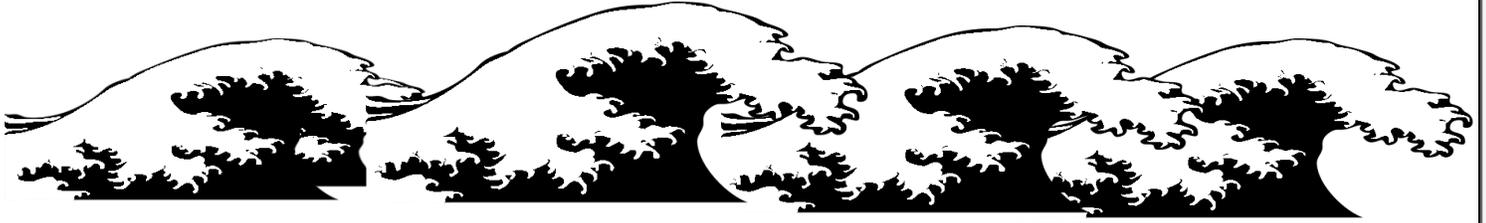


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Cycle of Pain

“However, since the beginningless past, the multitudes of beings have been transmigrating in the ocean of ignorance, sinking aimlessly in the cycle of all forms of existence and bound to the cycle of all forms of pain; accordingly, they lack the entrusting that is pure. In the manner of their existence, they have no entrusting that is true and real. Hence, it is difficult for them to encounter the unexcelled virtues, difficult to realize the supreme, pure shinjin. In all small and foolish beings, at all times, thoughts of greed and desire incessantly defile any goodness of heart; thoughts of anger and hatred constantly consume the dharma-treasure. Even if one urgently acts and urgently practices as though sweeping fire from one’s head, all these acts must be called “poisoned and sundry good,” and “false and deceitful practice.” They cannot be called “true and real action.” To seek to be born in the land of immeasurable light through such false and poisoned good is completely wrong. Why? Because when the Tathagatha was performing bodhisattva practices, there was not a moment - not an instant - when his practice in the three modes of action was tainted by the hindrance of doubt. Because this mind is the Tathagata’s mind of great compassion, it necessarily becomes the truly decisive cause of attaining the fulfilled land. The Tathagatha, turning with compassion toward the ocean of living beings in pain and affliction, has given unhindered and vast pure shinjin to the ocean of sentient beings. This is called the “true and real shinjin that is [Amida’s] benefiting of others.” CWS Page 98 Chapter on Shinjin. SSZ Vol.II page 62.



The year 2020 will mark the 75th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and August 9th. Upward of 226,000 people mostly civilians including women and children were killed or later died from the nuclear blasts. Here we are 75 years later and we still cannot stop the hatred and evil acts that precipitated the events of those fateful days. What have we learned and are we better off now than we were then?

Today we continue to spend billions on instruments of war. We continue to find ourselves embroiled in conflicts in foreign countries. People will argue and discuss the difficulties of politics and our role in the world. Yes, it is difficult, however , what is not difficult is understanding the terrible effects it has on human beings.



What is not difficult to understand is the suffering that is caused by human actions that come from what is called “the ocean of ignorance” that binds us to the cycle of pain. We continue to make bad decisions based on greed, anger and ignorance.

Cycle of Pain - continued

In our Buddhist tradition we gather regularly to observe the memorial of those who have died. We do this each month at our temples, we commemorate the day the Buddha died, the day Shinran Shonin died and we hold private family memorials to mark the days, months and years that go by since their deaths. For those not familiar with Buddhism and the Jodoshinshu tradition it may appear that there is an obsession with death and dying. On the contrary, there is an obsession with our life being mired in suffering and the search for peace of mind, the search for enlightenment. Death and life are one in the same, two sides of a coin each enriching the other.

We conduct these memorials because we don't want to forget. We don't want to forget the Dharma that the Buddha taught, we don't want to forget Truths revealed by Shinran, we don't want to forget the contributions of our family members, and we don't want to forget the horrors of war and the voices that echo "Never Again!"

