



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events

June 6th – 10:00am Baccalaureate Service with Guest Speakers: Carly and Aly Yamaichi

June 13th – Last Day of Dharma School

June 20th – 10:00am Virtual Family Service Starts

July 4th – Betsuin Office Closed

July 11th – Obon@Home: Mō Ichido

July 17th – 5:00pm Virtual Hatsubon Service

July 18th – 10:00am Virtual Obon Service with Guest Speaker: Rev. Nariaki Rajan Hayashi from Ekoji Buddhist Temple

“Hatred does not cease with hate. Hatred ceases with compassion”

by: Gerald Sakamoto

The recorded acts of violence against Asians and Pacific Islanders continues to rise. There are many videos documenting these horrific acts. Acts that have resulted in fear, injury and death. When we view these acts we are outraged and demand justice.

In our history as people, there is no lack of examples of people dehumanizing and discarding the life of others. When we see a specific act of violence it's hard to think of the long history of violence we have all been involved in. It is hard to think of ourselves as somehow contributing to these acts. But we have been and we will continue to be unless we change ourselves and how we respond.

We know as Buddhists there is cause for current conditions. Yet the turmoil and chaos seems so deeply embedded in the world that a resolution feels impossible. Forces far greater than my comprehension collide and spill into streets and communities. How do we untangle what has plagued us for thousands of years?

Stop AAPI Hate, Black Lives Matter, AIM, Stonewall, Selma, WRA, Tulsa Race Massacre, 40 acres and a mule, Trail of Tears, Wounded Knee, Manifest Destiny, Lili'oukalani the list of atrocities we have visited upon one another is endless. Throughout the world, throughout history, on every continent, we have caused great harm to one another. The Killing Fields of Cambodia, Apartheid in South Africa, Holocaust in Europe. These are examples from just the past two centuries. In 2019 there were 19,000 homicides in the United States.

Since before Shakyamuni Buddha we have caused and experienced difficulties. His enlightenment is a response to the very difficulties we are immersed in today.

Putting this in too large a context can diminish the power of this moment. Putting it in a larger context can remind us that we will find ourselves here again if we do not change our response.

We are who we are. We are the product of countless interactions with not just my life but with life that precedes me. What we learn about ourselves will influence how we respond. We can look at all the insults of lives and choose how to respond. We can respond with measured and equal reaction. Or I can think about, reflect on how my action will result in deepening the behavior I am responding to. If I respond differently, I might change the cycle.

We must respond with compassion. We may feel anger and pain but our response must be rooted in compassion. Compassion that comes from our interdependency with all life.

Compassion must be the base of our response.

Buddhists in the country of Rice, America(米国),

by: Etsuko Mikame

Do you eat rice? I always eat rice which was offered to the Buddha for the Sunday morning service. We called the rice as an offering “*Buppan*” which means “Rice for Buddha.” It is the same rice with the normal rice which we have and has the same taste. In our tradition, we offer the rice to Buddha to express our gratitude for having food.

I have heard that almost half of the world’s population considers rice to be their staple food. In most of the Asian countries such as Japan, Thailand, China, Korea and so on, many people consider rice as the important staple foods. I believe people in Buddhist countries also eat rice as their staple food and they also offer the rice to pay respect to Buddha at temples and their households. But, don’t worry! It doesn’t mean that the United States has no connection with rice, just because rice is not the staple food in the U.S. In Japanese, the United States is written as “*亜米利加* (A me ri ka)” in Chinese character because it comes from the transliteration of “America”. But, nowadays, “*米国* (The country of Rice)” which is the abbreviation of the word is well used and recognized in Japan. So, interestingly, the US is the country of rice in Japanese!

I believe that it is greatly meaningful for us, Buddhists of *米国* (The country of Rice) to understand what rice(米) means to us.

Kanji or Chinese characters were originally inspired by incidents surrounding our life study of the animals, the study of the landscape on the earth and starts in the sky. So, each Chinese character includes its special background story in it. The kanji of Rice, 米 has also interesting story.

