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Why I am a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist

~By J.K. H.

This, then, is the true teaching easy to practice for small, foolish beings; it is the straight way easy to traverse for the dull and ignorant. Among all the teachings the Great Sage preached in his lifetime, none surpasses this ocean of virtues. Let the one who seeks to abandon the defiled and aspire for the pure; who is confused in practice and vacillating in faith; whose mind is dark and whose understanding deficient; whose evils are heavy and whose karmic obstructions manifold-let such persons embrace above all the Tathagata's exhortations, take refuge without fail in the most excellent direct path, devote themselves solely to this practice, and revere only this shinjin.

~Preface to Kyogyoshinsho CWS, pg. 3-4

Our temples in the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and our temple in Salt Lake City and Ogden are undergoing a change. It is evident that the Nisei (second generation Japanese American) who developed the organizational structure of our temples are dying out. The average age of the Nisei is probably in their early 80's. The Sansei (third generation Japanese American) are in their 50's and 60's. Our temples are also beginning to have many non-Japanese who do not come to the temple for cultural activities. The language spoken at our temple is 99% English. The economic level of the average temple member is probably in the middle class. The average educational level of our temple member is probably at least that of a college graduate. The majority of our members also attend the temple as families.

With the exception of our members attending the temple as families, there has been quite a change over the composition of the Sangha over the past 100 years of our temple. Yes, in 2012 our temple will be celebrating 100 years in Utah. Originally our members and the minister were Japanese speaking. There were very few if any non Japanese attending the temple. As much as for religious and spiritual sustenance, the temple was a gathering place for the entire Japanese community for secular reasons. As I have explained in previous articles, the temple was the guardian of a Japanese culture that the Issai (first generation) hoped would be passed on to their children. I believe much of the culture of the temple has changed over the past 100 years. However, the reason we are Jodo Shinshu Buddhist has not.

Speaking from a very personal level, from the time I was a Dharma School student here, the religious climate of Utah has also changed. When I was a child, most of my friends had no idea of what a Buddhist was. In Salt Lake, Buddhism could only be found at our temple and the smaller Nichiren Temple. When the television show Kung Fu began in 1972, many people thought that all Buddhists must know martial arts. It was about this time that we began to hear about Zen Buddhism in popular culture. Robert Pirsig's Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance was published in 1974. Although there began to be English books on Buddhism in the 60's such as Phillip Kapleau's Three Pillars of Zen. Pirsig's book and the television show Kung Fu seemed to

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announce the arrival of Buddhism into the realm of Popular culture. It was during the 70's when the Tibetan Buddhists began to teach in the United States.

It was a nice change, when America and the culture around me, began to appreciate that Buddhism was a legitimate religion. I had attended various Christian churches with my friends, but many of their ideas didn't appeal to me. I also had two sets of friends; one group was from my neighborhood. The other group were the kids I had met at the temple. As I got older, it became more obvious that I was different from my neighborhood friends since I wasn't planning to go on a mission. When I went to the University, most of my neighborhood friends had gone on missions. So the friendships I had developed at the temple, had become my primary friendships in college.

In college, as I began to explore my identity. I realized that much of the ethics or morality I had developed over the years, were from things I had learned at the temple. Ideas of the impermanence of life, karma, humility, etc. were the ideas that formed my own personal identity. Yet, I wasn't comfortable with expressing what Buddhism was. What was Buddhism, why were people suddenly interested in what the Buddha taught?

I went to the Institute of Buddhist Studies to find out exactly what Buddhism was. I learned about Theravada Buddhism, Zen Buddhism, Shingon Buddhism and a variety of Japanese forms of Buddhism. What I found is that Theravada Buddhism was a difficult highly disciplined path that one must leave the life of a householder and become a monk to fully realize. I had no intention of giving up sex and a variety of other things, to become enlightened. Shingon Buddhism was much too mystical for my taste. Performing a myriad of rituals to better understand the truth of this life was not something I could do. Zen Buddhism, although it has changed in America, required a great deal of time, sitting in meditation. It was also a form of monastic Buddhism and it required that I find a particular teacher to guide me. I didn't know much about the Tibetan forms of Buddhism, however, I knew that it required much more study than I was willing to give.

