



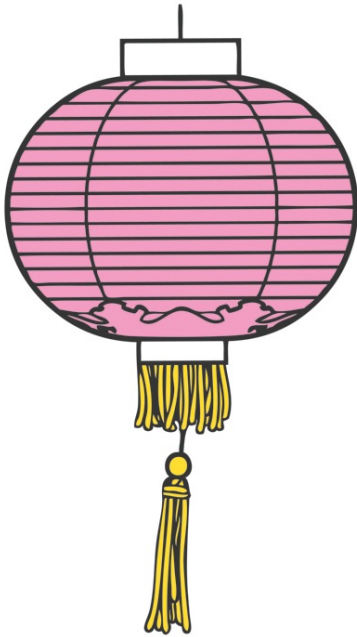
# Buddhist Thoughts

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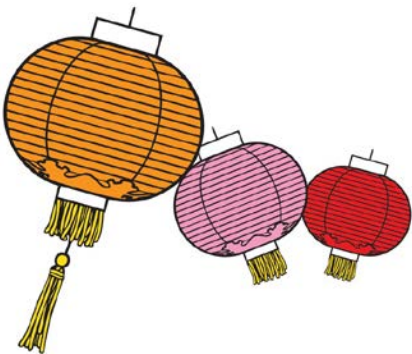
## SALT LAKE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OBON JAPANESE FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 9, 2016  
211 West 100 South, SLC



Japanese food served from 1 pm  
Japanese items and gifts for sale  
Snack bar open from 3:00-10:00  
Memorial Lanterns are \$5

Chapel Tours 2:00-7:00  
Taiko Drum Exhibition 7:00  
Obon Street Dancing 8:00



For further information  
[www.slbuddhist.org](http://www.slbuddhist.org)

Memorial Lanterns can be purchased during  
Dance practices and Obon  
Practices are 7:00 p.m. June 27-30  
July 5-7

## 2016 Hatsubon

### First Obon after funeral

Misao Doi	7/2/1923-2/24/2015	SLC
Elsie Matsuda Doi	10/11/1922-3/1/2015	SLC
Sam Osamu Yamamoto	9/23/1936-8/23/2015	Ogden
Ichiro Doi	2/9/1917-9/6/2015	SLC
Eunice Yukimi Yamane	9/21/1919-9/13/2015	SLC
Yuriko Sayama Inouye	2/26/1929-9/17/2015	Ogden
Mitsuko Hirota	11/5/2015	SLC
Fred Anthony Richeda	4/24/1944-3/5/2016	SLC
Melvin Scott Harada	5/13/1958-3/9/2016	Ogden
Aiko Nishida Okada	9/10/1924-4/12/2016	SLC
Yoshiko Yamamoto Yokota	9/28/28-5/10/2016	Ogden
Glen Hitoshi Furubayashi	6/3/1955-5/24/2016	SLC

Each of these names represents more than an individual. They were fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters. These names represent hundreds of individuals who have been touched by death over the past year. These Dharma friends were loved and had touched the lives of many and their influence lives on in this world.

Amida Buddha's compassion embraces us in the worlds of past, present and future. Obon is the bridge of love that spans these worlds. It is a time we breach the divide that we put up between them and us. It allows us to celebrate along with our Mothers and Fathers, Grandfathers and Grandmothers, brothers and sisters who have died before us. We dance in love. We gather in joy. In Love, the world of the living and dead are one.

## Why We Dance

### J.K. Hirano

*Bon Odori is just a religious dance, which is to say it is "Just dancing."*

*Just as Amida Buddha accepts you sono mama "Just as you are." For this we "Just say the Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu."*

*Obon, the Kangi-E, the "Gathering of Joy" calls us yet again to this world of "just-ness, thus-ness, as-it-is-ness."*

*That is why we, "Just Dance!"*

*Rev. Masao Kodani*

It's amazing how the Bon odori (Obon Dancing) has become such a popular event for the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples in the United States. Although the origins of Bon Odori can be traced back to Japan and the Nembutsu Odori. The Nembutsu Odori was a type of religious ritual where people would dance and recite "Namo Amida Butsu" as they danced. This evolved into a folk dancing held during Obon (Ancestor Memorial services) throughout Japan. The Obon dancing was banned during the early part of the Meiji (1868-1912), because it was said to cause immoral behavior amongst the young. However, it was once again allowed after the opening of the Taisho era in 1912. The Obon dancing was introduced to the Buddhist Churches of America by Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga in 1931. The first Obon Dance was held at the San Francisco Buddhist Temple, followed by Los Angeles Homba Honganji Betsuin in 1933. Here in Salt Lake City, the Obon dancing was started in the 1940s or early 50s. The first instructor was Mrs. Maxine Furubayashi who was asked by Rev. Chonen Terakawa to begin Obon dancing in Salt Lake City. She continues to teach the dancing at the age of 95. She is assisted by her daughter Sandy Iwasaki, grand daughter Emily Iwasaki and Tracy Roberson, grand daughter of Rev. Shintatsu Sanada who followed Rev. Terakawa as the Salt Lake Buddhist temple minister and also built our current Buddhist Temple building. Teaching the Obon dance is a family tradition in Salt Lake City, which is also relevant for our entire Obon festival.