Looking at the Chinese character that means “rice (米),” we can see it is composed of three smaller characters --- “eight(八), ten (十) and eight (八)”, which means the number of eighty eight. The number of eighty eight means that complicated operations and a tremendous amount of effort are needed to bring the rice into being. Just as these characters suggest, over the years farmers have exerted many such efforts, putting their hearts into it.

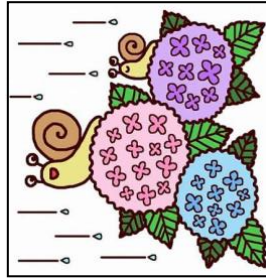
Since my hometown in Shimane, Japan is rich in nature and surrounded by many rice fields, I always saw how rice is grown for a year. My neighbors are still working hard to grow rice and their family living outside the city always come to the house to help with the rice planting. It is generally said that it takes about 150 days to before you can harvest the rice. It starts from planting the rice. In the meantime, there are countless procedures such as watering, fertilizing, weeding, and pest control, and the conditions such as weather and soil quality are also the keys to grow the good rice. So, the number of eighty eight in the Kanji of Rice “米” reminds us that eighty eight steps to get rice into our mouths. I don’t really know it really takes eighty eight steps, however, it is fact that it takes a lot of time and effort on it and many people have engaged in these processes. Although it is invisible, there are always a lot of behind-the-scenes support from someone else in our life. And, each of us also supports each other as one of the important pieces in the big circle.

Amida Buddha casts its light of wisdom to show us the bond of each connection in our life and to make us aware that their time, efforts and support encourage us and make us live here today. I believe that our ancestors started offering rice because eating is the basis of life and it is easy to recall the heart of appreciation when we eat. So, offering rice to the Buddha is the symbolic Buddhist manner to show our appreciation of having food and to lend our hearts towards the efforts, times and support which were taken to make us who we are today. If you don’t eat rice or don’t offer it to your family altar, don’t worry, the most important thing is to remember the time and efforts which was made to bring them to us and to eat it with appreciation.

Japanese Article

by: Etsuko Mikame

水無月だより



*日本語には元をたれば仏教語に通ずる
言葉がたくさんあります。今月は「退屈」と
いう言葉を紹介します。

退屈く修行の苦しみに屈して退くく

退屈といえ、何もすることがなく、ひま

をもてあますことを意味する言葉として、
日常よく使われています。「つまらない話

で退屈した」「遊び相手が見つからなくて
退屈だなあ」などといいますね、「退屈しの
ぎ」という言葉もあります。退屈すると眠気
を誘うことがよくあります。まず、あくびが
出て、そのうち居眠りして……。学生時代の
授業風景を思い出したりしますね。

しかし、退屈は、もともと仏教語で、仏道
修行の苦しさや難しさに屈して（心が折
れて）、仏道を求める心が退き、精進
努力する心をうしなうことを意味していま
した。

菩薩の修行中にも、退屈に遭遇する場合
（三退屈）があります。

① 悟りを求めるのは広大深遠（ほど遠
くむずかしい）であると聞いて起こす
退屈。

② 布施の万行（あらゆる大変な
修行）はきわめて修し難い（むづかしい）と聞いて
起こす退屈。

③ 悟りの働きを得るのは難しいと聞
いて起こす退屈。

これらに対治（怠惰な心を断つこと）する
のを三練磨（さんれんま）といいます。

そこからくたびれて気がおとろえるこ
と、畏縮（おそ縮）すること、困り果てることなどの
意味になり、さらに転じて倦怠（ものごとく）
（嫌になること）の意となり、ひまをもてあ
ますことになりました。説明がややこしくて
退屈しましたか？

私たちが修行の苦しみに耐えられず退屈
して成し遂げられなかった分の修行を修め
てくださるのが阿弥陀仏という仏様で
す。全て南無阿弥陀仏、お念仏一つに込め
て、今私のもとに届いて下さっています。

合掌（三瓶悦子 拝）



President's Message

by: Steve Onishi

We are halfway through the year and things are finally starting to look up! We have certainly been in a dark tunnel for quite some time now. Obviously, it started with the worldwide pandemic and all of the restrictions that followed. Then we went through our nation's racial injustice issues (and continue to experience). More recently, the anti-Asian hate issues have surfaced across the country. Dark times, indeed.