As I read more about Jodo Shinshu and the way Shinran had spent years in meditation and study, abandoning them for the Nembutsu practice. I realized that this was the only path that I was reasonably fit to follow. Shinran believed that enlightenment and nirvana were not secret or extremely difficult practices. It was in accepting myself as a foolish being (bombyu) and having a belief in the compassion of the Universe (Amida Buddha) as the way to enlightenment. After studying many other religions, I knew without a doubt, I was a foolish being. I knew that I was confused in practice and had questions of faith. My mind was dark and I was deficient in many things. I also knew that I had committed a variety of things in my life that would be called heavy evil and karmic obstructions. As the preface to the *Kyogyoshinsho* states; *This, then, is the true teaching easy to practice for small, foolish beings; it is the straight way easy to traverse for the dull and ignorant. Among all the teachings the Great Sage preached in his lifetime, none surpasses this ocean of virtues. Let the one who seeks to abandon the defiled and aspire for the pure; who is confused in practice and vacillating in faith; whose mind is dark and whose understanding deficient; whose evils are heavy and whose karmic obstructions manifold-let such persons embrace above all the Tathagata's exhortations, take refuge without fail in the most excellent direct path, devote themselves solely to this practice, and revere only this shinjin.* Shinran was basically telling me that Jodo Shinshu was the path for a person like me.

It is wonderful that the religious climate in Utah has become more open. It is a blessing that our temples have opened up and our Sangha has moved on to be a part of American culture. However, I have been surprised by a few members who look toward other forms of Buddhism and express a type of infatuation with there being more non Japanese following them, than Jodo Shinshu. It is as if they feel that since, non Japanese Americans are following Zen or Tibetan Buddhism, these forms must have something our teachings do not. I hope that they will begin to study what it is that Jodo Shinshu has before they become too discouraged. I encourage them to try Zen, try the Tibetan form of Buddhism, if they want to wear robes. However, if they believe that Jodo Shinshu is not sufficient to fulfill their personal needs and desires, they must ask themselves, "Why am I Jodo Shinshu?" I think it is a great place to start. ***Namo Amida Butsu***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By James A.

WOW and Thank You! Month after month, I am amazed at the support and dedication of our members and friends have for our Temple. On a Sunday morning a few weeks ago, I was amazed at the activity in our Temple. We had the BWA making manju, the Taiko group practicing, Mike M. and Annette K. preparing for Dharma school, the study class, and the meditation session and another group repairing the damage from our recent flood. The Temple was truly full of energy and it was great to see. Since my last message our Dharma School, Discussion Group, and Meditation Class have begun with the new schedule that seems to be more accommodating to all. If you have not attended for some time, now is the time to start.

Again, thank you to all those who helped, donated, attended our annual bazaar. Do you believe how many guests braved the weather to support us. And boy did those who supported our bazaar get a treat. The food was great; the lines were constant but short, and the service was very fast. Again, our volunteers deserve a thank you for all their hard work. For many the bazaar preparation started on Wednesday evening. For a few, their tasks demanded that they started over a month ago. The list of volunteers is so vast that I cannot name them individually but I want to acknowledge all of their efforts with a big Thank You!!!!

As I have said in past messages, there are many great things happening at the temple and I urge you to come support our different programs. I hope to see you all at the temple.

In Gassho, James



BWA NEWS

By Ruth K.



The BWA has been very busy. Making mochi, manju and sushi all in the span of 2 weeks! I know that everyone worked very hard this year and I would like to thank all those members (and non-members) who gave up their weekends to make manju. Thanks also to all those who came to help prepare all the sushi ingredients during the week and for all the volunteers who put so much hard work and effort on Bazaar day making and selling sushi, working at the different booths. Thanks to Linda R. for making all the wasabi flowers. And another thank you to Linda and Trenton & Betty Y. for folding all the origami cranes for the sushi plates. We couldn't have had a successful bazaar without all of you!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Next Meeting: **Sunday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m.** This will be our regular meeting followed by our **BWA General Meeting**. I encourage all our members to attend this important meeting.

