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Tapestry of Life J.K. Hirano

My life has been a tapestry of rich and royal hue
An everlasting vision of the ever-changing view
A wondrous woven magic in bits of gold and blue
A tapestry to feel and see, impossible to hold
Tapestry Carole King

It is from the stories we share with one another that we learn what it is to be human and why we were lucky to be born into human life. In one of my favorite albums of my youth "Tapestry" by Carole King, she said her life was like a tapestry. This tapestry is filled and colored by stories of varied shades. These stories can be found within Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Black, White and Asian cultures. To tell stories is how we communicate with one another. Our stories define our humanity. Although we use all our senses to understand these stories, for example, books are written stories, songs are musical stories, television and movies, visual stories. The first and last sense we use and therefore I believe the most primary and important, is the sense of hearing or listening.

As Carmela pointed out to me, the first sense we have is our hearing. When we are in our mother's womb, we cannot see, taste, smell or really touch, yet we can hear. I have often heard that the last sense we have before we die, is that of hearing. I remember being told as a young minister, that even though someone may seem to be unconscious, the last thing to go is hearing, so say the nembutsu with them. That is why in Jodo Shinshu, our practice is often referred to as Monpo (to hear the Dharma).

I have learned a lot about myself from a variety of these stories. Although I am Buddhist and a third generation Japanese American, these are not the only stories I listen to. This month, I would like to share a Jewish story I learned from my friend Rick Stambuhl, a fellow Buddhist but familiar with the Jewish tradition of his family. He learned this story from Rabbi Marshall Meyer.

The Rabbi asked his students. "How can we determine the hour of dawn, when night ends and day begins?" One of the students suggested, "When you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep from a distance?"

"No," answered the Rabbi. As second student said, "When you can distinguish between an olive tree and a grapevine?"

"No," said the Rabbi. The students pleaded, "Please tell us the answer."

"It is," said the teacher, "when you can look into the face of any human being and there is enough light to recognize him as your brother. Until then it is still night and darkness is still with us."

This light referred to in this Jewish story would be called the light of Amida Buddha in Jodo Shinshu. It is the light that illuminates our bonno and helps us recognize our humanity. But what is our humanity, what is human life? Objectively, human life is a rather random gathering of cells creating various chunks of organic matter that come together and form "You." You are this amalgam of organic matter, an organic stew, composed of genetic material that has been evolving for millions of years. This organic stew's chief purpose is to survive at all cost. Why does it try so hard to survive? I believe it would not be incorrect to say that the reason for this struggle to survive is so that you could be born. The entire Universe has been working so that you can exist. This means that the compassionate Universe has been working and embracing you for millions of years, just to allow you to be a conscious human being at this exact moment. It is a very humbling perspective.

This idea of surviving at all costs is what Buddhism calls "Bonno" or "Klesha". It is the survival instinct consisting of desires that can be categorized as Greed, Anger and Ignorance. A person filled with this Bonno is called "Bombu" (Foolish Being). A Bombu is the basic human on one end of the humanity spectrum. The other end of the spectrum is called Buddha (Awaken or Enlightened Being). We can move from Bombu to Buddha with compassion, gratitude and mindfulness, shining in our lives. These energies can counter greed, anger and ignorance. Most humans reading this article, fall somewhere within this spectrum, I hope.

During the next few months on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. we will be holding study classes to better understand why we are here. Carmela and I will be sharing our stories of what it is to see the Light. We will focus on the basic teachings of Jodo Shinshu. I hope you can join us. *"Hard is it to be born into human life, now we are living it. Difficult is it to hear the teachings of the Buddha, now we hear it."* Let's listen together. Namu Amida Butsu

DANA AWARDS

Jane Sakashita

Presented at Hoonko Service, January 19, 2014

At the suggestion of Reverend Hirano several years ago, the Dana Award is presented annually to recipients who have served our temple in outstanding ways. His suggestion has been instrumental in inspiring greater participation by our members. The recipients for 2014 are: Yuriko Dennison, Kazuko Yakumo and Paul Terashima.