But more recently, there is a light at the end of the tunnel...and I don't think it's a train heading our way! As of this writing, Santa Clara County has just the "yellow" tier, which indicates minimal spread of the coronavirus and allows for higher capacity limits at indoor businesses. Additionally, there has been some constructive talk nationally about trying to address some of the racial injustice issues. Hopefully, this talk will turn into actions, but it is a good first step. The anti-Asian violence issues have also seemingly brought together people from all walks of life throughout the nation. Locally, there is now a large group of volunteers that regularly stroll the streets of Japantown...just to provide a visible deterrent to potential trouble. Most of these volunteers are from the surrounding community, not necessarily residents here. A great example of the community working together!

The Betsuin continues to take the conservative route with regards to reopening. While the county is in the "yellow" tier, we are operating as if we are in the "orange" tier. We are now allowing very small services to be held in the Hondo...many families have put funerals and memorial services on hold for the past year. We are also in discussions about when and how we will reopen all facilities in the future...safely. As mentioned previously, we will not be having a "normal" Obon again this year. It is just too soon to host an event for thousands of people. We will be having another virtual event, so stay tuned for that. We will also be hosting our annual Baccalaureate service in June. Congratulations to all of the graduates! What an incredibly difficult time that you have had to endure, but your future is bright!

We are slowly emerging from the darkness of the tunnel. Please be patient...we don't want to let our guard down too soon. Do your part and get vaccinated as soon as you can. It's the single most important thing that everyone in the Sangha can do to help with our reopening!

In Gassho,

Steve

Update to Kindful Payments

by: Randy Suzuki and Deborah Aso

On January 7, 2021 our donor program "Kindful" was acquired by a company called Bloomerang. We just wanted to let our Sangha know that you might see a change on your statements. The name has changed. When you make a donation, you will no longer see 'Kindful *San Jose Buddhsit Church'. The new name that will appear 'Bloomerang*San Jose Buddhist Church'. Below is the message we received from Kindful, a Bloomerang Product.



Starting May 19, Kindful Payments will be known as **Bloomerang Payments**. It works exactly the same as you've come to expect from Kindful Payments, but you will notice a couple of small changes:

- Payout deposits will display as **Bloomerang Payments** (previously *Kindful Payments*) in your bank statement.
- Donors will see **Bloomerang * [Your Org Name]** (previously *Kindful * [Your Org Name]*) in their bank statements when they make a donation.

Rest assured, Kindful is still the same app you know and love. Our goal has been, and will always be, to allow you to spend less time focused on your database and more time focused on your mission.

COVID-19 Update

by: Randy Suzuki

I hope everyone is beginning to enjoy safe family gatherings and participation in more outdoor events! As it becomes increasingly safer to leave your homes, be mindful of the extra traffic on the roads.

We're still operating one Tier higher than the Santa Clara County guidelines; the Betsuin's operating Tier is ORANGE. We're offering in person Hondo (Temple) weddings, funerals and memorial services limited to 100 attendees plus the officiating minister(s). No Otoki/Refreshments are allowed at this time. Please email (sjbc@sjbetsuin.org) or call (408-293-9292) the Betsuin office to schedule services. If we're not able to answer your phone call, please leave us a message.

Sunday services and special holiday services will remain virtual until further notice. Virtual memorial and funeral services are still available as an option or to supplement attendance to in person services.

The Nokotsudo and Betsuin office is open by advance appointment only. To make appointments, office staff can be reached by email (sjbc@sjbetsuin.org) or by phone (408-293-9292). We're here to help as much as we can, so please email or call us.

In Gassho,
Randy Suzuki

Buddhist Women's Association

by: Barbara Sasaki

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare co-chair, sent 4 cards in the past month.