Gassho,
Ruth K.



BWA DONATIONS



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!

Roland S. and Fran H. are joining the ranks of the retired in October. We wish them many happy years of enjoyment ~ they deserve it!

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

By Suzan Y.

Dear Dharma School Parents and Friends:

As we enter the New Year for Dharma School I want to thank you for your input regarding the classes. This year we changed the class sizes and clustered the kids closer together by age and grade. I want to thank Ellen K., Betty Y., Tami H., Kris Y. and Stan H. for volunteering to teach the Dharma school students.

We have also changed the class schedule. Please note we will not have Dharma School classes every week. Last year it became challenging holding class before the 1:00 pm services. It seemed as though we were encroaching on several other church activities held on those days. Effective November 2008 Dharma School classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month or when we hold the 10:00 am service.

We would also like to thank Reverend Hirano for selecting a monthly theme for Dharma School and will plan the lessons accordingly.

November's theme: THANKSGIVING: (Gratitude, Naikan, shinjin, engaged Buddhism)

December's theme: BODHI DAY/CHRISTMAS (Awareness/appreciation of family, relationship, dana)

January's theme: HOONKO (Life of Shinran, major works/teaching)

If any teachers have any questions regarding the theme, Reverend Hirano is available as well as the Minister Assistants, Annette K. and Mike M.

As you can see from the above changes we are an innovative group, and open to suggestions. I would appreciate your feedback on the proposed changes.

I would also like to acknowledge Robyn H. and Justine H. for chairing the kids' activities for Dharma School during Bazaar. They had such fun and creative activities it must have held the kids' attention. I didn't even notice any kids' wandering around during Bazaar. Thank you everyone for supporting the Bazaar and making this year a great success.

SCRIPS Reminder

The holidays are coming up fast! Please remember to order your SCRIPS to do all your holiday shopping. They also make great gifts! Please give your SCRIP orders to Suzan Yoshimura at any service or they can be e-mailed to Suzan at Yoshimurab@aol.com anytime before the due date.

Order Deadline

November 2

November 9

November 30

December 7

SCRIP Received

November 9

November 16 (Thanksgiving Nov. 27)

December 7

December 14 (Christmas Dec. 25)



Here is how our new classes and their teachers will be broken down for Dharma School:

Preschool – Kindergarten --- Betty & Ellen

Kelsie H. – Preschool
 Kimi H. - Preschool
 Colton H. - Preschool
 Kobe H. - Kindergarten

6th – 8th Grade --- Suzan

Alex H. – 6th grade
 Landon S. – 7th grade
 Charles A. – 8th grade

1st – 2nd Grade --- Tami

Madison Y. – 1st grade
 Makenna B. – 2nd grade
 Bryson H. – 2nd grade

9th – High School --- Stan

Mackenzie H. – 9th grade
 Kevin S. – 9th grade
 KayLe Y. – 9th grade
 Trenton Y. – 9th grade
 Courtney S. – 11th grade
 Daley Y. – 12th grade

3rd – 5th Grade --- Kris

Kyra H. – 3rd grade
 Catherine A. – 4th grade
 Rudy H. – 5th grade

Dharma School Service ~ Chair and Alter Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class Chair</u>	<u>Alter Family</u>	<u>Pianist</u>
Nov. 2	1:00 pm	9 th – High School	Aoki Family	Marisa
Nov. 9	10:00 am	6 th – 9 th Grade	Summer Family	D/K/M
Nov. 16	1:00 pm	Board	Annette	Marisa
Nov. 23	10:00 am	3 rd – 5 th Grade	Hirai Family	D/K/M
Nov. 30	10:00 am	9 th – High School	Kato Family	D/K/M
Dec. 7	1:00 pm	Board	Annette	Marisa
Dec. 14	10:00 am	6 th – 9 th Grade	Yamada Family	D/K/M
Dec. 21	1:00 pm	3 rd – 5 th Grade	Fujikawa Family	Marisa

Dharma School Donations

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Jr. YBA Donations

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The Jr. YBA would like to thank the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple YBA/Jr. YBA for helping prepare the breakfast at Mt. States. They donated their time and donated back half the profits we shared with them.