YURIKO DENNISON

Yuriko has been active in our temple for many years by first becoming involved as food chairman for the bazaar in the late 1980's and as Hanamatsuri chairman in 1987. She served on the Dharma School board 1987, 1991 and 1997. She has served in the BWA--as vice president in 1995, 1996 and 2007; as president in 1999 and 2000; and as secretary in 2003 and treasurer in 2005. Her service in the Obon and bazaar events in partnership with her husband Carl has been immeasurable.

Yuriko came to the United States from Japan in 1956 as a nanny for a naval officer's family in the Pentagon in Washington, DC; then moved with them to Morocco for two years. Returning to Virginia she attended a prominent school in Virginia where she continued her education before moving to Salt Lake City. Working side by side with both Yuriko and Carl in the temple has been a great experience for all of us.

KAZUKO YAKUMO

Kazuko has had more temple experience than any of us. For many years she consistently wrote articles in Japanese for the Buddhist Thoughts. She served in various capacities for the Dharma School in the 1980's and 1990's as well as on the BWA board primarily in public relations. She has chaired the Outreach Committee for the BWA and, in the interim over many years, has been working on the historical information stored in the library. Until his passing, she assisted Reverend Yakumo in many ways, and the countless gatherings held at their home with warmth and friendship are unforgotten memories.

Kazuko Yakumo, born in Hokkaido in 1935, acquired library education in Japan and worked at the Library of Congress in Tokyo, after which she came to the United States to work for the East Asian Library at the University of Minnesota in 1966, where she met Reverend Yakumo. They served in various Buddhist temples in the U. S. Following his passing, she worked at the Genetic Epidemiology Lab at the U. of U. for 13 years, and has done volunteer work for hospice care, long term care and youth/homeless services.

PAUL TERASHIMA

Paul has served on the Buddhist Temple board from 1987 through 2013. He was vice president in 1987, 1988, 1995 and 1996 and elected president in 1997, 2004, 2005 and 2006. Paul was Obon chairman in 1987 and again in 2013 and served in various assignments as chair. He has efficiently taken care of the equipment and supplies of our temple for several years, between his journeys to California. His loyalty is beyond reproach because, as a member of the temple board, his trips with wife Kathy are scheduled between the monthly board meetings. He has played a huge part in the progress of our temple as the son of parents Kay and Chiyoko Terashima who were one of the strongholds of this temple.

Paul unselfishly admitted that, as a child, he attended the temple services FOR his maternal grandparents. As he grew older as a teenager, he went to the temple FOR his parents. When married, he became very interested in Reverend's dharma talks and attended services wholeheartedly with Kathy. Wonderful interaction with the temple members certainly has enriched his life.

Congratulations to Yuriko, Kazuko and Paul who are so deserving of the Dana Award.

2014 Major Memorial Service

For those years when there is not a major memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. the temple holds the Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years. These services are not meant to replace the major memorial services as listed before. The numbers for the years of service are using the “kaiki” which begins first year as 1 and second year as third year. To schedule a private memorial service please contact Rev. Hirano

2013 1 year	2002 13 year	1982 33 year
2012 3 year	1998 17 year	1965 50 year
2008 7 year	1990 25 year	1915 100 year

