
GOLDEN CHAIN

I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

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Rev. Landon Yamaoka

I hope you are all doing well and are enjoying the start of summer! This is the season for blockbuster movies and new series airing on TV and streaming services. I enjoy using movies and shows to uncover Buddhist themes and meanings for my Dharma talks; it is one way to deepen my understanding of Buddhism and to plant seeds of thought in people who read these articles or listen to my talks.

I recently spoke with Hirano Sensei about a live-action remake of Avatar: The Last Airbender, which debuted on Netflix two years ago. The original cartoon came out on Nickelodeon in 2005. The show's premise was that the world is divided into four nations: Fire, Earth, Water, and Air. Each nation has some people who have the ability to manipulate their nation's specific element. This show drew on aspects of Asian culture rooted in Buddhism. Each country has ties to real Asian cultures and countries, while also blending various cultural identities. I saw elements of Asian family dynamics, which is what really drew me in. They also used these family cultural practices to create characters' internal struggles. The show also crafts karmic backstories for each character, complicating the story from a fight between heroes and villains into a drama of complex, dynamic characters. I stumbled upon the show as an adult and thought it was amazing. Seeing different Asian and indigenous cultures brought into this fantasy world was really cool! Hirano Sensei asked me which was better, the cartoon or the live-action, and I said I loved both. I told him that if he enjoyed the Netflix remake, he should watch the cartoon, then its sequel show, where the main characters have grown up and have children of their own.

Other ministers have mentioned using anime shows to bring people into the temple and teach them about the Buddhist cultural ties of these shows. One anime I have been watching is Demon Slayer. The show is written by the son of a Shin minister, and aspects of Shin play out in the characters' journeys of personal transformation. One even character, Gyomei Himejima, often says the nembutsu and has it written on the collar of his Hapi coat. Geared toward adults, this show presents Buddhist ideas by letting the audience in on the characters' inner voices. They reflect deeply on how their actions impact others and challenge one another when they appear to be thinking too narrowly. Buddhism teaches that each perspective is limited, and the more we can understand how others see the world can open ourselves to new horizons.

I like to rely on movies, TV shows, and other parts of pop culture to convey Buddhist teachings because the traditional sources are often hard to understand. Those of you who have read Shinran Shonin's writings know what I mean. I struggled to understand our teachings when I attended IBS; in the hustle and bustle of daily life and ministry, I admit I don't remember much of what I learned. If you have the time and energy to read the writings of our tradition, they can be very enriching, and I recommend them as a better source of information than me.

If you have ever tried to read the traditional sources and found them difficult to read or understand, I am here to tell you not to worry! There are only a few essentials to understand: that we are foolish beings; that Amida Buddha's compassion is there for us; and that, despite all our imperfections, we are worthy of this gift. If a movie or TV show can help you reflect on yourself – perhaps the actions of a character make you reconsider your own – and make a resolution to change your ways in the future, this is the Shin Buddhist path. When we can see ourselves for who we are – foolish beings who do not know right from wrong – it becomes clear why we need the great compassion and wisdom of Amida Buddha.

In gassho,
Landon

JULY Services

Please join us in-person in the hondo or virtually via Zoom (hybrid services).
Masks are not required but optional in the hondo.

July 5, 2026 – Shotsuki Hoyo 10 A.M. (Hybrid Service)

At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones
who passed away in the month of July.

July 12 & 19, 2026 No Service (Traditional “Bazaar Preparation & Bazaar Sunday”)

July 26, 2026 – Family Service 10 A.M. (Hybrid Service) 11 A.M. – Omigaki

Omigaki is the polishing of the ornaments in the Onaijin.
Please stay or come to the Hondo classrooms to join in cleaning and beautifying our Onaijin
Lunch will be provided.

OBON Cemetery Services

Saturday, July 25, 2026

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| 9:00 AM: | Mt. Eden Cemetery, Hayward |
| 9:40 AM: | Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward |
| 10:20 AM: | Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward (Courage Mausoleum) |
| 11:30 AM: | Irvington Cemetery, Fremont |
| 12:15 PM: | Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, Fremont |
| 1:15 PM: | Oakhill Cemetery, San Jose |

SAVE THE DATES:

SACBC’s OBON on Saturday, August 8, 2026!