Thanks for showing us the true meaning of the Dharma.



We Have So Much To Be THANKFUL For

As Thanksgiving approaches, we all tend to think about what we are thankful for. Here are just a few things the Temple is thankful for.

We have many people to thank for all that they do around the temple. Here are two such members who have gone out of their way to help keep the temple in running order. THANK YOU to Harry S. for fixing the walls (damaged after a water heater flood). Harry also donated the cost of the steel needed for repairing the front stairs. THANKS to Sheldon S. for his labor in fixing the water heater. Sheldon and Kathy also donated all the parts needed for the repair.

Now that winter is just around the corner, we would like to thank our members who volunteered to be on the Lawn Care rotations all summer. They not only did they do a great job, but saved our temple from having to pay for this service. Thanks to Charles A., James A., Tom F., Todd H., Stan H., Steve K., Mike K., Geoff R., Sheldon S., Steve Y., Kirk Y., Trenton Y., and Blaine Y. Thanks guys!

Another note of thanks goes to Greg O. for donating an overhead projector to the temple. We truly appreciate your generosity and hope to use it at our next movie.

Buddhism Discussion Group

By Mike M.

Our Buddhism Discussion Group has been meeting regularly on Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. We have been viewing Reverend Ken Tanaka's video series on General Buddhism. Our discussions have been lively. They can become even livelier if others of you could join us.

Mill Creek Youth Center

By Mike M.

Mike M., our new Minister's Assistant, has been meeting regularly with some detainees at the Mill Creek Youth Center. These young people have had some troubled pasts and are trying to change their ways. Mike has been helping some of them understand how living principles of Buddhism can help to shape their lives in productive ways.

This program is one of many ways our church is trying to reach out to the community.

Minister Assistant's Reception

By Mike M.

On September 21st we held a reception for Mike M. in recognition of his certification as a Minister's Assistant. Many of Mike's family joined with our Sangha in celebrating this occasion. Mike has asked that we express his appreciation for the work that so many did in making this a memorable time. The food that was prepared by the BWA and Dharma School was excellent. The outpouring of congratulations with cards, gifts and expressions of kindness, he said, was appreciated very much. He said that he hopes he can live up to our expectations.

MOCHI Fund Raiser



Our Junior YBA and YBA have big plans this summer to travel with the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple YBA to various Buddhist Churches on the West Coast! In order for this to happen, they need your help. Their annual Mochi Fund Raiser is a main source of income for them and it's this time of year that we all LOVE to have fresh mochi!

Just as an FYI ~ Mochi is a traditional food popular in Japanese cuisine, made from specially treated rice. It is often presented in the form of a round cake or bun, and is traditionally exchanged at the New Year. If you have never tried it, we encourage you to purchase a tray and try it! We promise you will LOVE it!

We hope that you will support us and purchase some mochi for your New Year's celebrations. You can turn in your order form to any Jr. YBA or YBA member at any time. We will be taking orders until Sunday, December 14th. We will be making the mochi FRESH on Saturday, December 20th and will have your order ready for pick up on Sunday, December 21st at service. If you are unable to pick up your order, please let us know, on your order form, and we will be happy to deliver it to you.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH!

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Junior YBA / YBA MOCHI FUND RAISER

Thank you for your support!
Mochi will be ready for pick up or delivery on Sunday, December 21, 2008
Mochi is \$7.00 per tray. There are 6 mochi's per tray.

Your Name: _____

of trays ordered _____ X \$7.00 each = \$ _____ total due

Please make checks payable to:
Ogden Buddhist Church – YBA

We will pick up order on Sunday, December 21st after service.

