear off the tables.

Coming up on August 31, September 1 & 2 will be our **Mill Hollow Camping Outing**. Registration forms were available in the last Buddhist Thoughts and will be posted on the bulletin board. Costs will be \$65 for adults and \$60 for children 12 and under. This will cover all your lodging and meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. The deadline for your

deposit of **\$10 per person is June 30.**

Grants are available to help offset costs for those who would like to apply. Thank you to **Chiz Ishimatsu** who donated for this cause.

More details will be in the July Buddhist Thoughts. If you have questions, please contact Christy Fong or Brenda Koga.

## From the Library Corner

Kazuko Yakumo

The library is being reorganized. This also includes the Temple Documents and Historical Materials for the Centennial.

We also had a copy of back-issues of "Buddhist Thoughts" (1989-1993) on the shelf that was getting ready to be bind. They have disappeared. If you have them, please put them back to the original place.

If some of you have past issues of "Buddhist Thoughts" (especially 1980-90's), please contact me. Your corporation is very appreciated.

Kazuko Yakumo (801-278-1384)

## Planning Funerals and Memorial Services

J.K. Hirano

It is close to Obon season and the Obon Hatsubon service, which is the major memorial service for Buddhists. I am often asked to explain the procedures for our funerals and memorial services. The following information is available online at our website or in the member's handbook. Much of the information was taken from Traditions of Jodo Shinshu Honganji Ha by Rev. Russell Hamada and Rev. Masao Kodani. If you are a member of the temple and have not received a handbook please contact Dot Richeda.

### Funerals

Understanding death is necessary to understand Life. As Rennyō states in his Letter on White Ashes, "The fragile nature of human life underlies both the young and old." When death comes to a family member or someone near to you, it is often a time of confusion. When your family goes through this experience the temple is here to help you in this difficult time.

It is important that you feel comfortable in knowing that you can depend upon Sensei and the Sangha to help you. Along with Sensei, the temple leaders and elders have experience in assisting with funeral arrangements and we will do all that we can to help you.

Notify Sensei

Notify the mortuary

Sensei will arrive and conduct the *Makuragyo* service. *Makuragyo* literally means, pillow sutra. Traditionally this service was held immediately following the death of a person. Therefore, the sutra was chanted at the pillow, where the deceased's head was laying. Although it is often held, immediately after death. this is a service for the family and friends who were closest to the deceased. The Makuragyo service can be held as soon as death has occurred or whenever arrangements can be made for the immediate family to gather.

At the time of the Makuragyo, sensei will make arrangements for a funeral arrangement meeting. At the funeral arrangement meeting we will schedule a date, place and time for the funeral. Sensei will assist you in filling the necessary personnel for the funeral. Most funerals consist of the following:

Sensei

Chairperson

Organist

6-8 pallbearers

Honorary pallbearers (optional)

One or two persons to give personal history or eulogy

A family member or representative to thank those at the funeral.

Representatives from organizations for incense burning (optional)

3-4 Receptionists

3-4 Ushers

1-2 people to hand out program and stand near guest book

2-3 people to write down all flower donations

If you do not have or know individuals who can fill these positions, the temple will help you.

### **Necessary elements for the funeral**

The family should bring the offerings for the altar. It is not necessary to bring manju, although many people still do. If you bring manju, two dozen is a typical amount. It does not have to be white. For the fruit, there are two stands with four levels. The usual amount is four types of fruit, six pieces of each type of fruit. If there will be Shonanoka service after the burial or cremation, you should bring a picture of the deceased to the temple.

It is common etiquette to acknowledge all the acts of kindness, words of sympathy and personal services received during bereavement and the funeral. The actual amount and method of your expression of gratitude depend largely upon your personal feelings. You may ask other temple members or the funeral committee on appropriate amounts.