The origins of the Obon dancing are said to date from the mid 600s C.E. in Japan. However, the story of Obon is much earlier from the Ullambana Sutra. This is the story of one of Shakyamuni Buddha's great disciple Maudgalyayana or Mokuren in Japanese. The word Obon comes from the word Urabon which is a Japanese transliteration of the word

Ullambana, Ullambana literally means “rescuing those hanging upside down”. This refers to the Buddha’s disciple Mokuren searching for his Mother’s essence after her death and finding her hanging upside down in the hell of Hungry Ghosts. He went to the Buddha for guidance and the Buddha explained that his Mother had created this karma for herself through her love of Mokuren. The Buddha suggested that through Mokuren’s Dana (selfless giving) his mother would be released from this hellish existence. Mokuren fed his fellow monks during their Summer retreat and when he meditated upon his Mother, he found that she had been released from hell. His joy was so great that he leaped in Joy. That leap for joy is the origins of our Obon dance. That is why the traditional name for Obon is actually Kangi-E (gathering of joy).

Just as Mokuren leaped for Joy and danced for the gratitude he held for his Mother. We dance at Obon as an act of Joy and gratitude. It is not about putting on a performance. It is not about our ego self, but the truer essence of ourself is in our relationships to those around us. In this dance we just dance with others, recognizing our relationships with those living and those that have died that allow us to be just as we are. Amida Buddha accepts us just as we are. We dance at Obon just as we are. Therefore, we just dance. I hope you can join us as we just dance in Joy at our Kangi-E (Gathering of Joy) or more commonly called Obon.

## President’s Message

Stan Endo

Recently Paul Terashima, Sensei, Japanese Community Preservation Committee (JCPC) members, and I met with the Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams and staff regarding the plans to build a large hotel on the Salt Palace Convention Center block. Thanks to the previous work of the JCPC, the mayor and his staff were aware of our concerns on how this project may impact the SLBT. I am happy to report that they appeared to be genuinely concerned about the temple and minimizing any impact to our operations as a religious organization. As the county continues the planning for this effort, we should all work to stay informed and attend public hearings on the progress to ensure we are not negatively affected.

Many thanks to Paul Terashima, Craige Mayeda, Henry Kuramoto, Marcus Miya, Dave Nagata, Ron Omori, Troy Watanabe, Brent Koga, Kathy Terashima and Linda Omori for working and supporting a recent Temple Repair Day. Broken lights were repaired, new lights installed to improve security and many other repairs were made. The biggest effort was a fix to the sprinkler system that corrected in significant water leak in the temple furnace room and improved the sprinkler coverage for the lawn. Again, temple members volunteering to fix, maintain and modify our temple and west building saves us precious operating funds. Please volunteer to help in the Toban and periodic Repair Day’s. When you see a “mess” clean it up as this is OUR temple and we should all be proud of it.

## Buddhist Women’s Association (BWA) News

Elaine Endo

Our annual BWA Wendover bus trip in conjunction with the Ogden BWA was held on Sunday, June 26. As usual, we enjoyed a fun time with some more prosperous than others. Some of us are already looking forward to next year’s trip on Sunday June 25, 2017!

Obon is rapidly approaching on Saturday, July 10. We are planning on helping in the kitchen for food prep support on Friday, July 9 starting at 9:00 and Saturday, July 10 starting at 8:00. Please invite any family members and friends who are available either day to help.

Once again, Jane Sakashita is organizing the annual Las Vegas bus trip the first weekend of August with the help of Dot Richeda. There are only a handful of openings so if you are interested, please contact either Jane or Dot as soon as possible.

Our next BWA meeting will be on Sunday, August 21 at 4:00 which is our annual BWA Steak Fry at Sugarhouse Park, Parleys Creek Pavilion. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Steaks and rice will be provided. Hope to see you all there.