The beautiful Hanami face masks donated by Bill, Mack and Marvin Kusumoto and their families, have arrived. BWA appreciates their incredibly generous donation. The mask design is pink cherry blossoms on a pastel gray/green background with a white shadow of the BWA logo – stylized heart surrounding the Sagarifuji. The masks are approximately 7 ½ inches wide and 5 ½ inches long. They have 3 layers consisting of polyester, spandex and cotton/spandex. The ear loops are nylon, spandex and have ear loop adjusters which are a TPE plastic. The masks can be machine washed cold and line dry. If you are interested, the donation requested is \$10/mask. You can pick them up from Diane Fujioka in the Betsuin office on Wednesday or Janice Doi in Willow Glen or Karen Akimoto in West San Jose.

Thank you, Diane Fujioka, for keeping us updated on the virtual Nikkei Matsuri Celebration event.

BWA gives a big thank you to Karen Sato who donated to the organization in memory of Carol Sato.

Pack 611, Den 7 Tigers

By: Tiger Den Leaders

This year the Tiger Cubs of Den 7 have been holding virtual meetings about once a month. In the fall the cubs all completed their Bobcat rank by learning and practicing the Cub Scout sign, handshake, salute, oath, law and motto. We had fun making bird feeders at home and walked neighborhood hikes to explore the wilderness of our backyards or nearby trails. We also learned about nutrition and shared all about the snacks we made at home.

We had a break in December, but started back up in January, where we had a wonderful virtual tour of the Hondo from Rinban Sakamoto as part of our duty to God activity. The boys put in a lot of work to make their Pinewood Derby cars. Congratulations to Dylan for having the fastest car of the Tigers! We learned how to prepare for a hike and pack the six essentials. We shared what we learned all about teams (especially our favorites that we follow) and how we all help out different groups in our den, pack, family and community. For our last virtual meeting, we learned magic tricks, how to spell our names in sign language, and secret codes to share with each other.

To close out our year, we had our final meeting, where we got together in person at Baylands park to play some socially distanced games and go for a nice bike ride near the wetlands in Sunnyvale. The Cubs were super excited to see each other, and especially to meet the newest members in person for the first time!

We want to give a huge thank you to all the Tiger parents for getting their Cubs to all the meetings, to James Masuda for serving as a Den Leader before moving away, and to Wes Tao and other Den Leaders for help along the way with all the support in a difficult year.

Den 7 is looking forward to working toward their Wolf rank next year, and hopefully getting the chance to go on outings together in the fall. We wish everyone well in these challenging times.

Boy Scout Troop 611

By: Rajan Dasu

Boys scout activities and troop meetings for March 2021 Owl patrol was patrol of the month. The topic was Pioneering. This included activities in knots and uses, knot tying lessons and whipping and fusing ropes. In place of the annual Family Dinner, Troop 611 partnered with Hukilau and sold gift cards. The troop will receive 20% of the gift card sales throughout the entire year. Sign ups for summer camp at Camp Hi-Sierra started on March 6th. The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council BSA scheduled several zoom meetings to discuss and explain the summer camp process including merit badge signups.

Boy scout activities and troop meetings for April 2021 Antelope was patrol of the month. The topic was the Environment. Activities included how to reduce your trash and how to reduce electricity use. There was a Merit Badge Counselor Training at Coyote Creek Roundtable on April 8th. April 17 was Venture Crew 611 E-waste collection. April 17th was the San Jose Japanese Friendship Garden Community Service. Sixteen scouts participated in the spring cleaning at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The scouts helped with weeding, picking up garbage, cobweb removal and other general landscaping activities. April 24th was Church 4th street lot cleanup. April 28th was the Friends of Scouting presentation. Friends of Scouting is the annual giving campaign that supports our local scouting council. Funds raised from this campaign are crucial for the council to operate and provide support for programs and activities.

Boy Scout activities and troop meetings for May 2021 Buffalo was patrol of the month. The topic was orienteering. May 1st was a community service of tree planting for Arbor Day at Penitencia Creek Park. Many scouts worked hard digging holes so the trees could be planted. Thank you to leaders and parents that lent a helping hand. Cub scouts and parents also participated. May 1st – May 15th was virtual Scout -O-Rama.