Please deliver my order to: _____

BAZAAR DONATIONS

This year, we again asked our members to help by donating the non-perishable food items needed to prepare for Bazaar. It really helped to keep expenses down. THANK YOU to the following individuals for their generous donations of these items. The list of donors were many, so apologies to anyone that might have been left off.

Yuko A.
Linda E.
Mas E.
Aiko H
Fran H
Alice H
Kim & Kuni K

Pat K
Ruth K
Fumi K
Jeannie P
Geoff & Linda R
Roy & Masako R
Toddy S

Lorraine S
Janice & Roland S
Harry & Alice S
Steve & Kris Y
Kirk & Betty Y
Yoshiko Y
Blaine & Suzan Y

Please note that with the new accounting system Betty Yamashita has the ability to record all Non-Cash Donations. These amounts will now show up on your year end donations lists. If you would like any of these types of donations to be recorded for you tax purposes, please keep your receipts and submit them to Betty Yamashita with a description of the item or items purchased and the dollar amount.



THANK YOU to everybody who donated to our Dry Goods and Dessert section! This is a huge profit for us and truly only happens because of your generosity. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU for the Special Raffle Gift Baskets! The "creative" baskets were donated by: Fran H & Linda R, Steven K, Ruth K, Annette K, Jeannie P, Staci H, Harry S, Kris Y & Betty Y.

THANK YOU to the following businesses and non-member individuals for their generous donations to our bazaar. Please show your gratitude by patronizing their businesses as often as you can.

AKA Distributing
Andy's Private Club
Ruby Atkinson
Lillian Banderson
Ben Lomond Golf Course
Carolyn Cressall
Ed Kenley Ford
Heide Gobbels
John D'Agnillo

Jean & Jerry George
Hines & Co
Lisa Horiuchi
Jimmy's Flower
Mark Kano - State Farm Ins
Koto Restaurant
Darlene Monson
Kent Nomura

Tets Okada
Toshiko Okuda
Oriental Market
Swire Coca Cola
Nina Tibbitts
Utah Bean Sprouts
Utah Onions
Valley View Golf Course

BWA Exchange Trip 2008

By Courtney S.

My summer was going as many other teenagers summer would go, when one day I received a phone call that I could be one of two students to go to Japan on an exchange program sponsored by the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association. When I heard this, I was so excited and very nervous. I'd never been a part of an exchange program before and was worried about communication and afraid of doing something that would embarrass me or my church, the Ogden Buddhist temple.

For a few weeks prior to the trip there were many emails going back and forth between Ruth K.-Ogden Buddhist Temple BWA President, the wonderful lady that selected Jennifer F. and I for this once in a lifetime experience- and Rev. Ronald Kobata, Executive Secretary to the BCA-FBWA. During these email conversations I learned that Sensei's daughter, Tabitha was working part-time at the Hongwanji, and would be there to assist us. That was a relief.

Jennifer and I departed Salt Lake City for Osaka, Japan on July 16th. We had a brief stopover in San Francisco where we were greeted by Rev. Kobata.

During the long flight Jen and I practiced some "Nihon-go".

When we finally landed at the Kansai International Airport in Osaka, we were warmly met by eight very excited Fujinkai representatives with very cute welcome signs. When we were greeted, everything was in Japanese and Jennifer and I were so overwhelmed. The only word I could remember was "wakarimasen". That was a mistake when I said it, because everyone began to speak to me in Japanese all at once. Jennifer and I had to repeat, "English, English. Wakarimasen." When the Fujinkai members realized how limited our Japanese was, one of the ladies, began to speak to us in English. I tried to speak as much Japanese as I knew, but even the few single words didn't help much in the conversations. All the members were very kind and tried to help us learn some Japanese. Not knowing Japanese was the hardest part about the trip. I tried to learn as much Japanese as I could - I wrote some words down in my notebook so that I could remember them.

