

## Celebrating Shinran's Birthday and Mother's Day on the Oregon



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### The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

May 2025



#### Happy Birthday Shinran!

Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy May everyone! We are well into springtime and the weather is slowly beginning to warm up! I am ready to begin summer vacation too! I think everyone is!

School for many is beginning to come to a close, and everyone is ready for out of town plans!

May is the time where we celebrate Shinran Shonin's birthday called Gotan-e. This is a time where we also have our younger Dharma School students perform the special program called, Ochigo. This is the time where our students put on special Japanese attire and perform a special ritual where they bow to the various shrines on our Onajin. This is a special observance that we try to have every year to encourage our youth to participate in the religious part of our temple.

Birthdays are joyous times where we get together with family and friends to celebrate! I hope that we are able to convey the same energy at our temple when we have services. While it is true that we see a lot of funerals and memorial services at the temple, our space can also be used for happy occasions as well, like infant presentations (hatsumairi), and weddings! These are important reminders to us that life is definitely filled with its set of challenges and sad times, but life has joyous and lively times as well. These are memories that we keep for the rest of our lives.

It is my hope that with Shinran's birthday, that all of our members can come to the temple with a joyous mind, and a mind of gratitude. How wonderful we are still meeting at the temple to see our friends and to listen to the Dharma.

Namo Amida Butsu



#### "May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii"

Judy Hittle, OBT President

That song comes to mind whenever May 1st rolls around. I grew up on Maui and during my elementary school days, we had a big celebration on May Day. We had a student King and Queen, Maypole dance, and flower leis with their fragrances filling the air. Such memories. It just happens that as I write this, it's a clear, sunny day outside, how fitting.

The entire month of May will be as special for us here at OBT.

We begin the month by remembering our founder Shinran Shonin on his birthday or Gotan-e. It will be 852 years since his birth.

We will also celebrate our mothers to whom we show deep gratitude for our very existence. We hold them close in our hearts and minds for they remind us that we have the opportunity to be the best of ourselves. Mother's Day is May 11th.

On that day, we will also recognize our two seniors in high school who will have many memories yet to be made. We wish them luck and send them off with good wishes for their future plans. Hope they will always remember the Dharma wherever life leads them. Let's congratulate our 2025 graduates, Avery Davis-Hughes and Midori Carollo.

Towards the end of the month, we will remember those who have come and gone before us. Whether they be kin or strangers, they have given us some part of our life as it is, for are we not all interconnected? I hope you will join us for special Memorial Day services that will be held towards the end of May - the 25th in the OBT Nokotsudo and the 26th in Gresham, the Rose City Cemetery and the Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland.

"Memories, pressed between the pages of my mind."

Judy Hittle

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## May Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of May. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the May 18 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at [obtlanterns@gmail.com](mailto:obtlanterns@gmail.com).

