
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 ready for the Obon Season and Summer! A few weeks ago, I got trained as a Naikan Therapy interviewer. In Naikan Therapy, one must uncover one's true self and observe it for what it is, rather than projecting or displacing feelings of anger and guilt. Breaking down these defenses, one begins to realize why they need Amida Buddha's all-encompassing compassion. The hardest part of the Jodo Shinshu process is getting past our egos and understanding that we unwittingly trick ourselves into looking outward rather than inward. When we can navigate this more easily, we see that, on our own, we cannot perfect ourselves. Jodo Shinshu does not require us to do the work on our own. Rather, we need to be aware enough to recognize when we fall back into ego-centered thinking.

A few months back, I drove down to Moreau High School for an interfaith panel. I was tired, sitting in traffic, trying to decide whether I could make it or needed to pull over for a restroom break. I didn't stop at the nearby McDonald's, and as I passed it, someone sped out of the driveway, cutting me off. I slammed on the brakes, which did not help my needs. I almost rolled down my window, but the guy was looking forward with a blank stare on his face. My brain went to a bad place until I saw him move one lane and head toward the cemetery entrance. He obviously was going to do something there, and his mind was elsewhere. My anger stopped, and shame kicked in. Not because I actually yelled at him, but in my head, I had. On the way to speak at an interfaith prayer service, I temporarily lost my spiritual mindset, but luckily, it came back. We need emotional awareness to catch ourselves when we do these things, but usually it's too late, and we have already done something wrong. Acknowledging it after the fact is good. It was a reminder for me to always second-guess my ego, not as a Buddhist practice, but as a reminder of why Amida's compassion is for just me, as I truly am.

In Gassho,
Landon

June Services

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

June 7, 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 June.
Rev. Landon will officiate this Hybrid service.
June & July Birthdays will be celebrated.
Dharma School will honor graduates

June 14, 2026 – Family Service 10 A.M. (Hybrid Service)

Rev. Landon will officiate this Hybrid service.

June 21, 2026 – Father's Day 10 A.M. (Hybrid Service)

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this Hybrid service.

June 28, 2023 – Eshinni and Kakushinni Memorial Service 10 A.M. (Hybrid Service)

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this Hybrid service.
BWA will host this service.



Eshinni was Shinran Shonin's wife. She wrote many letters that became crucial in understanding life at the time they lived. She was also a devout Shin follower. Kakushinni was Eshinni and Shinran's daughter. She was instrumental in establishing the initial stages of Shinran's mausoleum and the foundations of the Hongwanji.

Board meeting Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 pm – Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81878696300pwd=VjdpdC8rNmN4U2YlVFVqdXUrY0xrdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300 Passcode: 549504

Floors, Carpet, & Pew cleaning: A private contractor will be cleaning as follows:

Important: Your help is needed to 1. clear the floors & 2. move everything back after cleaning.

1. Sangha Hall: June 5, Friday @ 6:30 PM: Remove everything off Sangha Hall floors to gym. Floors (not gym nor kitchen) to be stripped and sealed on Saturday, June 6. Sangha Hall will NOT be accessible from JUNE 5th @ 6:30 PM – 9th @ 6:30 PM. On **Tuesday, June 9 @ 6:30 PM** help needed to move everything back.

2. HONDO: June 5, Friday at 6:30 PM: Remove everything off classroom, kitchen, & hall floors except 1 table & 2 chairs. Floors to be stripped and sealed on Monday, June 8. Carpet & upholstery on the pews will be cleaned, too. Hondo will NOT be accessible June 8 – 9. Help needed **Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 PM** to move everything back.

3. Please contact John Arai or Karen Fujii to let us know if and when you can come help with the "moving". Thank you! Leave message on church phone (510-471-2581 or email office@sacbc.org).