Jr. YBA

By: Kaylee Okamoto

This month on April 24th we were able to hold our boba meetup. It was such a great opportunity to see lots of members in person rather than being online. Thank you to those who brought snacks and decorations, and also to Auntie Tammy for making the cute wet wipe pouches and to Mr. Matt for bringing all 60+ boba drinks. During this event, we were also able to give care packages to the local Japantown businesses that included cards written from our previous card making session.

Our cabinet elections were held this month and the results are posted on our instagram account. Congratulations to all our new and returning cabinet members!

It was such a great experience being a historian this year and it will be great to see everyone next year!





Aloha Club

By: Kathy Sakamoto

A 'ohe lana nui ke alu 'ia

“No task is too big when done together by all.”
(‘Olelo no ‘eau-Hawaiian Proverbs)

(And that includes eating!)

Aloha kākou~

IF we stay good and observant and patient – the horizon (without COVID fears) can be in our not-too-distant future!

The islands lost something like 1,800 businesses in 2020 (noted from a Young Professionals forum held mid-Dec 2020 between Hiroshima and Honolulu). And they spoke about diversifying the economy, spending more time creating jobs that are not reliant on tourism and also, getting back to the land, the ‘āina.

I read that Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop donated her lands to the Hawaiian people. Back in 1884 at her death, the 375,500 acres of land was worth about \$474,000. Imagine what it is worth now. She had the foresight to will it to the Hawaiian people, so that they would survive. (Ref. http://ksbe.edu/about_us/about_pauahi/)

Thinking about the challenges of the post-pandemic world, opening back up to travel, ‘normal’ activities, meeting people face-to-face, maskless maybe, it seems that aloha and our Buddhist belief system can go hand in hand, in harmonious step, to make a better ‘normal’ than we had pre-pandemic. We are never perfect, but often, we find that what we’ve replaced was just that – pretty darn perfect.

Navigating the wide expanses of ocean that it took for voyagers to travel from Tahiti to find this tiny set of islands in the middle of the ocean, radiating centrality between continents, is to me, nothing short of perfection. The Hōkūle‘a (<http://hokulea.com>), the Polynesian Voyaging Society, the crew members, the teachers, the navigators, they are sailing again: the Moananuiākea Voyage, ‘circumnavigating the Pacific, inspiring others to action, creating positive change to paraphrase. (<http://www.hokulea.com/waamoana/>) “What if the island we seek, is the earth of tomorrow?” A culture, not based on race, but based on values. TY to Nainoa Thompson and others like him. “It’s not about hope any more. It’s too late for hope. We need to start believing, that we can make that change.”

Enjoy the good weather. Stay safe and healthy! Namō Amida Butsu

~Aloha ~

Kathy

EcoSangha

By: Janice Oda

Homemade Green Recipes for Natural Cleaning

Making your own cleaning products is a lot easier than it seems. Name-brand cleaners are expensive, can be abrasive, and are sometimes harmful to children and pets. Ingredients like ammonium, chlorine bleach, formaldehyde, many anti-bacterials and even some fragrances are some of the most dangerous chemicals (many are carcinogenic) currently used in home cleaning products. Safer replacement ingredients are things like baking soda, castile soap, lemon juice, white vinegar, washing soda (soda ash is another common name for this), vegetable or olive oil, alcohol, cornstarch, hydrogen peroxide and others.

Using eco-friendly products is safer, healthier and just as effective. Be good to yourself and your family and go green. There are lots of recipes online for every cleaning task so I'll include a few favorites here:

Vinyl and Tile Floor Cleaner

- 1 gallon hot water
- 2 Tbsp white vinegar
- 2 tsp Castile soap (vegetable-based soap)
- 2 Tbsp washing soda
- 10-20 drops essential oil (I like citrus or lavender scents but, of course, choose your favorite)

Mix in a bucket and use with mop or cloth.

Disinfectant

- ½ cup white vinegar
- 2 cups hot water (not boiling)
- 1 tsp washing soda (soda ash)
- 10 drops tea tree oil

Mix in a spray bottle. Spray and wipe clean.