As a guide, please acknowledge the following:

Temple (*monetary*)

Sensei (*monetary*)

Organist (*monetary*)

Organizations if applicable (*monetary*)

Funeral personnel, i.e. ushers, receptionists, flowers, etc. (*monetary or gift*)

Floral pieces, koden, telegrams, sympathy cards and letters (*acknowledgment card*)

Personal gestures, i.e., food and drink supplied, etc. (*thank you note*)

### **Some common funeral expenses**

- Casket
- Plot for burial or niche and headstone
- Urn, niche or nokotsudo
- Certified copies of Death certificate
- Funeral Director's fee
- Flowers (casket, altar, and other floral pieces)
- Altar offerings

- Acknowledgments and acknowledgment cards (often provided by mortuary)
- Obituary notices
- Memorial donations to temple and various organizations

### Memorial Services “Hoji” (Dharma Affair)

Memorial services or “*Hoji*” as they are often called, has a long history in Buddhism. Family and close friends gather at the Temple or home in memory of the deceased member of the family. Following the service, the group will usually eat together. They can either eat at the home or go out to dinner or lunch. This meal is important in that it renews each member in both mind and body and strengthens the ties that bind the group together. This custom and the memorial services help to emphasize that death is a natural occurrence in life and is not something to be feared. The memorial service is also a wonderful opportunity of reinforcing family ties beyond one’s immediate family, which helps to create a sense of continuity and community from generation to generation.

The first memorial service to be held is actually the *Shonanoka* or seventh day service. This service is usually held after the burial or cremation. It is the first time the family gathers together after the physical body of their loved one is no longer among them. It is the time to turn to one another for support and listen to the Dharma for strength and guidance.

*Chuin* refers to the first 49 day period of mourning after death. In the past it was often marked with services held every 7 days. In the some sects of Buddhism, the karmic energy of a person is believed to be in a state of flux, moving to a new state of existence every seven days. This state of flux was called the shadowy world of yin. Thus the name *Chuin* meaning “in the middle of yin.” After the 49<sup>th</sup> day the energy was said to be reborn. This belief was widespread in China and Japan. This understanding was often propagated from our Issei to the preceding generations.

However, Jodo Shinshu categorically denies the efficacy of such observances but nevertheless observes *Chuin* in grateful memory of the deceased and as yet another opportunity to listen to the Dharma. The memorial service in Jodo Shinshu is not for the sake of the dead. In holding the service in memory of the deceased, we acknowledge our ties to the various causes and conditions in our life that allow us to exist. Therefore, the date of the memorial service does not necessarily have to be exactly on the date of death or before the date of death. The need to hold these services before the date of death is merely a carry over from the superstitions brought over with the Issei. The memorial service should be held whenever is convenient for family and friends to gather.

The timing of memorial services is based on the Japanese way of counting rather than the system used in the United States or Western world. Therefore, the memorial service is held on the anniversary of the first year of death is called *isshu-ki* (first memorial cycle rather than first year service as we commonly refer to it). The next service is the third cycle, being the second year after death. The day the memorial services should be held can be determined as follows:

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| * First Week (7 <sup>th</sup> day)    | Following burial or cremation                      |
| * Seventh Week (49 <sup>th</sup> day) | about a month and a half to two months after death |
| * Hundredth Day                       | (rarely observed in America)                       |
| * 1 <sup>st</sup> year                | one year from date of death                        |

* 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	two years from date of death
* 7 <sup>th</sup> year	six years
* 13 <sup>th</sup> year	twelve years
* 17 <sup>th</sup> year	sixteen years
* 25 <sup>th</sup> year	twenty four years
* 33 <sup>rd</sup> year	thirty two years
* 50 <sup>th</sup> year	forty nine years

## Deepest Condolences

Our temple offers our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of:

Lois Crook 1925-2012  
 Fujie Kunimoto 1919-2012  
 Richard Omori 1942-2012

We hope that through the Nembutsu Teachings and the strength of your family and community, you will find comfort during this difficult time. Namo Amida Butsu.

## Shotsuki Hoyo

June 10, 10:00 am

<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Date of death</b>	<b>Next of kin</b>
Akiyama Uhichi	6/12/67	Francis Akimoto
Fujimoto Kanta	6/7/56	Grace Oshita
Fujinami Tomakichi	6/12/68	Mitsuru Fujinami
Harada Tsuyono	6/2/85	Harada Family
Imai Fujii	6/28/91	Aoki Family
Kobayashi Tsui	6/20/43	Ken Kobayashi
Mayeda Buntaro	6/5/89	Toshi Mayeda
Muraki Sakae	6/24/87	
Nakamura Chogoro	6/28/45	Takae Nakamura
Noda Ben	6/29/92	Noda Family
Sakinada Kathleen	6/4/89	
Sasaki Nobuko	6/22/34	Charlie Sasaki
Shiba Eiji	6/30/85	Shiba Family
Suzuki Kiyoji	6/11/69	Masako Suzuki
Tadehara Mary	6/30/84	Rose Kamaya
Tani Hatsuye Mary	6/17/84	Eleanor Nakamura
Yokome Roy	6/26/95	Ray Uno
Araki Aiko	6/16/98	