February Shotsuki Hoyo

February 16, 10:00 am

Deceased	Date of Death	Next of kin
Doi Masayo	2/23/87	Ichiro Doi
Kawaguchi Hirokichi	2/2/	Bill Kawaguchi
Kikushima Shizue	2/20/86	Bernice Kida
Kobayashi Yasuji	2/5/50	Jean Kobayashi
Kojima Hideo	2/3/85	Tama Kojima
Maeda Shime	2/4/36	Koga Family
Nakai Kanesaburo	2/19/60	Lily Havey
Nishida Hide	2/23/68	Aiko Okada
Nodzu Shige	2/7/80	Ken Nodzu
Ogawa Gentaro	2/9/09	Bob Sugino
Oike Kazuyoshi	2/3/59	May Koike
Okawa Paul	2/11/87	Kathy Okawa
Sauki Izyo	2/28/94	Marge Kruze
Seko Kikuno	2/4/89	Duzo Seko
Shiotani Sataro	2/13/85	Kai Shiotani
Suyehiro Otozo	2/2/36	Greg Matsuura
Suyehiro Tomiko	2/4/31	Greg Matsuura
Sueoka Tokusaku	2/4/70	Dru Sueoka
Tsugino Masuko	2/8/80	Bob Kasubuchi
Tsutsui Mojiro	2/23/73	Geraldine Chappell
Ushio Tatsu	2/14/03	Janet Thomas
Watanabe Ichiro Roy	2/19/85	Byron Watanabe
Yagi Emiko	2/6/83	Helen Yagi
Koga Sueyoshi	2/22/99	Koga Family
Sauki Tamaye	2/22/98	Marge Kruze
Yamamoto Lessie	2/4/99	Eleanor Nakamura
Ushio Tadao	2/22/01	Janet Thomas
Koga Michiko	2/5/02	Gary Koga
Tsuyuki Jerry	2/7/02	Mark Tsuyuki

Tsutsui Harry	2/27/02	Geraldine Chappell
Tokunaga Utako	2/27/02	Al Tokunaga
Kido Jimmy Yoshi	2/26/03	Yoshiko Kido
Lew David	2/14/06	Bobbi Lew
Nakai Frank	2/15/06	Eleanor Sasaki
Nagata Shigeo	2/28/07	Setsuko Nagata
Iwasaki Mary Tsuru	2/23/07	Karen Tohinaka
Endo Kathleen	2/26/07	Thomas Endo
Tachiki Hanako	2/08	Steve Tachiki
Ushio Ruby	2/28/08	Janet Thomas
Terashima Kay Kiyoshi	2/15/09	Chiyoko Terashima
Mayeda Rose	2/22/09	Buster Mayeda
Yukie Okubo	2/7/11	Noreen Okubo
May Koike	2/8/12	Pamela Stillman

Please join us for a weekend of quiet self-reflection...



NAIKAN: Growing your Gratitude Garden

Saturday * March 15, 2014 * 8 - 5

Complacency is like dead leaves under the melting snow. Where is there room for joy when despair, deprivation and despondence abound?

Be poignantly surprised. Let Self-Reflection (Naikan) nurture & grow the seeds of dormancy to your garden of Gratitude & Renewed Purpose.

OPEN to the PUBLIC at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

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Register at the Door at 8:00 a.m.; First Session starts at 8:30 a.m.

Light Refreshments Provided. Donations Much Appreciated.

To: members of the Japanese community

From: Jani Iwamoto, on behalf of the Japanese Community Preservation Committee (“JCPC”)

The Japanese Community Preservation Committee (JCPC) consists of representatives of the Japanese Church of Christ (JCC), Salt Lake Buddhist Temple (SLBT) and the Japanese community at large. Raymond Uno is President of JCPC. JCPC was formed as a result of the most recent expansion and its primary purpose has been to protect and preserve the interests of the JCC, SLBT and Japanese community from the negative impacts of the expansion. Hand in hand, JCPC has been diligently working to restore what was lost – a culture, a community and a legacy.

JCPC has met continuously for the past 9 ½ years. JCPC has also cooperatively engaged in continuous and meaningful dialogue with representatives of the Salt Palace Convention Center (SPCC), Salt Lake City and County officials and representatives from the State of Utah. As a result of such meetings, modifications in the design and construction of the Salt Palace expansion have attempted to mitigate negative impacts to the JCC, SLBT and the Japanese community.