All-Purpose Cleaner

- ½ cup white vinegar
- Juice of one lemon
- 2 cups water
- ½ tsp Castile soap

Mix in a spray bottle. Spray and wipe clean.

Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

QIGONG'S ZOOM SCHEDULE June 2 - July 30, 2021

Masa Naito, our Qigong instructor, continues to take a cautious approach & will continue his Zoom classes through the summer. He offers his classes Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, from 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM, most days continuing the chair portion until 11:00 AM. His fee is \$5. per person, per class. You can pay through his PayPal link or by check mailed to his Union City address. There's always room for new people to join his classes!

PayPal link - [Qigong Class \(https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh\)](https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh)

Masanori Naito's mailing address: **33721 10th St., Union City, CA. 94587**

Questions about Qigong movements can be emailed to Masa Naito, kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net. Whenever possible, Masa will give his answers during class explanations.

Enjoy Qigong & stay healthy!

Jeanne Nakano, jmnakano@sbcglobal.net

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class 6/01 - 7/31

Time: Jun 2, 2021 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, until Jul 30, 2021, 26 occurrence(s)

Jun 2, 2021 09:30 AM	Jul 2, 2021 09:30 AM
Jun 4, 2021 09:30 AM	Jul 5, 2021 09:30 AM
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Funeral

In Memory of Mary

Kazuko Tani

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The Pugh Family and
The Anderson Family

In Memory of Torao

Sorakubo

The Family of Torao
Sorakubo
The Hatakeyama Family
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In Memory of Masuko

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In Memory of Kenneth

Miyatake

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Kimiko Akizuki
Linda Sugai
June Kuwada

In Memory of Betty Nishi
Frances Ota

**In Memory of Henry
Yoshiyuki Yoritsune**
Janice, Charlene and Karen
Yoritsune

Wedding

In Honor of our Wedding
Trisha Yamaichi and
Yody Chi

**In Honor of Ryan and
Jamie Ichinaga**
Steven and Lynda Ichinaga

**In Honor of Kylie and John
Tran's Wedding**
Earl and Helen Santo

Special Event

**In Honor of Rinban
Sakamoto's participation
at SJ Insight Meditation**
Berget Jalane
Margaret Gainer
Sylvia Nobbmann
Ellen Oicles

Special Services

Memorial Day
Ann Tanaka

**In Appreciation for
Hanami**
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**In Memory of Ray
Tsutsumi**
The Family of Raymond
Tsutsumi

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Derek Hane

BUDDHIST DISCUSSION ON HATE AAPI

WITH MORE OF AN AWARENESS AROUND HATE AGAINST THE AAPI COMMUNITY, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN A DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE OF ANTI-ASIAN HATE FROM A BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVE. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE THE WIDER COMMUNITY IN A DIALOGUE ON THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021 | STARTING @ 11:00AM

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AS WE CONTINUE TO ADAPT DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, WE HAVE AGAIN DECIDED TO CREATE A VIRTUAL OBON FESTIVAL FOR 2021! JOIN US AS WE BRING TO YOUR HOME **THE FUN, THE FOOD, AND THE GAMES** OF OBON! WATCH LIVE COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, PARTICIPATE IN **CHILDREN'S CRAFTS**, ENJOY PERFORMANCES FROM **SAN JOSE TAIKO, CHIDORI BAND**, AND JOIN IN THE OBON ODORI.

SUNDAY | JULY 11 | 2021

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

1:00PM - 6:00PM

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:

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San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin's **GENERATION** **PICKERS**



Generation Pickers is a different kind of fundraiser. We take in-kind donations of items that we will sell on Ebay or other online marketplaces. Monies generated will help fund the new **San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Education and Activity Building**. It's a great way to turn unused stuff into a facility that will last for years to come. Here are some examples of items we're looking for:

Tech Items: Apple Iphone 7s or later, Samsung Galaxy S8 or newer, GoPro, Ipads, etc

Cameras: High-quality film and digital cameras like Nikon, Canon, Leica, Hasselblad, etc.
Also lenses and accessories for these cameras

Audio/stereo equipment - High end names like Marantz, Phase Linear, MacIntosh, AR, SAE, Scott, B&O, tube equipment and more

Collectibles & Vintage items - Too many to list. Contact us for help in determining value

Vintage Technology - Computers from the 70s and 80s, 1st Generation Iphones, vintage video games, HP calculators, vintage Apple Computer, etc.