Food Sales at 5:30 pm. Dance 7 pm.

Dance practices (optional) in Sangha Hall at 7 pm on July 28 & 30 and August 3, 5 & 6.

Sunday, August 9, 2026 – Hatsubon & Urabon-e Service

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Hiroshima Memorial Service: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 @ 4:15 P.M. (PDT)

On August 6th, 1945, at 8:15 AM (JST), the atomic bomb on Hiroshima city was dropped killing initially 140,000 people and affecting countless more lives. Sensei will conduct a brief service and ring the kansho in our reflection of hope for world peace.

Nagasaki Bomb Memorial Service: Saturday, August 8, 2026 @ 7:02 P.M. (PDT)

On August 9th, 1945 at 11:02 AM (JST), the atomic bomb on Nagasaki city was dropped killing initially 70,000 people and affecting countless more lives. Sensei will conduct a brief service and ring the kansho in our reflection of hope for world peace.

July Shotsuki Hoyo

Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 10:00 am

Family, relatives, and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following:

DECEASED

1927 Hagi Arai
 1940 Shige Sekigahama
 1945 Eio Misaki
 1946 Yanazo Enta
 1955 Sakuichi Sekigahama
 1960 Hirokichi Asakawa
 1972 Aki Katsumoto
 Junsuke Katsumoto
 1975 Asao Arthur Misaki
 1976 Kumezo Tsurui
 1976 Yasu Hashimoto
 1977 William Floyd Lindeborg
 1982 Hideo Misaki
 1984 Kikuyo Handa
 1985 Michi Nakamura
 1985 Ito Kishiyama
 1986 Allyce Suzuko Fujii
 1986 Misao Shimamura
 1986 Michael Dickson
 1990 Tamae Kawata
 1990 Suye Hatsushi
 1991 Norman Kiyoshi Yoritate
 1995 George Awamura
 1996 Estelle Biggs
 2001 Shigeo Kitani
 2001 Roy Inouye
 2002 Tadayoshi Kamimura
 2003 Paul Yoshio Takayama
 2003 Shizue Robertson
 2004 Toshiko Hirashima
 2005 Miyako Gratriex
 2005 Haruye Alice Arai

FAMILY

Mr. Alan Arai & Mr. John Arai
 Sekigahama Family
 Ms. Karen Fujii
 Enta Family
 Mr. Harry Sekigahama
 Mrs. Neile Mori-Tang
 Mrs. Emiko Katsumoto
 Mrs. Emiko Katsumoto
 Ms. Karen Fujii & Stephanie Whiting
 Tsurui Family
 Hashimoto Family
 Lindeborg Family
 Ms. Karen Fujii
 Handa Family
 Mr. Stacy Nakamura
 Kishiyama Family
 Mr. Walter Fujii & Mr. Victor Fujii
 Shimamura Family
 Mrs. Mederu Aiko Dickson
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kawata
 Mrs. Yoko Hiramane &
 Mrs. Takiko Hatsushi
 Mr. Norman Yoritate Jr.
 Awamura Family
 Mr. Michael Biggs
 Kitani Family
 Mrs. Jenny Clark
 Teramura Family
 Mrs. Midori Hamamoto & Mr. Mike Takayama
 Mrs. Sadako Wong
 Ms. Nancy T. Dodd
 Gratriex Family
 Mr. Alan Arai & Mr. John Arai

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MEMORIAL SERVICES 2026

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2025 - 1 st year	2014 - 13 th year	1994 - 33 rd year
2024 - 3 rd year	2010 - 17 th year	1977 - 50 th year
2020 - 7 th year	2002 - 25 th year	1927 - 100 th year

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2008	Yukie Nomura	Mrs. Patricia Ueda & Mr. Ray Nomura
2010	Sadako Kawamoto	Kawamoto Family
2013	Yoshiko Furuyama	Furuyama Family
2013	Minne F. Sakuma	Ms. Susan Sakuma
2014	Chimako Takayama	Mrs. Midori Hamamoto & Mr. Mike Takayama
2016	Harry Fujita	Fujita Family
2017	Shizuo Harada	Mrs. Yuki Hayashi
	Risaburo Hashimoto	Ando Family
2019	Haruko Kawahara	Mr. Keith Kawahara
2023	Takeko Maruyama	Ms. Mitsuko Maruyama, Grace Joo & Sandy Maruyama
2023	Hiroshi Teramura	Teramura Family
2025	Kyoko Karen Teramura	Teraura Family

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Celebration

June & July Birthdays



Jason Kishi,
Aileen Hisaoka,
Karen Suyama,
Mitsuko Maruyama,
Cathleen Yoshida,
John Arai,
Betty Yamasaki
and
Rev Landon Yamaoka!