June Shotsuki Hoyo

Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 10:00 am

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

DECEASED

1961 Miyako Asada
 1974 Masaki Yamashita
 1978 Kae Hisaoka
 1979 Tamaye K. Sakuma
 1987 Kiichi Tomotoshi
 1991 Yoshikazu Kinoshita
 1991 Harumitsu Kawaguchi
 1998 Shunsuke Teshirogi
 2000 Eleanor Ritsuko Shikano
 2001 Osamu Minamide

2002 Toshiko Sakai
 2002 Hanako Asada
 2003 Janis Kaneko
 2005 Grace Nomi
 2006 Masako Hamamoto
 2007 Akiko Kishi
 2007 George Suyama
 2008 Shigeharu Nakamura
 2009 Ann Yoshiko Fujii
 2011 Masaru Hatsushi
 2012 Makoto Nakanishi
 2013 Sally Kimura
 2013 Jiro Fujii
 2016 Anne Ng
 2023 Yukio Hisaoka
 Noboru Takayama
 Kazuo Takayama

FAMILY

Asada Family
 Yamashita Family
 Hisaoka Family
 Susan Sakuma
 Tomotoshi Family
 Mrs. Teiko Funk
 Kawaguchi Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Tsuyoshi Teshirogi
 Shikano Family
 Mrs. Nancy Minamide &
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Minamide
 Mr. & Mrs. Art Sakai
 Asada Family
 Kaneko Family
 Awamura Family
 Dr. & Mrs. Fred Okimoto
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kishi &
 Mr. Mrs. Hiroshi Kishi
 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Suyama
 Mr. Stacy Nakamura &
 Ms. Wendy Nakamura
 Fujii Family
 Mrs. Kyoko Hatsush
 Nakanishi Family
 Kimura Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Suyama
 Mr. Scott Ng & Mrs. Charisse Feldman
 Hisaoka Family
 Takayama Family
 Takayama Family

MEMORIAL SERVICES 2026

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

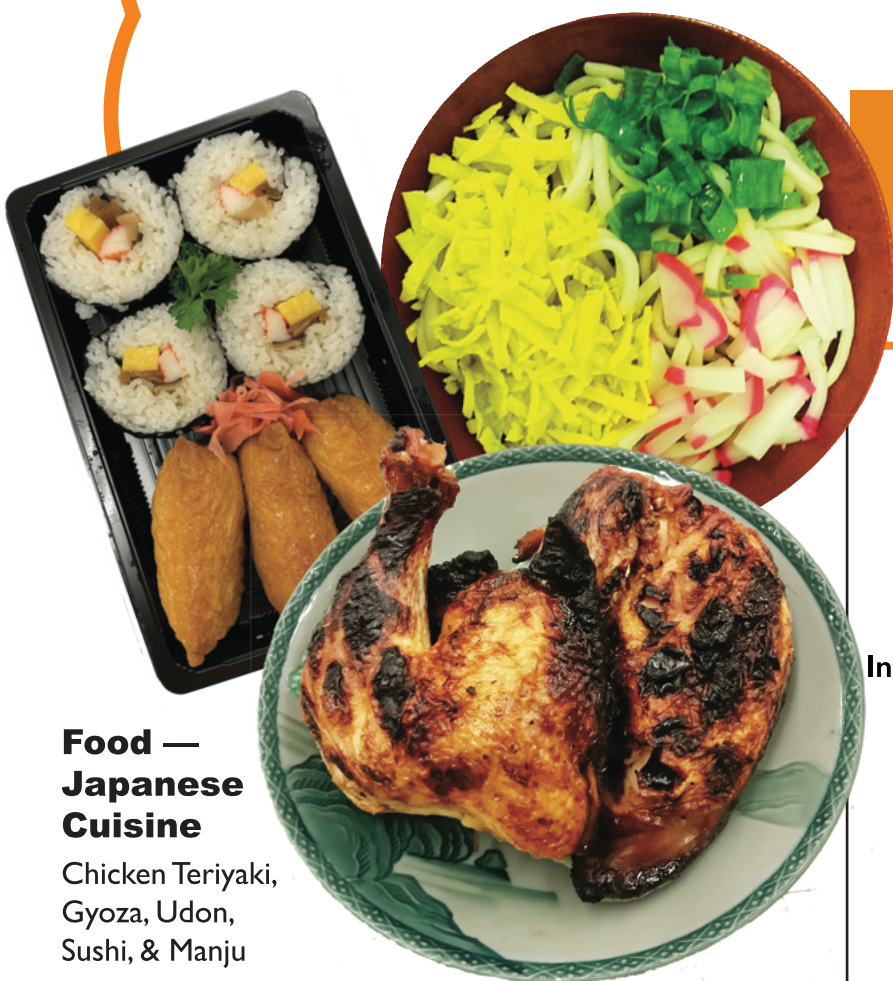
2025 - 1 st year	2014 - 13 th year	1994 - 33 rd year
2024 - 3 rd year	2010 - 17 th year	1977 - 50 th year
2020 - 7 rd year	2002 - 25 th year	1927 - 100 th year



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

For information, call 510-471-2581
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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

Southern Alameda Buddhist County Church (SACBC)
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***Scan to
Register***



Contact for more questions:
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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



Bazaar 2026

MANJU Making

Hi Everyone,

We are all getting ready for our #1 fundraiser, the BAZAAR!