Aoki Fred Toshio	6/17/98	Kay Aoki
Niwa Teruchiyo	6/11/00	Pat Ninomiya
Karen Haruko Shiba	6/17/00	Tosh Shiba
Kiyo Nakamura	6/10/04	Phil Nakamura
Fusano Mayeda	6/21/76	Yoshiko Kido
John Kasubuchi	6/8/10	Robert Kasubuchi
Floyd Okubo	6/22/10	Byron Okubo

## 2012 APRIL DONATIONS

Grace Kasai	50.00	Shotsuki Hoyo - Seiko Kasai
Grace Kasai	20.00	Shotsuki Hoyo -Tokusaku Sueoka
Hatsuye Sasaki	50.00	Memory for daughter
Eleanor Kobayashi	50.00	Memory of Sakae Kobayashi & Yasuji Kobayashi
Ivan Van Laningham	50.00	Special
Ruby Doi	25.00	Ohigan
Yutako Ikegami	100.00	Shotsuki Hoyo -Mitsuko Ikegami
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	30.00	Memory of Shizuye Nakagiri
Ivan Van Laningham	50.00	Special
Henry & Tammy Kuramoto	50.00	Bradley's wedding
Naomi Kobayashi	50.00	Memory of Yasuji & Sakae Kobayashi
Nakagiri Family	1000.00	Memory of Shizuye Nakagiri
David & Josephine Shiraiwa	50.00	Memory of Jiyaburo & Chiyo Matsumiya
Janet Takami	100.00	Memory of Shizuye Nakagiri
Hisa Minaga	200.00	Memory of Kozo Minaga
Karie & Marcus Miya	100.00	Memory of Kozo Minaga
Carmen V	10.00	Special
Hisa Minaga	25.00	Nokotsudo
Dennis & Fusae Nakanishi	200.00	Jinzaburo & Chiyo Matsumiya
Jun & May Sudoku	100.00	Foundation account
Robert & Tami Tokita	100.00	Jr Jazz donation
Steve & Cindy Burian	100.00	Jr Jazz donation
Wesley Davis/Leigh Travis	50.00	Jr. Jazz donation
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Drew & Lisa Novetzke	30.00	Jr. Jazz donation
Alan Okawa/Allison Oki	25.00	Jr. Jazz donation
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Brenda Koga	25.00	Memory of Ayako Tohinaka
Joan Haskins	10.00	Memory of Ayako Tohinaka
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	100.00	For Ruth Schwager's 100th birthday
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Greg Sueoka	100.00	Jr. Jazz donation

Craig Matsuura	50.00	Jr. Jazz donation
Jim & Faye Eng	50.00	Jr. Jazz donation
Heidi Moreton	20.00	Jr. Jazz donation
Ivan Van Laningham	50.00	Special
Koyo Restaurant	100.00	Special
Thomas Endo	1000.00	Building Fund (foundation fund)

#### IN MEMORY OF SHIZUYE NAKAGIRI

Kazuko Yakumo	25	Jane Sakashita	20
Setsuko Nagata	20	Maxine Furubayashi	25
Terry & Mits Fujinami	20	Ichiro & Takeko Doi	20
Nakagiri Relatives & Friends	750	Nikkei Center	30
Brenda Koga	25		