Kikuno Asakawa, 5/5/1962*	Kiyomatsu Minami, 5/7/1980	Hisano Sakamoto, 5/29/1993*
Kanichi Egimoto, 5/11/1950	Katsumi Mishima, 5/23/1963	Michio (Mich) Sakauye, 5/3/1995
Robert Fetter, 9/9/1964	Takuyo Miura, 5/2/1980	Kenjiro Sasaki, 5/3/1989
Shuichi Fujinaka, 5/20/1961	Kura Masako Mori, 5/30/1980*	Riye Sasaki, 5/1/1987*
Yoshichiro Funatake, 5/15/1986	Kow Mukaida, 5/30/1977	George Shido, 5/22/1993
Donald Greenwood, 5/4/2010	Susanne Mineko Myers, 5/10/2006	Matsuji Shimizu, 5/15/1954
Mitsuko Hasuie, 5/7/2016*	Saneharu Nagano, 5/17/1965	Yayoi Tajima, 5/24/1965*
Neil Seth Hollander, 5/28/2015	Denzo Nakagawa, 5/8/1963	Unosuke Takano, 5/3/1956
Asaji Hooraku, 5/29/1952	James Yoshio Nakagawa, 5/1/2008	Richard Kiyoshi Takashima, 5/31/2001
Kiyoshi Ishii, 5/4/1950	Akiko Nakamatsu, 5/31/1983	Mary Natsuko Takeuchi, 5/26/2001*
Isamu Sam Iwamoto, 5/29/1996	Hiroshi Nakamura, 5/11/1978	Tomiye Takeuchi, 5/27/1984
Akimi Kawachi, 5/10/1981	Sally Mew Lin Nakamura, 5/26/2014	Mitsugi (Mits) Tamiyasu, 5/13/2011
Ito Kawamoto, 5/18/1950*	Yukiye Nakano, 5/23/1990	Shime Tanada, 5/30/1960*
Suekichi Kawasaki, 5/19/1961	Masao Nakashima, 5/4/1983	Nobuyoshi Toyooka, 5/13/1996
Shin Kobuchi, 5/11/1959	Shotaro Nishikawa, 5/6/1964	Ikutaro Tsubouchi, 5/5/1952
Martha Masako Maehara, 5/18/1990*	Shin Obuchi, 5/11/1959	Jayne Yasui Van Ness, 5/13/2021
Toshio Maetani, 5/15/1975	Mataroku Okabe, 5/1/1955	Seiichi Wakayama, 5/19/1954
Jean Matsunaga, 5/15/2006	Dorothy Hanae Okamoto, 5/18/1984*	Yoshiko Yasutome, 5/27/2012*
Cruz T Miller, 5/26/2014	Chiyono Okino, 5/7/1952*	Yoneko Yoneyama, 5/29/1996*
Asoye Minami, 5/5/1977*	Masuko Onishi, 5/2/1963	Kojiro Yoshida, 5/12/1973
	Fukuo Ozaki, 5/30/1953	Akira Yoshiro, 5/11/1997

\* OBWA member

Gotan-e Service  
with Rev. Ron Kobata

Sunday, May 4, 2025



Please Join Us with Rev. Koyama :

Sunday May 11, 2025 10am  
Mothers' Day

Sunday June 29, 2025 10am

Sunday July 6, 2025 10am



## Oregon Buddhist Temple March 2025 Donations

### *In memory of Alice Tano*

#### **Family of Alice Tano**

Etsuko Osaki  
 Connie Masuoka  
 Setsy & Chip Larouche  
 Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa  
 Janice Okamoto  
 Amy Peterson  
 Ann Shintani & Scott Winner  
 Yoshie Kagawa  
 Diane Ando Harder  
 Ray & Lori Fukunaga  
 Kay Endo  
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### **SHOTSUKI HOYO**

Connie Masuoka

### **In memory of A. O, Sasaki**

Joyce F. Olsen

### **In memory of James K. Kida**

Lew & Jean Tomita

### **SHOTSUKI HOYO** *(continued)*

#### ***In memory of Shoemon Nakamura***

Lew & Jean Tomita

### **In memory of Michael Ando**

Diane Ando Harder

### ***In memory of Henry Matsunaga***

Janice Okamoto

### ***Special donations***

Julia Yoshimoto & Surinder Singh  
 Etsuko Osaki  
 Colin Nakamura  
 Girl Scout Troop 43720 *(Thanks)*  
 Girl Scouts of Oregon / SW  
 Washington *(SU Girl Scout Week)*  
 Anonymous

### ***In honor of Todd Lewis &***

***Christopher Schindler domestic  
 partnership***

Ronald K. Kobata

### ***Spring Ohigan***

Gerald & JoAnn Sumoge  
 Alfred Ono  
 Diane Ando Harder  
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### ***2025 Annual Pledge***

Colin Nakamura  
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### **BCA Southern California Wildfire Relief Fund Judy Hittle, OBT President**

Thank you OBT Sangha for your generous contributions to this fund during the month of March. We were able to send a total of \$500 to the BCA Fund to help those who are in need because of the southern California Wildfire.

Thank you all for your support.

[bca.kindful.com](http://bca.kindful.com)

## **Jodo Shinshu 101:**

### **Rev. Koyama's Monthly Study Classes**

These are informal Zoom classes offered on the second Wednesday of each month.

Everyone is welcome.

Registration is needed just for your first class.

[Click here to register](#)





## **SOLVE is a Buddhist Activity** **Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa**

The SOLVE event held on April 12 at the OBT was very successful and productive. There were over 25 eager participants who collected so many bags of garbage, our dumpster was overflowing. Thanks to Rev Ron Kobata who spearhead this event with SOLVE who provided garbage bags, gloves, vests, and litter tools for us. It was part of the Earth Day event which cleaned the Oregon Buddhist Temple neighborhood so successfully! Thank you to everyone who helped.