I'm back...to ask you again for your help. On Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., we will be putting together and baking the manju. Please mark your calendars.

All your help is really appreciated. If you have some friends who you think might be interested in helping, please ask them to join us. It's a good opportunity to make new friends or catch up with old friends while sitting there making the manju.

If you are able to confirm that you will be helping, please call/text me at (510) 506-4243. Not only would this help me, but it will help the crew that is preparing our lunch.

I look forward to seeing you. Thank you!

Gassho,
JAMIE NAGATA



Teriyaki Chicken Preparaton

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?

Due to preparations for the floor cleaning, DS will be canceling the otoki on June 7, 2026. This will be the last day of Dharma school for 2026-2026.

Gassho
Betty and Cathleen



BWA – report

by Karen Suyama

THANK YOU to everyone who have been coming to help at Boutique.

The group is just about finished with all of the boutique projects. Remember to look for some cool things at bazaar this year.

FBWA Conference October 2-4 in San Diego. Anyone wishing to attend should let me know ASAP.

We will need to have (2) chapter representatives attending the meetings.

Our next BWA meetings is **May 17 th at 9:00am**.

Hope to see everyone then.

Thank you for your continued support of the BWA.

BAZAAR

Bazaar is our largest fundraiser, and almost here. We still need everyone's help and support.

A few hours of your time is the key to a successful event.

Our annual bazaar will be held July 18 & 19. The bazaar roster will be mailed out before the

end of the month. Construction begins Sunday July 12 th at and will continue through the week

until it's all done. Please contact John Arai if you can spare some time to help with construction.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled weekend of food, games and meeting up with old friends.

Hello Sangha families,

I am pleased to announce, we have a new Office Manager, Kaori Miyaji. The effective start date was Tuesday, May 12, 2026, as she worked with Karen Fujii on producing the Golden Chain Newsletter.

Kaori comes to us with experience working for the Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO) as a Program Assistant to Rev. Kuwahara.

Kaori has also worked for Nishi Hongwanji (Headquarters) as an Administrative / Guest Relations staff, managing international affairs, guest visitations, religious programs, and reception duties.

You may best know Kaori as the wife of our resident minister, Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji!

The SACBC office manager role will continue as a part-time employment, 16-hours/week and look forward to having a very familiar person in the office.

Please join me in welcoming Kaori Miyaji as our new office manager!

Gassho,
Kyle Yamasaki





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	2 6:30-8:30pm Scouts	3 3-5 pm Taiko	4	5 5-6:30pm Floor cleaning preparation Sangha Hall & Hondo	6 Sangha Hall Closed for Floor cleaning
7 Sangha Hall Closed 10am- Shotsuki Service Dharma School	8 Hondo & Sangha Hall Closed	9 6:30pm- Move into Sangha Hall & Hondo	10 3-5 pm Taiko 7:30pm- Board Meeting (Zoom)	11	12  5pm - 10pm	13
14 9am- BWA Mtg 10am Family Service	15 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 5-10pm AA	16 6:30-8:30pm Scouts 5-10pm AA	17 3-5 pm Taiko 5-10pm AA	18 5-10pm AA	19 5-10pm AA	20 5-10pm AA
21  10am Family Service 5-10pm AA	22 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 5-10pm AA	23 6:30-8:30pm Scouts	24 3-5 pm Taiko 7pm- Bazaar Meeting (Zoom)	25	26  5pm - 10pm	27
28 10am Eshinni &Kakushinni Memorial Service	29 3-5 pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner)	30 6:30-8:30pm Scouts				

AA - Athletic Association

JLS - Japanese Language School

DS - Dharma School

BWA - Buddhist Women's Association



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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

7TH - SUNDAY | SHOTSUKI HOYO

14TH SUNDAY | FAMILY SERVICE

21ST SUNDAY | FAMILY SERVICE

28TH SUNDAY |
ESHINNI AND KAKUSHINNI MEMORIAL SERVICE

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