## July Shotsuki Hoyo

July 10, 1:00 pm

<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Next of Kin</b>
Beppu Yoshio	7/25/55	Jane Sakashita
Fujii Daiji		Amy Tomita
Hasegawa Masuta	7/1/81	Stace Hasegawa
Kameda Tasaku	7/14/84	Kameda Family
Konishi Becky	7/14/91	Jeanne Konishi
Konishi Isamu Lawrence	7/1/91	JeanneKonishi
Matsuda Kanji	7/1/63	Dick Matsuda
Matsumiya Kaoru	7/1/54	Sego Matsumiya
Matsumori Tome	7/12/86	Matsumori Family
Matsuura Yosaku	7/31/40	Reiko Matsuura
Mochizuki Jiro		Jerry Mochizuki
Nishida Roy Kazuo	7/10/03	Okada Family
Okino Shoichi	7/31/89	Kazuko Okino
Sanada Shintatsu Rev.	7/6/82	Tracy Roberson
Sasaki Shozo	7/73	Charlie Sasaki
Satomura Tome	7/20/86	Kimiko Mizuta
Sugino Kizo	7/28/52	Bob Sugino
Tohinaka Heizo	7/15/53	Sachiko Tohinaka
Yamaguchi Hoshiro	7/14/91	Jeanne Yamaguchi
Sumida Kimiyo	7/9/95	Barbara Mitsunaga
Tadehara Yukiyei	7/22/98	Amy Tomita
Roy Naosaburo Tachiki	7/16/01	Steven Tachiki
Ken Ogura	7/20/07	Alice Ogura
Rowena Ling	7/21/07	Elaine Fukushima
Henry Hirano	7/29/11	Jerry Hirano
George Akimoto	7/21/14	Sharon Akimoto

**COME AND JOIN US!!**

## 2016 OBON FESTIVAL ACTIVITES

### JULY 9, 2015-SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- FOOD: 1:00 – 8:00 PM
- YBA SNACK BAR 3:00 – 10:00 PM
- SALT LAKE BLDG FUND 1:00 - 10:00 PM
- CHAPEL TOURS: 2:00 - 6:00 PM
- DANCE FESTIVAL:

OGDEN and  
SALT LAKE TAIKO GRP 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
OBON DANCE 8:00 - 10:00 PM

JULY 10, 2016-SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1:00 pm HATSUBON/OBON\_SERVICE:

OBON CEMETARY VISITS

July 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Redwood Memorial States  
7:00 p.m. Mt. View Memorial Estates  
July 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 pm Salt Lake City Cemetery  
beginning at the Northernmost section

MAY-JUNE 2016 DONATIONS  
(May 26 – June 20, 2016)

Dana Campaign  
Sanctuary for Healing & Integration  
(Carmela Javellana Hirano) 200  
Roberto Toro 16.66  
Troy & Ashley Holbrook 100  
Aaron Froemming 10

Shotsuki Hoyo In Memory Of:  
Mits & Terry Fujinami 25  
Charlie Sasaki 20  
Lynn & Marilyn Shimada 25  
Noreen Okubo 100 Floyd Okubo  
Grace Oshita 25 Kanta Fujimoto  
Eleanor Naomi Kobayashi 25 Kenneth Kobayashi  
Eleanor Naomi Kobayashi 25 Paul Hasegawa  
Eleanor Naomi Kobayashi 25 Tsui Kobayashi

BWA  
Gary Hamamoto & Liz Muramoto 100 In memory of Aiko Okada

Dharma School  
Susan Furubayashi 100 In memory of Glen Furubayashi

YBA  
Susan Furubayashi 100 In memory of Glen Furubayashi

Temple General  
Bob Kasubuchi 30  
Susan Furubayashi 1000 In memory of Glen Furubayashi  
Jean Shiba 30 In memory of Karen Shiba  
First Giving (GoFundMe) 444.66 Online donations for roof repair  
Bobbie Ikegami 50 Yoga instructor donation

#### 2016 PAID SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS

These members contributed \$1200 per member in this premier membership category.

Richard Doi  
Marcus Miya  
Lynne Doi  
Karie Minaga-Miya  
Brian Fukushima  
Kenneth Nodzu  
Tammy Park  
Dave Sekino  
Carmela Javellana Hirano  
Paul Terashima  
Buster Mayeda  
Kathy Terashima  
Craig Mayeda  
Roberto Toro  
Reiko Mitsunaga  
Yoshiko Uno

## Salt Lake Buddhist Temple SUMMER SERVICES

10 A.M. Sundays on the following dates:

June 19, 26

July 10\*, 17, & 24

August 7, 14,

\*No 10:00 am, Hatsuon Service starts at 1:00 p.m.

Open to the Public \* "Come as You Are"