S – Sangha , comes from the Sanskrit and Pali, meaning “collection” or “assemblage.” A group of people who are united to practice the teachings of the Buddha. Along with the Buddha and the Dharma (the Teachings), they are the Three Treasures.

O – Oregon Buddhist Temple

L – Lotus Blossom. The lotus flower is a symbol of purity, rebirth, spiritual enlightenment, and resilience associated with rising above challenges and achieving inner peace.

V – Vinaya, Discipline. It includes scriptural texts that promote ethical behavior and harmonious community interactions.

E – Eitaikyo, Perpetual Service. A memorial service that recognizes the importance of our connections to those who came before us, to appreciate the interconnectedness of all things, and to keep the temple and the Buddha’s teachings alive perpetually.





**By Ann  
Shintani**

OBT annually  
conducts

several services on Memorial Day. The tradition of paying respects to older generations, tending the graves, and offering flowers, was inherited from Japan. In 1948, the 900 Japanese residents of Vanport were said to have been visiting cemeteries on Memorial Day, so were away from their homes when it was flooded. Today, the Japanese Ancestral Society, the caretaker of the Japanese Cemetery, organize volunteers to maintain this privately owned cemetery. I find cemeteries interesting and restful, even if I am not visiting a passed family member.



*Oregon Buddhist Temple's Memorial Day service at the Japanese Cemetery, by Rose City Cemetery. Rev. Yuki Sugahara and Oregon Buddhist Temple sangha, at a previous service*

**Sunday May 25, after service** - Oregon Buddhist Temple Columbarium. Located behind the Onaijin, this small room is available as a temporary resting area for cremated remains. A service is done for those who are interred here.

**Monday May 26, 10:30am** - Forest Lawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, Gresham. The service is conducted by the mausoleum, and for a few family members who are interred here.

**Monday, Noon** - Japanese Cemetery by Rose City Cemetery, Portland. The service is conducted in the "Japanese Cemetery", which is only accessible through Rose City Cemetery, and is located near NE Beech and 50th.

**Monday, 1:00pm** - Japanese American Community Memorial Day Service, Japanese Cemetery at Rose City Cemetery, Portland. This service is open to the public, and honors Japanese American (Nisei) Veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam conflicts. It includes many of the greater Portland metropolitan area Japanese-American community. Todd Yuzuriha performs Taps, a melancholy bugle call played at memorial services. Here, Rev. Kosho Finch, Henjyoji Shingon Buddhist Temple, giving a spiritual message at a previous Community Memorial Day service.

**Afterwards** - Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland. A small group usually goes to this cemetery to conduct a short service at the Japanese Ancestral Society monument.





## Front Planters

Amy Peterson

The motor homes have been mostly removed from SE 34th. We've put some planters out to keep the view going in and out of the driveway easier to see. We want to thank Michael I, Bill T, Jarrett G and John P for the manual labor. Also, a special thanks to Ron Iwasaki for helping us fill them with beauty.

We hope it'll be a brighter welcome to the temple and allow people to again park on the street and walk on the sidewalk. We're hoping the city won't make us move them as we wait for city signs to be installed or city barriers installed.



## Girl Scouts

Amy Peterson

Cookie season is done and recognitions are in. The girls are registered for next year. They're excited for their upcoming camping trip in a few weeks. Most have completed or almost completed their outdoor journey. In the photo they were learning how to make a candy campfire. They later learned how to chop wood.

Kenzie is working on her leadership skills and will be helping with day camp this summer.

Thank you again to all who bought cookies and those who donated to the troop or our caring donation.



## OBT Board Meeting Summary

Carolyn Saiget

The Oregon Buddhist Temple will donate \$500 to the BCA So Cal. Fire Relief Fund. After conversations with the city, Amy Peterson's request to fund the purchase of several half barrels to be placed in the parking spaces in front of the temple, was approved. The OBT will host a virtual NW District Convention in February 2027.



**BCA**  
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To join the BCA mailing list:

[buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect](http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect).



### Rev. Koyama's Online Seminar Shinya Ichikawa

During Rev. Koyama's March 20 2025 Seminar, he summarized the various Buddhist Jodo Shinshu holidays.