#### HANAMATSURI

Karie & Marcus Miya	50	Richard & May Matsuda	25
Ida Watanabe	20	Bill & Shigeo Mizuno	50
Kiyomi Ryujin	25	Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50
Nobue Sudoku	25	Ben & Maurea Terashima	100
James & Marisa Aoki	25	Sadie Kato	50
Chizuko Ishimatsu	25	Kristine Clifford	25
May Akiyama	25	Ivan Van Laningham	100
Tomiye Ishimatsu	50	Yoshiko Uno	20
Brian & Tammy Fukushima	300	Pamela Sugihara	20
Suzan Yoshimura	25	Sherrie Hayashi	40
Chic Terashima	25	Gary & Ryoko Okamoto	25
Reiko & Ken Matsuura	50	Kimiko & Tommy Hattori	20
Kathleen Hirabayashi	30	Linda Oda	20
Judy & Troy Watanabe	20	Reiko & Byron Watanabe	50
Robert & Tami Tokita	25	Kirk & Betty Yamashita	20
Chie Sugaya	20	Richard & Lynne Doi	100
Grace Oshita	100	Lisa Joko	25
Rise Hirabayashi	25	Aki & Neil Chow	20
LaVerne & Ernie Kyed	50	Tom & Fran Akimoto	40
Ichiro & Takeko Doi	100	Tina Munson	100
Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	50	Nancy Takagi	25
Asako Mori	30	Paul & Kathy Terashima	50
Elsie & Misao Doi	75	Jane Sakashita	50
Maxine Furubayashi	50	Christopher Oki	25
Shelley & Chris Taketa	30	Sandy Iwasaki	25
Nobuo Aoki	50	Christy & Bruce Fong	30
Misuko Shimada	30	Dot Richeda	30
Dorthie Conway	25	Jun & May Sudoku	35
Joni & Dru Sueoka	25	Masami Hayashi	100
Mitsuko Hirota	35	Setsuko Nagata	50
Terry & Mits Fujinami	100	Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	100

Helen Mitsunaga	50	Jeanne Konishi	100
Kazuko Yakumo	50	Karen Tohinaka	25
Reiko Mitsunaga	25	Sachiko Tohinaka	25
Dave & Erin Sekino	50	Buster Mayeda	50
Lisa Imamura	20	Nanae Taketa	50
Yuriko & Carl Dennison	30	Charlie Sasaki	20
Yukari Minagawa	3	Brenda Koga	25
Joseph & Rose Kamaya	50	Ruby Doi	50
Terry Omura	25	Brent Koga	25
Kayo & Jeanette Hayakawa	25	Tammy & Henry Kuramoto	25
Alice Ogura	40	Ken Nodzu	25
Kyle Matsumura	100	Grace Kasai	25
Tom & Eiko Kishimoto	20	Thomas Endo (Calif)	25

#### APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO

Hisa Minaga	20	Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	25
Nobuo Aoki	50	Robert & Tami Tokita	20
Tina Munson	100	Jane Sakashita	25
Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	25	Grace Oshita	25
Misuko Shimada	30	Junko & Tomio Mitsunaga	30
Nanae Taketa	25	Dave & Erin Sekino	50
Nancy Takagi	25	Kimi & Tommy Hattori	25
Pamela Sugihara	20	Tom & Fran Akimoto	55
Setsuo Takenaka	50	Terry Omura	25
Craig Mayeda	40		

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Nakagiri Family	100.00	Memory of Shizuye Nakagiri
Tammy & Henry Kuramoto	20.00	Bradley's wedding

#### DHARMA SCHOOL

Nakagiri Family	100.00	Memory of Shizuye Nakagiri
Tammy & Henry Kuramoto	20.00	Bradley's wedding
Jeanne Konishi	25.00	Goodie Bag
Grace Oshita	25.00	Goodie Bag
Jun & May Sudoko	20.00	Special

#### YBA

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#### JR YBA

Nakagiri Family	50.00	Memory of Shizuye Nakagiri
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Alice Ogura  
Aiko Okada  
Grace Oshita  
Grace Kasai  
Kiyomi Ryujin  
Shigeru & Tom Sasaki  
Setsuko Schock  
Lynne & Marilyn Shimada  
Corey Shimada  
Misuko Shimada  
Jun Sudoku  
Nancy Sudoku  
Joni & Dru Sueoka  
Rick & Susan Spehar  
Bob & Aki Sugino  
Nancy Takagi  
Chic Terashima  
Kathy & Paul Terashima  
Ben & Marea Terashima  
Nanae Taketa  
Shelley & Chris Taketa  
Tami & Robert Tokita (Eric, Alex)  
Donna Sato  
Kathleen & Gary Takenaka  
Cindy Yamada Thomas  
Reiko & Byron Watanabe  
Troy & Judy Watanabe  
Cassandra Van Buren  
Ivan Van Laningham  
Ernie & LaVerne Kyed (Andrew, Aimee)  
Dot Richeda  
Chie Sugaya  
Sachiko Tohinaka  
Ray Tohinaka  
Chris Oki  
Yoshiko Uno  
Arthur Yakumo  
Kazuko Yakumo