We finally met Tabitha on the second day. She picked us up to attend the 6:00 a.m. service at the Hongwanji. We spent the day shopping and going on tours, where she translated for us. I couldn't be more grateful to the people who help translate, and even took Jen and I around the cities to site see and enjoy the beautiful, historical sites in Japan.



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As the days flew by, Jen and I met so many kind people in Japan. Everyone was very friendly and would try to make us feel as at home as possible. My favorite place was the Japanese garden, Shukkeien Garden, in Hiroshima. I love to take pictures, and the outdoors, so I really enjoyed the beauty of Japan. I also appreciated the many historical sites we visited. The history in all of the temples amazed me.

Until this trip I had never seen how the Japanese people live on a day to day basis. Home-staying with the Nagai and Otoyama families enabled me to get a better idea of living in Japan. Apart from the ka (mosquitoes) that seemed to have a taste for American blood. During the home stay, our new friend Saori, a friend of Shizuka Nagai performed a traditional Japanese dance called Yosakoi at Saori and Shizuka's college. Also during our stay with the Nagai family, we had the chance to take part in a tea ceremony. It was a very moving experience that I cannot put into words.

During our stay with the Otoyama family, Mrs. Otoyama took Jennifer and I to a ceramic workshop where we made our own pieces. Then we went to a glass shop and made our own glass necklaces. Mrs. Otoyama also took us to an onsen (hot spring). Bathing at an onsen was very new experience for Jennifer and me. Through the home-stay program I discovered more things about myself in Japan than I was able to back home, and appreciated everything that the host families did for us. They were very kind and made me feel as if I were actually a part of their family. I will never forget them and their wonderful hospitality.

After the home-stays, Jennifer and I attended a National YBA Conference being hosted by the Niigata District YBA. There is a wider age range for YBA membership in Japan. At the conference, there were a lot of activities. Our first day there, we had an opening ceremony and we were able to meet the guest speakers for the conference. Later on, we ate a buffet dinner and Jennifer and I were able to pound mochi. During the dinner there were performers who juggled, made balloon animals, mimed and performers who had imitated two famous singers in Japan, a young girl, and an older man, Echicoyuzowa.



The day before we left Japan, we had an audience with Lady Noriko Ohtani. She asked us about what is happening in the United States, and the BCA, and temple involvements and other interests. Following our visit, we were taken on a tour of the inner garden of the Hongwanji complex.

I would like to thank everyone that gave me the opportunity to participate in the FBWA Student Exchange Program, and to all of the people we met during the tour for their generous hospitality and assistance. Jennifer and I had the time of our lives.

This experience has inspired me to become more involved in temple activities and appreciate my Jodo Shinshu heritage.

Gassho,
Courtney S.





Eitaikyo & November Shotsuki Hoyo
Sunday, November 16, 2008
Service at 1:00 p.m.

The Eitaikyo Service is a memorial service for people who have handed down the teaching of the Nembutsu to us. In the glossary in our temple's service book, "Eitaikyo" is defined as a "perpetual memorial service." This is a general memorial service for all departed members of the temple. The word Eitaikyo actually means "perpetual sutra." Eitai means "perpetual" and Kyo means "sutra," or "teaching of Buddha."



Bodhi Day & December Shotsuki Hoyo
Sunday, December 7, 2008
Service at 1:00 p.m.
Otoki Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

At the age of 35, while meditating under the bodhi tree, Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment and became Sakyamuni Buddha. By his example, the Buddha showed us that it was possible for anyone to become a Buddha - a fully enlightened person. We commemorate this very special event on Bodhi Day.



Joya-E
(Last Night Gathering) New Year's Eve Service
Sunday, December 31, 2008
Service at 6:00 p.m.
Potluck Dinner following service

This year end service is held to express gratitude for all the causes and conditions which have allowed us to live this past year. It is a time to reflect upon the interdependence of all Sangha members and the lives we live. At the end of the service all those attending the service participate in the ringing of the Joya no Kane (Last Night Bell). The Temple Bell is rung 108 times signifying the 108 Bonno or Passions that make up our human existence. This bell is rung to recognize these traits in our own personalities and express appreciation for Amida Buddha's compassion, which embraces us, even though we are bound by these passions.