Sports Memorabilia - baseball/collector cards, autographed balls, jerseys and photos, etc.

Jewelry - High quality, vintage, collectible, designer, precious metals, gemstones, pearls

Watches - High-end or vintage

Fashion accessories - Vintage or designer handbags, coats, wallets, designer sunglasses, etc.
Designer names such as Gucci, H&M, Coach, Chanel, Prada, Louis Vuitton, Polo, etc.

Collectible shoes - Unused to excellent condition. Sneakerheads clean out your closets!

Professional Tools - Engineering, scientific, construction, technical, manufacturing, testing equipment.

Professional Audio Equipment - Microphones, rack equipment, quality musical instruments, etc

Vintage Fishing gear - Pfluger, Penn, Bamboo fly rods, Ambassadeur Abu Garcia, Fly fishing gear .

We prefer items with an approximate value of \$100 or more and that are easily shippable. But please contact us with questions regarding any items you feel might benefit this program. We're always looking for those hidden gems!

Contact us at sjbcb.ebay@gmail.com or call Mike at (408) 316-4903 for more information

San Jose Betsuin Japanese Language School
Registration Form for the Year 2021 – 2022
Please submit ONE form per student

Classes: September 11, 2021 - May 14, 2022

Classes may be in-person, online, or a combination, pending guidance from the Santa Clara County Health Department.

Student: _____ Age (if < 18) _____
Last Name First Name

Birthday: _____ (Must be 6 years or older on first day of class) Public/Private School Grade: _____

Japanese language ability (B=beginning, I=intermediate, A=advanced): _____

Is the student new to the San Jose Betsuin JLS (Yes/No)? _____

Number of years the student has attended the SJB JLS or other Japanese language school _____

Student Allergies/Medication/Special Needs/Other information the teachers should know:

Parents/Guardians (If this registration is for you, please provide phone # and email & mail address only)

Last Name	First Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email*
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Last Name	First Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email*
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Primary Mail Address: Street	City	Zip
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***Note:** Your email address is crucial to our communication with you and is not shared with anyone. Your application will **not** be processed without an email address.

San Jose Betsuin Japanese Language School, 640 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112

■ <http://www.sjbetsuin.com/programs/japanese-language-school>

■ Contact: jls@sjbestuin.org ■ 1-408 293-9292 for tuition payment

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San Jose Betsuin Japanese Language School Registration Form for the Year 2021 – 2022

Registration Fee*: Per Family

- ☐ Church Member Families or PA Board Member (No fee) = \$ 0.00
- ☐ Non-Church Member Families: \$50: per family = \$ _____
- * This fee is non-refundable and is waived for San Jose Betsuin Buddhist Church member families and PA Board.

Tuition: There is no installment payment plan. Tuition must be paid in full at time of registration.

Church Member Families:

- ☐ \$600 /student per year = \$ _____
- ☐ \$625 /student per year after Sept. 11, 2021 = \$ _____
- ☐ (\$50 Additional Student Discount after 1 full price tuition) = (\$ _____)

Non-Church Families:

- ☐ \$700 /student per year = \$ _____
- ☐ \$725 /student per year after Sept. 11, 2021 = \$ _____
- ☐ (\$50 Additional Student Discount after 1 full price tuition) = (\$ _____)

Payment:

- ☐ Check (payable to: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin) Total = \$ _____
- ☐ PayPal or Credit Card (<http://www.sjbetsuin.com/programs/japanese-language-school/>)

* Please send checks to: San Jose Betsuin Language School, 640 N. 5th St, San Jose, CA, 95112.
Parent Association volunteer deposit is **not** included in the tuition.

Registration deadline for returning students (and siblings) is Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Returning students registered by this date are guaranteed placement in their designated class. New students registered by **Wednesday, July 14, 2021** will be placed in the closest matching class based on space available. After this date, registrations will still be accepted but space in a class is not guaranteed and the student may not be placed into a class on the first day of school. Space is limited to 10 students per class.