Richard & May Matsuda  
 Reiko & Ken Matsuura  
 Buster Mayeda  
 Craige Mayeda  
 Fumio Mayeda  
 Shauna Mayeda  
 Gail & Mark Minaga (Matthew)  
 Hisa Minaga  
 Karie & Marcus Miya  
 Helen Mitsunaga  
 Junko & Tomio Mitsunaga  
 Reiko Mitsunaga  
 Bill & Shigeko Mizuno  
 Asako Mori  
 Haruko Moriyasu  
 Tina Munson (Henry, Emma)  
 Yoshiko Ninomiya

## 2012 MAY DONATIONS

Gary & Kathleen Takenaka	25	Hanamatsuri
Carmela & Jerry Hirano	100	Hanamatsuri
Stace Hasegawa	100	Memorial for Otome & Miki Hasegawa
Hatsue Masuda	25	Memory for Tatsuro Masuda
Ivan Van Laningham	100	Special
Faye & Jim Eng	100	Special
Chizuko Ishimatsu	100	Memorial for Fujie Ishimatsu
Tomiye Ishimatsu	50	Memorial for Fujie Ishimatsu
Mary Sayama	25	Buddhist Thoughts
Donna Sato	25	Hanamatsuri
Nikkei Senior Center	30	Gym use
Rae Louie	25	Special
Nanae Taketa	25	Hatsumari for Jackie
Richard & Lynne Doi	25	Hatsumari for Jackie
Chris & Shelley Taketa	50	Hatsumari for Jackie
Yaiz Cool	25	Special
Rae Louie	25	Special
Ivan Van Laningham	50	Special
Nancy Hohler	20	Special
Ivan Van laningham	50	Special

### GOTANE

Brenda Koga	25	May Akiyama	25
Bruce & Christy Fong	25	Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	25
Maxine Furubayashi	25	Jane Sakashita	25
Kazuko Yakumo	25	Terry & Mits Fujinami	25

Ichiro & Takeko Doi	25	Yoshiko Uno	20
Richard & Lynne Doi	25	Byron & Reiko Watanabe	25
Setsuko Nagata	25	Dot Richeda	25
Jerry & Carmela Hirano	50		

#### MAY SHOTSUKI HOYO

Merry Nakamura	25	Maxine Furubayashi	25
Charlie Sasaki	25	Mark & Gail Minaga	50
Aiko Okada	25		

#### PARENTS DAY

Setsuko Nagata	25	Tracy Akimoto-Roberson	25
Sherry Hayashi	25	Elaine Fukushima	50
Faye & Jim Eng	20	Stephanie Sueoka	20

#### DHARMA SCHOOL

Chizuko Ishimatsu 100 Millhollow Camping Activity

#### PARENTS DAY-Dharma School

Brian & Tammy Fukushima	50	Jerry & Carmela Hirano	50
Kazuko Yakumo	25	Brenda Koga	20
Maxine Furubayashi	25	Jane Saksashita	20
Dot Richeda	20	Mits & Terry Fujinami	25
May Akiyama	25	Troy & Judy Watanabe	25
Byron & Reiko Watanabe	20	Ichiro & Takeko Doi	25
Mark & Gail Minaga	25	Silvana & Jeff Watanabe	20
Connie Nakahara	25		

#### YBA - Parents Day Lunch

Charlie Sasaki	20	Michelle Matsuura	20
Maxine Furubayashi	25	Buster Mayeda	50
Reiko Matsuura	20	May Akiyama	25
Reiko Mitsunaga	20	Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	25
Mits & Terry Fujinami	25	Ichiro & Takeko Doi	25
Byron & Reiko Watanabe	15	Brenda Koga	15
Maya Chow	20		

# Obon Dance Practices

## July

2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12

7:00 pm

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple  
SUMMER SERVICES

10 A.M. Sundays on the following dates:

June 17 & 24

July 1, 15\*, 22, & 29

\*Hatsubon Service starts at 1:00 p.m.

August 12 & 26

Join us for Qi Gong at 9:30 a.m. &  
Dharma Discussion at 11:00 a.m.



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