Ogden Buddhist Temple ~ *General Meeting*

It is time for the annual general meeting for our temple. This year it will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. following our Eitaikyo & November Shotsuki Hoyo service. We hope that each of you will stay and attend this very important meeting.

This year we have a lot to review. We also vote on our board members that represent our temple. There are several board positions that need to be filled. Our 2008 President will be Steven Kato (2 year term). The other positions on our board are: President Elect, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, 4th VP, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, and Auditor. If you would like to nominate someone for a board position, please contact Steve Kato before November 16th. Please make sure you have permission from the person before you nominate them.



Northern Utah's Safety Net Fund, How OUR Temple is Helping Those in Need

On Sunday, November 2, 2008 our temple has decided to donate all osaisen collected for the day to the Northern Utah's Safety Net Fund. Along with this, the Ogden Buddhist Church board has approved making a \$200 donation from our temple to this cause. All funds received during the month will be matched by the Alan and Jeanne Hall Foundation. If you would like further information on this fund, please go to <http://www.uwnu.org/>.

BCA Buddhist Bookstore

Did you know there is a bookstore with a wealth of information at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California? They offer Buddhist books, supplies, incense, jewelry, gifts, audio books, music CD's, greeting cards, and more!

The hours of the bookstore are from 10am – 5pm Monday thru Friday.
For further information, please go to <http://stores.buddhistbookstore.com/StoreFront.bok>

Holiday Boutique

The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple will be holding their annual Holiday Boutique on November 22nd from 10am – 4pm and on November 23rd from 11am – 3pm. Be sure to get your holiday shopping done in one spot!

November ❀ December Shotsuki Hoyo

November Shotsuki Hoyo

November 16, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Nov 20 1986 Shizu Fukuda
 Nov 20 2003 Masaru Hamada
 Nov 17 2001 Shigeru Hamada
 Nov 23 2005 Norma Hatsuye Inouye
 Nov 21 1961 Kunimatsu Inouye
 Nov 14 1964 Kyuta Ishibashi
 Nov 6 1981 Kikujiro Ishii
 Nov 21 1982 Masami Itakura
 Nov 21 1961 Chiyoji Kamita
 Nov 16 1993 Toshio George Kano
 Nov 18 2006 Yoshito (Yosh) Kato
 Nov 23 1963 Kiyoyasu Kawashima
 Nov 20 1989 Jimmie Noboru Kunimoto
 Nov 21 1964 Todd T. Kuroiwa
 Nov 2 1981 Masaichiro Marumoto
 Nov 6 1961 Yagoro Nakamoto
 Nov 17 1981 Shigako Nimori
 Nov 26 1991 Kimi Nishikawa
 Nov 27 1959 Jisaku Sakurada
 Nov 26 1964 Kamesaburo Suekawa
 Nov 23 1979 Motoharu Sumida
 Nov 5 1970 Sanji Tawatari
 Nov 11 2001 Dan Tsukamoto
 Nov 7 1988 Kiyonobu Watanabe
 Nov 25 1964 Tomesaku Watanabe
 Nov 24 1979 Suzumi Yamada
 Nov 15 1989 Sidney Yukiyoshi Yamasaki
 Nov 28 1986 Shunjiro Yamasaki
 Nov 23 1991 George Yamashita
 Nov 14 1982 Munagi Yoshitaka