A message from Iris and Steve

Hello everyone,



Help is needed on **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**, to prepare the teriyaki chicken for SACBC's bazaar. The chicken needs to be washed and cleaned, and then the chicken will be marinated. Please come to help. Chicken prepping will start at 5 PM, and please wear clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting dirty, and bring a hat.

If you have any questions, please **call Iris at 510-693-2839, or send an email to scyiky@comcast.net**. Thank you.

Iris and Steve Yakuma

P.S. Dinner is served at 4:30 PM.

What's Up Dharma School?

With gratitude, we'd like to thank:

- Rev. Miyaji's and Rev. Landon for their guidance in helping us plan our Dharma classes.
- Karen Fujii (BEC) for her support with the calendar and service guidance.
- Kathy Velasco for helping out, especially with the ringing of the Kansho.
- Dharma School parents (and grandparents) for their time, to bring their child/grandchild to Dharma classes.
- To the students, thank you for being part of Dharma School!

THANK
you



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And lastly, thank you to our Sangha, for all your support and donations to help us pass down the teachings of the Dharma to the next generation.

Our first day of Dharma School for 2026-2027 will be Sept.13, 2026. Registration link will be sent out in August.

We hope to see you at our Bazaar and Obon! Have a great summer!

In Gassho,
Cathleen and Betty

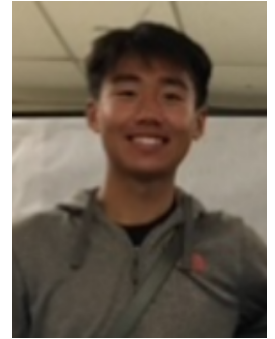




Chance Tokubo

I am graduating on June 12th from UC Davis with a degree in Applied Mathematics and a minor in statistics. I will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh starting in August for a one year master's program in Applied Data Science where I hope to learn skills to work as a sports statistician of some sort.

I'd like to thank my family for supporting me both financially and as a young adult who is still trying to figure it all out. I'd also like to thank all of the members at SACBC, the basketball coaches, and especially the Jr YBA parents, for supporting all of us that we're part of Jr YBA, feeding us during Sunday meetings, allowing us to volunteer with and connect with others while in high school, teaching us how to organize events, and most importantly for me, how to clean a basketball gym and kitchen.



Bryce Osaki

I'm graduating from California State University Fullerton, college of business economics with a degree in accounting. My current plan is to move to Irvine in the Fall and work full time for an accounting firm called BPM. I'd like to thank my parents, my brother, and my friends for helping me in life and in school.



Yumi Florando

I will be graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a major in biological science and minors in anthropology and applied psychology. Following graduation, I plan on moving back to the bay area and hope to apply to masters programs for public health in the next few years.

As I reflect back on this chapter of my life, I would like to thank my family, friends, and the church community for all of their continued support, and I look forward to what the future brings!



Russell Yamasaki

I just graduated from San Jose State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, concentrating in Accounting. My future goal is to work in individual tax services, helping those that find it difficult to prepare and file their taxes.

I would like to thank my family, friends, professors and the SACBC sangha for their support throughout my academic and personal journey. With their help, I was able to achieve my goals and overcome many challenges throughout college.