We are "small and foolish" beings who need to be reminded again and again of our deep connections to all who have died, and when we can direct our thoughts toward them, we become more conscious of this life, and we become more conscious of the vast and pure shinjin 信心. As we observe the 75th Anniversary of the nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, let us re-dedicate ourselves to peace in our homes, in our communities and in our nation and world. Let us bow our heads in gratitude to those who have gone before us and who reveal to us the truth of life.

Namoamidabutsu,

How grateful I am

Rev. Hosei Shinsek

AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO
“SATURDAY”, August 1, 2020 – 10:00 A.M. (“Live Stream Service”)

Deceased**Family**

Iwagusu Tabata

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Shii Murakami

Mrs. Mary Kinoshita

Yuemon Higashi

Mr. Craig Higashi

Aki Takigawa

Mr. Gene Takigawa

Bunjiro Shingu

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Haru Narasaki

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Kazuto Morikawa

Mr. & Mrs. Rey & Anne Alamares

Toraichi Sumida

Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Betsy Sumida

Kumajiro Hatano &

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hatano

Shige Hatano

Kanji Oyama & Helen Oyama

Mr. Ed Oyama

Kiyochi Frank Kadani

Mrs. Diana Kadani

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Tom Kazuhiko Sasaki

Mr. Edwin Sasaki

Fumiko Menda

Mr. Rollins Menda & Family

Takashi “Tak” Yokota

Dr. Eric Yokota

**June and July Shotsuki Hoyo
Donations**

Fumi Yamashita
Andy & Kathie Yoshiyama
Rev. Jay & Jane Shinseki
Roy & Sydney Yamashita
Margaret Satow

Toshiko Uyeda
Gary & Linda Shingu
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June Obon Festival Donations Received

Thank you to the follow members and friends of the temple for their thoughtful Obon Festival Donations:

Merv Kato
Marlyn Johnson
Bob Miyamoto

Dale & Rosan Ito
Mikel & Mary Brown
Kurt Kodama

Karen Sakai & Charles Dene
Toru & Mary Kinoshita
Andy & Kathie Yoshiyama

Special June Donations Received

Fumiko Kawasaki, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Mitsuye Hashimoto
Junko Kanaya Adams, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Mitsuye Kanaya
Jane Naito, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Koichi Tanaka, Nakayo Kadani,
Danny Tanaka, Alice Kadani and Koyomi Tanaka
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Clifford Shingu, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Fumi Shingu and Yas Yaguchi
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Alyson Han, Special temple donation
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Marty Froomin, donation received in appreciation of Rev. Shinseki
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2020 Membership Dues Received

Jim and Yoshiko Arao & family

Dr. John Ishizuka

Kurt Kodama

Itsuo and Keiko Nakasako

Dr. Gregg and Julie Satow & family

Tom and Eileen Fukunaga

Jon and Joan Ito

Dr. Alan Amemiya and Linda Kadani

Jane Okuma and Chris Gordon

Fumiko Imai

George Kodama

Thank you everyone for all your generous donations and thank you to all our members who have paid their 2020 Temple dues.

All your financial support is appreciated during this very stressful time and your donations have helped us pay for the upkeep of our beautiful temple.

NOTES OF INTEREST**Online Live Streaming Sunday Services or Dharma Messages**

The Monterey Buddhist Temple will offer live streaming services each Sunday at 10:00 am until further notice. Log into the temple website at montereybuddhist.org. On the home page, you will see a link to the "Sunday Service Live Stream". Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 am. In August, we will try to post a Dharma Message instead of a full Sunday Service. Shotsuki Hoyo Services will be a Live Stream service.

Gassho,
Rev. Jay Shinseki

On Line Donation Option Available on Temple Website

Make a one time donation to the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple using a credit card via PayPal. No PayPal account is required, except to setup a recurring (monthly) donation if that is something you would like to consider.