In recent years, First South (renamed Japantown Street) between 300 and 200 West has been riddled with crates, encroaching further into the roadway and stacked dangerously high – also, semi-trucks have been idling and/or parking in the roadway at all times of the day. During my time on the county council, this issue was brought up many times – the Salt Palace is a county venue and is operated by SMG which is hired by the County. As my term was ending, as well as Mayor Peter Corroon’s, we worked on a contract to memorialize many matters, including finding a resolution to the issues of concern to our community on First South. We felt this was an important issue for our community. The issue of crates, idling and traffic would surely worsen in the future with Outdoor Retailers expanding, as well as other future shows of its size and nature – also, with future impacts from the construction of multiple area hotels.

After meeting in January, 2014, with the new State outdoor recreation cabinet member, Brad Peterson, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, SPCC/SMG and Visit Salt Lake, we are hopeful that a solution has been accomplished. This solution will be implemented for this year’s winter Outdoor Retailers convention. The goal is to have equipment and crates moved from 100 South and relocated to 200 West. There will be crate activity during move-in stages of the event. However, there will be crews assigned and specifically designated to move the crates to 200 West, keeping 100 South clear.

- There will be limited forklift activity on 100 South during the show (January 22-24)
- Sunday – they will try to limit activity, especially during church hours
- Show closes and begins moving out on Saturday, January 25 – Sunday, January 28th – these are expected to be the busiest days for move –out.
- They will have dedicated housekeeping to keep debris and trash in check
- There should be fewer trucks idling during move-in/out, and they will police this to keep noise and pollution to a minimum. Freeman Decorating will provide street signage prohibiting idling
- Street closure is set for January 13-29, 2014. Signage and closure would be

implemented on Monday, January 13, with limited parking permitted. Work will begin on January 13 and is expected to increase Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16, and up to the event which begins January 22nd. The goal is to have no material on the street between January 22 and the 24th, with limited to no activity at night. The activity will resume on the 25th for move out.

Traffic on First South should be substantially lessened with trucks being instructed to enter First South, coming south on 200 West, as opposed to coming east onto First South.

For your information, other accomplishments of JCPC have included:

- *the expansion itself was altered - building height, although high, is not as high, setbacks from our property were accommodated, to name a couple;
- *Japanese style designs on walls and gates, as well as artwork in the interior;
- *Lamposts;
- *garden placed and maintained, with a plaque honoring the Issei and Nisei pioneers – this was done as well to be a buffer for safety from the parking entrance;
- *parking for our community at the Salt Palace for Japanese community events;
- *a joint resolution executed by S.C. Mayor/City Council and SLCounty Mayor/County Council - acknowledging the negative impacts of the expansion, the contributions of the Japanese Community and supporting the revitalization of a Japantown;
- *legislation which included provisions to provide for negative impacts to adjacent properties as a result of negative impacts to adjacent properties, i.e. JCC and SLBT, from any SPCC expansion – not an easy task;
- * First South between 200 and 300 West being renamed Japantown Street
- *inclusion in the Urban Land Institute's work session study - and at our suggestion, included City, County and State officials, to make any recommendations they made, realistic for our goals;
- *the broader community has become more knowledgeable of the Japanese Community through media attention and through our meetings before the City, County and other venues
- *the Japanese community now has a more visible presence in the public forum
- *Japantown and the idea of a cultural district was included in the Downtown Rising vision
- *a continuing seat at the table for a community member to be on the Salt Palace Advisory Board – Al Kubota sits on that board and represents our community.

We would like to especially thank Al Kubota for being the eyes and ears of our community and Ken Pollard, a local architect and planner for his active and continuous dedication to our community.

2013 DECEMBER DONATIONS

Most December donations were listed in the January Buddhist Thoughts.