January 16 Hoonko, Shinran Shonin's Memorial: for Nishi Hongwanji, January 9-16. Higashi Hongwanji uses the Chinese calendar and it occurs in November. They also perform Noh plays.

February 15 Nirvana Day. This pertains to all Buddhists in general and represents Impermanence. At OBT we also celebrate pet memorial.

March 21 Spring Ohigan. Ohigan means "other shore" of Enlightenment, as opposed to "this shore of Delusion."

April. Hanamatsuri, April 8, celebrates the birth of the Shakamuni Buddha.

September. Fall Ohigan. Leaves change color.

October to November – Eitai-kyo. "Thanks to the many who have gone before us for this temple".

December. Bodhi Day, which is celebrated on the 8th but the historical basis for this date is unknown,

December 31. New Years Eve year-end service.



### OBWA News Jeanette Hager

Spring greetings from our OBWA members! I am so inspired by our members who are so gifted.

They give so much of their time and talents to our OBT community and to each other. Our members ensure that our birthdays are remembered and that those that who do not have the ability to get out are visited.

This will be a busy year for our members. Most recently, on Saturday, April 12th, our OBWA members joined OBT and other community members to participate in the **SOLVE cleanup event led by Rev. Ron Kobata**. Our crew worked together to clean up the neighborhood around the Temple.

On the weekend of April 26th and 27th, our members will be preparing delicious foods for the **OBT Spring Bazaar**. The creation of a dish's perfect taste and its presentation are works of art for the eyes as well as our palette. Yum!

Our OBWA members also use fabric as a medium for creating artistic designs while incorporating the philosophy of **mottainai**, creatively repurposing.

This summer, on **Saturday, June 28th**, our OBWA members will be inviting our OBT Sangha to our annual volunteer day at the **Oregon Food Bank**. This is a day where we can work together to sort food for those most in need in our Oregon communities.

You can find our members involved in every aspect of our Temple activities, listening to the Dharma services, arranging flowers, singing gathas, cooking and eating together. It is through interacting with our Sangha, our community and each other that we create the relationships that bring beauty and meaning to each of the lives that we touch.



### Omiyage Donations Susan Leedham

We are beginning to collect donations for Omiyage to sell at Obon. We sold most of our inventory at our last Obon, so we really need your donations, and please ask your friends and relatives too! So as you're decluttering or going through a loved one's possessions, please think of donating to OBT to let someone else enjoy something new.

Most anything Japanese sells best, such as dishes, serving pieces and art. We are also interested in gently used decorative and kitchen items, although as is common with garage sales, it is surprising what sells! Toys and jewelry also sell, though other than T-shirts, most clothing does not.

I will put a box in the basement in the corner near the piano. If you need help or have any questions, my cell phone number is 503-803-1041, and my email address is [leedhamreporting@comcast.net](mailto:leedhamreporting@comcast.net).

Thank you!



### Mottainai Craft Group Debi Shimamoto

Do you have kimono, yukata, kimono accessories or Japanese-themed fabric stored away and forgotten for years? If you would like to donate them, our group can help you out. What happens to these items? Some of them are sold as is, others are creatively repurposed into clothing such as happi, monpe (farmer's pants), tops, aprons, or accessories such as nenju case, anesan kaburi (head coverings for kitchen workers), scarves. These items can be given a second life to be worn or used by their new owners. You will find them for sale during ObonFest in August.

With three months remaining before the festival, we are busy sewing and repairing your donated items. If you plan to donate, please do so early. All proceeds from the sale benefit the temple and the women's group (OBWA).

#### WHAT'S AHEAD

**May 14 Wed:** Marbling workshop for a limited number of participants at a member's home. Sign-up for this workshop is open until **May 3 Sat**.

Open regular meetings are held in the temple basement from 10:30 am to 3 pm on the following dates:

May 24 Sat.  
June 4 Wed,  
June 14 Sat,  
June 25 Wed.  
July 2 Wed,  
July 12 Sat.