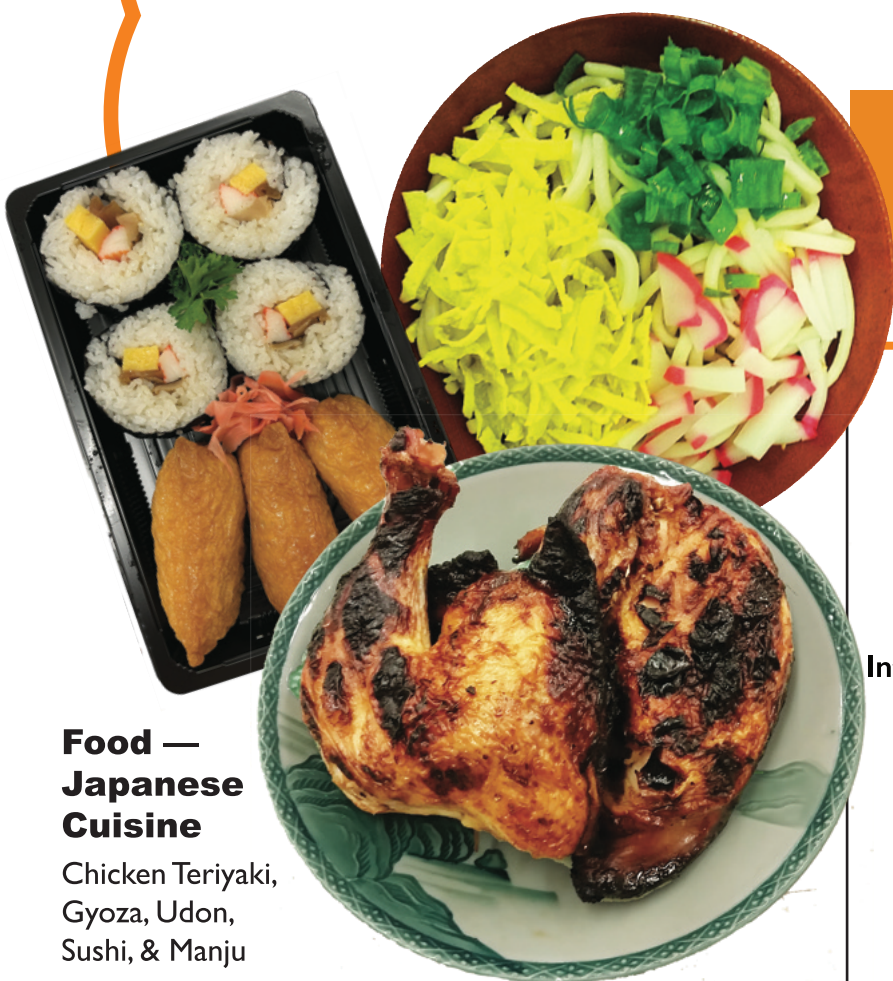




SACBC's 61st Annual Japanese Bazaar

Saturday July 18, 11:00am – 7:00pm

Sunday, July 19, 11:00am – 3:00pm



Food — Japanese Cuisine

Chicken Teriyaki,
Gyoza, Udon,
Sushi, & Manju

Plus ...

TeriBurgers, TeriDogs, Corn-On-The-Cob, Shave Ice

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Free Admission!

**FOOD • GAMES • ENTERTAINMENT
& MORE!**

FUN for the whole family!

Baachan's Closet: Sale of Japanese
“treasures” like those Grandma cherished.

Raffle Ticket Drawing: Sunday, 3pm

Games: Demon Smash, Duck Pond, &
Other Games for Children

Intro to Buddhism, Rev. Dr. Miyaji, Sat & Sun 2pm
Ikebana Exhibit

Boutique & Crafts, Bookstore & more!



Taiko Demonstrations, Sat. 4pm & Sun. 1:30pm
O'Nami Taiko,

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KIKU SUMMER PROGRAM

July 20-24, 2026

9am - 4pm

*** early drop off and late pick-up available**

Arts and Crafts / Sutra Chanting / Taiko & Music
Cooking Japanese Foods / Buddhist Classes
Flower Arranging / Bonsai

Kiku Summer Program Headmasters

Reverend Takashi Miyaji

Minister of Southern Alameda County
Buddhist Church

Koichi Mizushima

Buddhist Churches of America
Center For Buddhist Education

For students entering 7-9th Grades
Fee: \$300

Location

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Register***



Contact for more questions:
kikusummerprogram@gmail.com

KIKU SUMMER PROGRAM

Goals of Our Program

The Kiku Summer Program helps students lead spiritually authentic lives by nurturing their emotional, social, and cultural growth, grounded in Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion.