Bodhi Day

Brian Fukushima & Tammy Park	100	Ernie & Laverne Kyed	50
Sharon Akimoto	40	Phillip & Connie Sakashita	50

December Shotsuki Hoyo

Hersch & Mary Aramaki	25	In Memory Of: Yasu Aramaki
Kenneth Nodzu	50	

BWA

Kenneth Nodzu	50
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Dharma School

Kenneth Nodzu	50	
Rise Hirabayashi	10	Ethan Birthday

YBA

Kenneth Nodzu	50
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Temple General

Kenneth Nodzu	500	
Charlie & Tibo Yau	20	Happy New Year
Kenji Shipp	30	
Sue Sakai-McClure	100	In memory of Shizue Sakai
Byron & Reiko Watanabe	100	
Greg Sueoka	2000	
Anonymous	500	

2014 JANUARY DONATIONS*(Through January 23, 2014)***Temple General**

Tom & Nancy Hohler	20	
Ivan Van Laningham	200	
Thomas Endo	25	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Chic Terashima	20	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Alice Endo Aikens	50	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Maxine Furubayashi	50	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	40	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Helen Mitsunaga	20	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Victor Oishi	40	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Kazuko Terasawa	10	In memory of Yuriko Iwamoto
Robert Kasubuchi	35	In memory of Matsue Kasubuchi
Stan & Elaine Endo	100	
Fumihiko Watanabe	500	For Ida Watanabe service
Richard & Lynne Doi	25	
Grace Oshita	25	
Meditation Class	60	
BWA		
Fumihiko Watanabe	250	For Ida Watanabe service

Dharma School

Fumihiko Watanabe	250	For Ida Watanabe service
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Foundation Fund

Bob Sugino	1000	In memory of Akiko Kawata Sugino
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Nokotsudo

Setsuko Schock	100
Marcus Miya & Karie Minaga-Miya	100

January Shotsuki Hoyo

Yutako & Yaeko Ikegami	100	In memory of: Akitaro Ikegami
Yutako & Yaeko Ikegami	50	Akiko Takenaka
Yutako & Yaeko Ikegami	50	Hideo Morinaka
Setsuko Schock	50	Frank Nishimura
Helen Mitsunaga	25	Kiyoshi Mitsunaga
Helen Mitsunaga	25	Ken Mitsunaga
Helen Mitsunaga	25	Buntaro Mitsunaga
Helen Mitsunaga	25	Shizuko Mitsunaga
Gary & Kathleen Takenaka	100	Akiko Takenaka
Nobuo Aoki	50	
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	30	
Takae Nakamura	25	
Nanae Taketa	25	
Bob Sugino	25	Akiko Kawata Sugino
Hisako Minaga	100	Yasuzo Minaga
Robert & Tami Tokita	25	Shizuko Imada
Mickey & Gina Morinaka	100	Hideo Morinaka
Asako Mori	30	
Misao & Elsie Doi	100	Ei Matsuda
Mark & Gail Minaga	50	

Hoonko

Kiyomi Ryujin	25	Christopher Taketa & Shelley Doi-Taketa	50
Jun & May Sudoko	30	Richard & Lynne Doi	50
Thomas Endo	100	Grace Oshita	75
Donna Sato	25	Paul & Kathy Terashima	50
Maxine Furubayashi	50	Chic Terashima	25
Setsuko Schock	25	Stephanie Sueoka	25
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50	Ichiro & Takeko Doi	100
Robert Kasubuchi	20	Mits & Terry Fujinami	100
Kiyo Nakamura	50	Jane Sakashita	50
Carl & Yuriko Dennison	50	Buster Mayeda	100
Helen Mitsunaga	25	Reiko Mitsunaga	25
Craige Mayeda	30	Anonymous	21.2
Brent & Sherrie Koga	40	Torao & Merry Nakagawa	50.2
Gary & Kathleen Takenaka	50	Tom & Fran Akimoto	75
Kazuo Terasawa	50	Yoshiko Uno	25
Nancy Sudoko	25	Byron & Reiko Watanabe	50
Kenneth Nodzu	25	Kenneth & Renee Matsuura	50