For any donations or questions please contact the group at [mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com](mailto:mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com)



## Japanese American Graduation Banquet

**Todd Yuzuriha**

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet will be Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 1 pm, located at the Riverside Golf and Country Club, 8105 NE 33rd Drive, Portland. This annual event will honor the Class of 2025 high school graduates from the Portland Metro area and award the community scholarships. The keynote speaker will be Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Executive Director of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon. Happily, we have two graduating seniors this year from Oregon Buddhist Temple, Midori Carrollo and Avery Davis-Hughes. Please join us in honoring our students by attending the banquet.

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet Committee is hard at work. OBT is the supervising organization for this year's banquet on May 4. Included in the photo are: chairperson Elaine Yuzuriha and committee members Ann Shintani and Chip and Setsy Larouche.



## OBT's High School Graduates

**Ann Shintani**

The song "Father and Son" by Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) streamed in the car today, and it occurred to me it was a sign from my subconscious. It is the countdown for our temple's high school graduations. It is a bittersweet and happy time, of course. Oregon Buddhist Temple, Oregon Buddhist Temple's Women's Association, and Dharma School will be recognizing our high school seniors, **Midori Carrollo** and **Avery Hughes-Davis**, on **Sunday, May 11th after Sunday Service** (it will also be Mother's Day). Please join us!

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### Words of Advice from My Mother By Shinya Ichikawa

To celebrate Mother's Day, again we revisit some words of advice from our mothers which was shared at Dharma Exchange from Mother's Day, May 11 2003. Has anything changed after 22 years?

Learn by observing others what is a desirable trait and what is not. - Judy Hittle

Behave. If you do anything wrong the whole community will know and I'll find out. - Amy Peterson

My mother's advice was through her actions, not her words. - Marilyn Achterman

Don't do anything that brings shame to the family. - Janice Okamoto

Marry a Buddhist girl. They're kind and gentle. Honto yo! (it's true!) - Shinya Ichikawa

Be sociable, be sociable, be sociable, and be sociable. - Jayne Ichikawa

Lose weight. - Ann Shintani

Kodomo no tame (for the sake of the children). - Gordon Osaka

Don't leave water splattered on kitchen and bathroom counter tops. - Jean Matsumoto

Don't sit on cold concrete steps or eat too many tomatoes; they cause hemorrhoids. - Alice Ando

Don't stand chopsticks in your rice. - Alfred Ono

Don't go to bed with wet hair. (I did it once and caught a cold). - Etsu Osaki

Plant a seed and it will grow and come back to you (If you do something nice for someone, it will be returned.) - Herb Osaki

Don't argue with your brother. - Michael Ishii

Don't kiss the girls. It ruins your trumpet lips. - Todd Yuzuriha

People say marriage is 50/50 but it is not. A woman has to be willing to give 75% or more. - Elaine Yuzuriha

Always eat your vegetables. - Jerry Sumoge

Find a Japanese boy from Hawaii to marry. - Lori Fukunaga

No ride your bike in the cane field. You going to crash in the ditch. - Ray Fukunaga

Watch out for guys like that (referring to guys in the movie Animal House). - Kiyo Endecott

**Don't Miss This Rare Opportunity to meet with Dr. Satsuki Ina**  
**May 10th, 2PM @ OBT and on [Zoom](#)**

Book Talk: *The Poet and the Silk Girl: A Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest*



The OBT and JAMO (Japanese American Museum of Oregon) are co-sponsoring a book talk and opportunity to meet Dr. Satsuki Ina, author, activist, psychotherapist specializing as a community trauma consultant, and Buddhist.

Dr. Ina will talk about her latest book, *The Poet and the Silk Girl: a Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest*, and will be available to respond to questions from participants.

Julie Abo, educator, historian, and outreach consultant will be our moderator.

Copies of the book are on sale at the OBT and JAMO (\$35).

*One of the most compelling accounts of the forced removal, unjust incarceration, and family separation experienced by the Japanese American community during WWII. Born in an American concentration camp, Satsuki Ina weaves her own experiences into conversation with her parents' wartime letters and father's haiku poetry from behind barbed wire to show how family history is a part of the very fabric of the struggle to belong in America. Brilliantly reveals how the past, present, and future are interlinked.*

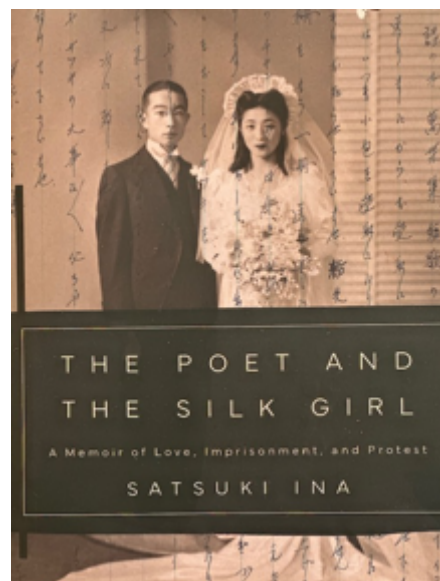
**Duncan Ryuken Williams**

Director, USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture

The event is free to the public or available on Zoom.