Withdrawal deadline: Monday, September 20, 2021 for full tuition refund; after **September 20, 2021** there is a 75% refund of tuition fees; after **Monday, October 4, 2021** there is a 50% refund of tuition fees; after **Monday, October 18, 2021**, no refund. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** If late registrants cannot be placed in a class, tuition will be refunded in full. For withdrawal notification and refunds, please contact the JLS Clerical Assistant (jls@sjbetsuin.org), your JLS teacher, JLS Parent Association **and** the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin office at 408-293-9292 (Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm; Saturday-Sunday 8:30am-4:30pm) to ensure proper and timely refunds. Mailed withdrawal notices **must** be postmarked by the deadline date.

Student: _____ Age (if < 18) _____
Last Name First Name

Signature _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian if student < 18 years old

Email _____ Phone _____
Parent/Guardian if student < 18 years old Parent/Guardian if student < 18 years old

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2021 BYR: VIRTUAL SUMMER PROGRAM

For High School Age Youth

July 12 - 16, 2021 7pm - 10pm (PST)



Attend online sessions with BCA
Ministers and Instructors
Make new lifelong friends
Learn about Buddhism
Register early space is limited

\$30 REGISTRATION DUE BY JUNE 14, 2021

<https://bit.ly/3ckC9r7>

questions: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

2021 BCA YOUTH RETREAT EVENTS

**APR 24:
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
SESSION**

**JUL 12-16:
BYR HIGH
SCHOOL
SUMMER
RETREAT**

**NOV 6:
BYR &
FRIENDS
REUNION
EVENT**

**REG INFO
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YOUR
TEMPLES**



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Buddhist Retreats since 1998

June 25-27, 2021



Shin Buddhism, the largest branch of Buddhism in Japan, is emerging in America. Shin offers a compelling process of approaching life's challenges with effective results. By incorporating simple daily habits of gratitude, its followers are able to appreciate life, regardless of their material circumstances. Introspection, discussion, and insightful activities will bring alive a deep philosophy to a personal experience. Come experience the perspective that makes ordinary life, an extraordinary reality. Human nature informed by Buddha nature, provides a proven path of harmony, amid the challenges of contemporary life. Wake up to American Shin Buddhism.

The Volcani Zen Mountain Center:

A rustic retreat for layfolk in the San Jacinto mountains. www.zmc.org

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

Shin Buddhist monk with a background in transpersonal psychology, wilderness education, and personal growth and body-mind-spirit disciplines.

Details and Registration

\$ 225 before / \$ 250 after May 31: Shared rooms & vegetarian meals

Tuition: by donation at Retreat.

Due to COVID, retreat may be postponed to 2022.

Send email (no money) to ensure registration. This may be the last retreat in Southern Calif.

Contact: Buddhist Temple of San Diego

Email: info@btsd.net ~ Phone: (619) 239-0896

Website: buddhisttemplesandiego.org

Upcoming Services and Events

- June 6th – Baccalaureate Service
- June 13th – Last Day of Dharma School
- June 20th – Family Service Starts
- July 11th – Obon @Home: Mō Ichido
- July 17th – Virtual Hatsubon Service @5:00pm
- July 18th - Virtual Obon Service @ 10:00am with Guest Speaker: Rev. Nariaki Rajan Hayashi from Ekoji Buddhist Temple

Japanese Telephone Dharma Message

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin is now offering a Japanese Dharma Message using your telephone. To listen to the message, you will need to call (408) 293-9292.

If you call between the hours of 8:30am to 5:00pm the Betsuin office staff will have to transfer you to the extension to listen to the Dharma Message.

If you call after 5:00pm, follow the message prompts and select the appropriate number to get you to the Japanese Dharma message.

2021 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

Year	Service
2020	1 st Year
2019	3 rd annual
2015	7 th annual
2009	13 th annual
2005	17 th annual
1997	25 th annual
1989	33 rd annual
1972	50 th annual
1922	100 th annual