Daily Schedule

Our daily schedule is designed to engage students both through the heart and the mind, fostering a balanced experience of reflection and creativity:

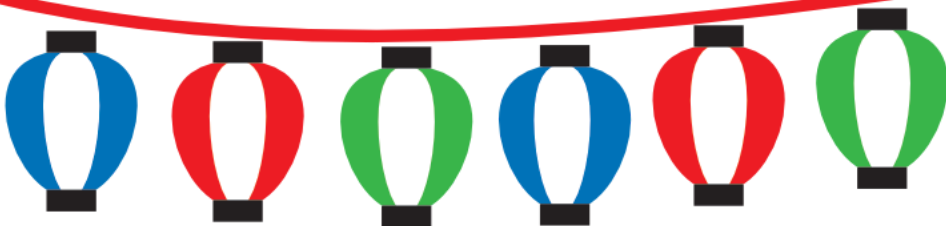
Morning Sessions: Students gather to learn and practice the fundamental teachings of Buddhism, with a chance to experience chanting, application of Buddhist principles, and Buddhist etiquette.

Afternoon Sessions: The focus shifts to hands-on exploration through immersive Japanese cultural activities such as taiko and ikebana, alongside hands-on and life skills activities such as lei making, first aid procedures, and cooking.

Field trip to National Japanese American Historical Society w/tour of Japantown history in San Francisco.

Email for question:
kikusummerprograme@gmail.com

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Annual Obon Festival

FREE! Everyone is invited • Saturday, August 8th, 2026

Food Sales: 5pm • Obon Dance: 7pm (PDT)

You're invited to the **Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church's Buddhist Festival of Obon.**

We will have Obon Dancing, Japanese Music with the San Jose Chidori Band, and Japanese Foods.

Fun for everyone!

Colorful yukata-clad participants gather for the Obon dance – a memorial day for our departed loved ones, and a day to give thanks to them. With joy and gratitude, we honor and remember our deceased loved ones, whose very existence has made our own lives possible.

Obon Dance Practices (Optional)

7:00 pm on 7/28, 7/30, 8/3, 8/5 and 8/6 in the Sangha Hall at SACBC. (Tues., Thurs., Mon., Wed., Thurs.) Dance Practices are **OPTIONAL** – you need not practice. You can just come & join our Obon Dance. **EVERYONE is invited to DANCE!**

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji & Head Obon Dance Instructor,
Karen Suyama

**Hatsubon and Obon Service
online and in-person, Sunday,
August 9, 2026 at 10:00am.**

SACBC will conduct its Annual Buddhist Obon Spiritual Service for all our departed loved ones. Those who lost their loved ones this past year are especially welcome. We will conduct a special service for them called **Hatsubon** (*1st Obon Service*).



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 3-5 pm Taiko	2	3	4
			FIREWORKS SALE 9 AM-9 PM			
5 10am-Shotsuki Hoyo	6 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	7	8 3-5 pm Taiko	9	10  5pm - 10pm	11
12 No Service BAZAAR CONSTRUCTION 9-2 PM	13 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	14 6:30-8:30 pm Scouts	15 3-5 pm Taiko	16	17 BAZZAR prep	18 SACBC BAZZAR 11- 7 PM
	BAZAAR CONSTRUCTION 6:30-8 PM					
19 SACBC BAZZAR 11- 3 PM No Service	20 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 5-10pm AA	21 6:30-8:30pm Scouts	22	23	24  5pm - 10pm	25 Obon Cemetary Services
	KIKU SUMMER PROGRAM, 8-4 PM					
	BAZAAR CLEAN-UP, 9-4 PM					
26 10am-Family Sevice 11am~Omigaki	27 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	28 6:30-8:30pm Scouts 7pm~Obon Dance Practice	29	30 7pm~Obon Dance Practice	31	

AA - Athletic Association
JLS - Japanese Language School
DS - Dharma School
BWA - Buddhist Women's Association



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JULY HIGHLIGHTS

5TH - SUNDAY | SHOTSUKI HOYO

12TH SUNDAY | NO SERVICE (BAZAAR PREP WEEK)

19TH SUNDAY | NO SERVICE (BAZAAR WEEKEND)

26TH SUNDAY | SUNDAY SERVICE, OMIGAKI

ALL Sunday Service Start at: 10:00 AM PST
ZOOM Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300 | **Passcode:** 549504