Misao & Elsie Doi	50	Richard & Susan Nisogi	100
Haruko Moriyasu	50	Charlie Sasaki	20
Setsuko Nagata	50	David & Holly Black	25
Jim Eng & Faye Mitsunaga	50	Sherrie Hayashi	30
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	100	Tracy Akimoto-Roberson	25
Robert & Tami Tokita	30	Hisako Minaga	25
Henrie & Tammie Kuramoto	25	Marcus Miya & Karie Minaga-Miya	50
Alice Ogura	20	Dot Richeda	30
Aki & Neil Chow	20	Rev. Jerry Hirano & Carmela Javellana Hirano	100
Takae Nakamura	25	Joseph & Rose Kumaya	50
Mark & Gail Minaga	150	Jeanne Konishi	50
Troy & Judy Watanabe	40	Phillip & Connie Sakashita	85
Nobuo Aoki	50	Dave Sekino	30
Christopher Aoki	50	Asako Mori	25
Masami Hayashi	100	Nancy Takagi	25
Nanae Taketa	50	Kazuko Yakumo	50

2014 PAID MEMBERSHIPS

(Through January 25, kids not listed)

Tom & Fran Akimoto	Marcus Miya & Karie Minaga-Miya
Tracy Akimoto	Helen Mitsunaga
May Akiyama	Reiko Mitsunaga
Nobuo Aoki	Asako Mori
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	Tina Munson
David & Holly Black	David & Julia Nagata
Charlie & Susan Nagata Brown	Setsuko Nagata
Aki Chow, Neil Chow	Torao & Merry Nakagawa
Adam Cooter & Pamela Miller	Takae Nakamura
Carl & Yuriko Dennison	Yosh Nakayama
Ichiro & Takeko Doi	Kenneth Nodzu
Misao & Elsie Doi	Lee Oikle
Richard & Lynne Doi	Alice Ogura
Ruby Doi	Gary & Ryoko Okamoto
Stan & Elaine Endo	Chris Oki
Aaron Froemming	Jorgen Olsen
Jim Eng & Faye Mitsunaga	Grace Oshita
Elaine Fukushima	Dot Richeda
Maxine Furubayashi	Lorie Rogerson
Mike Furubayashi	Kiyomi (Jo) Ryujin
Mits & Terry Fujinami	Jane Sakashita
Georgia Geerlings & Robert Weitzel	Phillip & Connie Sakashita
Masami Hayashi	Shigeru (Charlie) Sasaki
Sherrie Hayashi	Tom Sasaki
Dean Hirabayashi	Donna Sato
Carmela Javellana Hirano	Setsuko Schock
Tom & Nancy Hohler	Dave Sekino
Troy & Ashley Holbrook	Valorie Shimoda
Jason & Sarah Hurwitz	Jamie Doi Slade

D.O. & J.K. Ikemoto
Chizuko Ishimatsu
Tomiye Ishimatsu
Sandy Iwasaki
Bob Kasubuchi
Brent & Sherrie Koga
Jeanne Konishi
Henry & Tammie Kuramoto
Ernie & Laverne Kyed
Anthony & Robyn Liu
Kenneth & Renee/Reiko Matsuura
Craige Mayeda
Shauna Mayeda
Will & Gina Mejia
Hisako Minaga
Mark & Gail Minaga
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga

Chad & Kim Smith
Kenji & Rachel Shipp
Rick & Susan Spehar
Jun Sudoko
Dru & Joni Sueoka
Stephanie Sueoka
Bob Sugino
Nancy Takagi
Gary & Kathleen Takenaka
Nanae Taketa
Chic Terashima
Paul & Kathy Terashima
Cindy Yamada Thomas
Yoshiko Uno
Jeff Watanabe
Byron & Reiko Watanabe
Troy & Judy Watanabe
Kazuko Yakumo, Arthur Yakumo

Ernie Kyed has installed a new donation box. It is located between the doorways for the Nursery and Pre-K/Kindergarten classrooms, which are the middle and western classrooms in the temple building. Thank you Ernie! Robert Tokita (Co-Treasurer) will attempt to check this box weekly during the school year, and maybe semi-monthly during the summer.