Zoom info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81130380868>

Meeting ID: 811 3038 0868



## OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: [obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com) (goes to Chris).

**Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).**

### OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117



### OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

### Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

[obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com) (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

### BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Wednesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM with a couple exceptions.

**Zoom link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

**Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.**

## Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link is [here](https://www.tacomabt.org/) and also on the Tacoma Buddhist Temple website, <https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.



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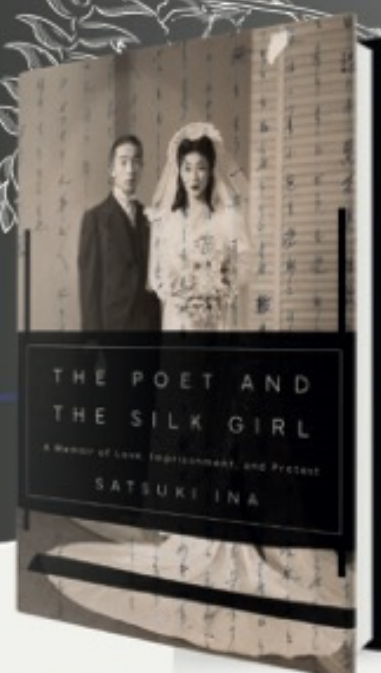
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# The Poet and the Silk Girl: A Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest

A Conversation With  
author Dr. Satsuki Ina

Book signing to follow;  
books will be available for purchase.



Dr. Satsuki Ina discusses her new book, *The Poet and the Silk Girl: A Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest*, in conversation with Julie Abo. In this moving memoir, Satsuki Ina, who was born in the Tule Lake Segregation Center, recovers the story of how her parents survived and resisted their incarceration in U.S. concentration camps. Drawing from diary entries, heart-wrenching haiku, censored letters, government documents, and clandestine messages, Ina shares the eyewitness dispatches of her mother and father, Shizuko and Itaru, newlywed at the time of incarceration.

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We are pleased to host Rev. Landon Yamaoka as he discusses his thesis topic on addiction and recovery utilizing the Jodo Shinshu teachings. Rev. Yamaoka will explore this topic through his ministry and his experience as a social worker with the application of the teachings to the topic of addiction.

This seminar will be hybrid.

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# SPRING SEMINAR

## **Hungry Ghosts and Addict Behaviors: Self-Reflection Through A Jodo Shinshu Lens**

With guest Rev. Landon Yamaoka  
from the Southern Alameda County  
Buddhist Church

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

Start from 2PM - 4PM

Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717  
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## ***"Illuminated by the Buddha's Light"***

Dharma Message by Guest Minister

**Reverend Ko'e Umezu**

**Sunday June 8, 2025 10am**

**Rev. Ko'e Umezu**



**Rev. Ko'e Umezu** (she/her) is Assistant Minister & Community Outreach Coordinator of West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple, Los Angeles.

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**Minimum age 8 years**

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**1:00 – 3:30 pm**

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English Dharma Dialogue by Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Topic: Learning Japanese Buddhist Technical Terms

Textbook: Cocktail

When: Second Tuesday of the Month

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 PM PST/PDT

Contact: [rev.kusunoki@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:rev.kusunoki@seattlebetsuin.org)

Jodo Shinshu 101 by Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Topic: Various

When: Second Wednesday of the Month

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM PST/PDT

Contact: [revtadaok@gmail.com](mailto:revtadaok@gmail.com)

日本語話し合い法座 By Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Topic: 証巻を読んでみよう！

Textbook: 教行信証現代語版

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Contact: [seattlebetsuin.nihongo@gmail.com](mailto:seattlebetsuin.nihongo@gmail.com)

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