December Shotsuki Hoyo

December 7, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Dec 26 1982 Kristen Taeko Fukawa
 Dec 29 1986 Kasumi Hamada
 Dec 1 1972 Yorito Hamada
 Dec 11 2004 Dick Setsuji Hirabayashi
 Dec 6 1977 Yasu Hirabayashi
 Dec 24 1982 Tome Inouye
 Dec 11 1966 Masayasu Ito
 Dec 7 1991 Nobuo Kamigaki
 Dec 22 1985 Ray Isao Kano
 Dec 19 1989 Hideo Kawaguchi
 Dec 23 2007 Shizu Nakano Miya
 Dec 30 1995 James Sunao Morinaka
 Dec 29 1991 Hanako Moriyama(Yonemoto)
 Dec 23 1961 Yae Murakami
 Dec 29 1995 Suyeo Frank Nakano
 Dec 19 1962 Isekichi Nishiki
 Dec 30 1981 Masashi Nozaki
 Dec 11 1995 Staci Sachiko Oda
 Dec 21 1994 Wataru Jack Oda
 Dec 29 1968 Mitsugu Oda
 Dec 21 1993 Tokiichi George Sato
 Dec 20 1969 Yonekichi Shirazmizu
 Dec 31 1978 Hajime Tokifuji
 Dec 3 1990 Asao Tsukamoto
 Dec 2 1984 Tatsuji Watanabe
 Dec 6 1989 Takako Watanabe (Onishi)
 Dec 22 1969 Toraehei Yamamoto

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service). During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attend that monthly service in memory of their loved one. These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services.

Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services. Rev. Hirano contact information:



Office: 363-4742, Home: 299-8727, Emergency: 718-5755

2008 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2007 – 1 year	1996 – 13 year	1976 – 33 year
2006 – 3 year	1992 – 17 year	1959 – 50 year
2002 – 7 year	1984 – 25 year	1909 – 100 year



NOVEMBER, 2008

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>1</i>						
<i>2</i> 10:30am – Discussion Group 1:00 pm – Family Service <i>*All Osaisen will be donated to Northern Utah Safety Net Fund*</i> 2:00 pm – Sensei Social 2:00 pm – Budge Meeting <i>*SCRIP Orders due*</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>  Election Day	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>19</i> 10:00 am – Dharma School Service 10:30 am – Discussion Group 11:30 am – Meditation 11:30 am – Dharma School Parent Mtg. 1:00 pm – BWA General Meeting <i>*SCRIP Orders due*</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 7:30 pm – Board Meeting	<i>12</i> Ogden Interfaith Meeting hosted by OBC10:30	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> 10:30 am – Discussion Group 1:00 pm - Eitaikyo Service & November Shotsuki Hoyo 2:00 pm – Sensei Social 2:00 pm – Ogden Buddhist Church General Meeting	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 10am – 4pm Salt Lake Holiday Boutique
<i>23</i> 10:00 am – Dharma School Service 10:30 am – Discussion Group 11:30 am – Meditation 11am – 3pm – Salt Lake Holiday Boutique	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>  Thanksgiving	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i> 10:00 am – Dharma School Service 10:30 am – Discussion Group 11:30 am - Meditation						

******TOBAN CLEANING******

Ruth K (Toban Cleaning Leader)
Jeanie P

Ogden Buddhist Church GEPPPO

Lorraine S
Julia F



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Joya-E Service New Year's Eve Potluck PARTY!!!

Please come ring in the New Year with your temple friends and family! James and Marisa A. will be providing us with the traditional Toshi Koshi Soba. Everybody else just bring a dish to share.

We always have lots of food and fun!
What a GREAT way to start 2009!

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>						
	1						6
7	8	7:30 Buddhist Meeting					13
10:30 am – Discussion Group 1:00 pm - Bodhi Day & December Shotsuki Hoyo 2:00 pm – Sensei Social							
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9 am – Jr. YBA Mochi Making
10:00 am – Dharma School Service 10:30 am – Discussion Group 11:30 am – Dharma School Parent Mtg. 11:30 am - Meditation							
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
10:30 am – Discussion Group 1:00 pm – Family Service 2:00 pm – Sensei Social				 CHRISTMAS			
28	29	30	31				
NO Dharma School 9:00 am – Mochi Making 10:30 am – Discussion Group			6:00 pm - Joya- E Service (*see below ↓*)				

****TOBAN CLEANING****

Stan & Tami H
(↑ Toban Cleaning Leader)
Mackenzie H
Alex H
Alice H