Please view our website at montereybuddhist.org. This option appears on the footer of every page of our website. We appreciate everyone's generous donations and we hope this option will make it easier to forward your donations to our temple in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact our temple through our email:
montereydec@gmail.com

2020 Membership Forms

Please find in this newsletter our 2020 Membership form. The temple dues have remained the same as 2019. However, we once again are asking those who can participate to send in the additional \$155.00 BCA membership dues. The BCA dues have increased this year due to the increased 2020 Budget for the BCA.

Thank you to all our members who have paid for their 2020 Temple dues.

Arigatogozaimashita

CONGRATULATIONS TO THREE MORE RECIPIENTS OF THE MPBT SCHOLARSHIPS

MS. AMANDA SATOW, R.N.



Amanda graduated from Carmel High in 2011 and UC Irvine with a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) in 2016 and is currently working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

She loves the challenge of healing the smallest of patients and giving back to our community. She is really very appreciative of all the support from Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple and loves working at Obon and keeping in close touch with her old gang from YBA.

MS. CASSIDY SATOW



Cassidy just graduated from the University of Washington with a BS in psychology and a minor in law, societies and justice.

Cassidy is currently finishing up 3 credits of research and working part time at her father's office.

She is still evaluating what she is going to do next and has decided to move home from Seattle so she can save her money and spend time with her family during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

DR. BRITNEY SATOW

After receiving a scholarship from the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple in 2010, Britney Satow attended UC Davis. Over the next four years she had a rigorous course load of science classes while also holding the positions of oboe and principal English horn with the UC Davis Symphony



Orchestra. While in the Orchestra, Britney performed in many concerts and was able to tour in Spain with the Symphony. In 2014, she earned her degree in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior with a minor in Music. After UC Davis, Britney took some time off from school to spend time with her grandfather, Randy Satow, before his passing in the fall of 2014. She became a Pharmacy Technician at Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy during this time to determine if she truly wanted to pursue pharmacy.

In the fall of 2016, Britney started pharmacy school at California Northstate University in Elk Grove, CA, to earn her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She was highly successful within the first semester and was quickly asked by her professors to tutor for her classmates. After demonstrating a knack for teaching through tutoring, she was asked to provide supplemental instruction in the course, Cellular & Molecular Biology with Biochemistry, for the following year. During her first year, she was also elected by faculty to represent the school by being a part of the 2017 California Student Pharmacy Leadership (CAPSLEAD) team.

As a Supplemental instruction Leader, Britney and her co-leader prepared material to teach, facilitated sessions, and held office hours for first year students. With her experience in teaching in supplemental instruction, she became first author on a national publication in the American Pharmacist Association's magazine, The Student Pharmacist. Her work with supplemental instruction also led to presentations at both state and local conferences.

Through pharmacy school, Britney was a dedicated student, held various leadership positions, was the most active tutor in her class, and participated in pancreatic cancer research. By the end of her third year, she received national recognition again by being named an American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Walmart Scholar. She was one of 80 students nationwide to receive recognition for her academic pursuits in 2019 and attended the national conference in Chicago, IL.

With a dedicated work ethic, Britney continued to do well in her fourth year on her advanced rotations while also pursuing competitive residency positions. At the end of pharmacy school, Britney was awarded P4 Student of the Year and the Mylan excellence award in pharmacy.

On May 16th, 2020, her school held a virtual graduation ceremony where she graduated in the top of her class and gave a speech as Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian. She is pleased to announce that she will be the Resident Pharmacist at Adventist Health Lodi Memorial/ California Northstate University College of Pharmacy starting in July. She will be training to become a clinical pharmacist while also pursuing academia. Britney is very grateful to all of her family and friends for their support throughout her academic career and the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple for being there from the start!

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August 1, 2020	“SATURDAY”	10:00 am	Shotsuki Service - Live Stream
August 9, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Dharma Message – Live Stream
August 16, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Dharma Message – Live Stream
August 23, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Dharma Message - Live Stream
August 30,2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Dharma Message – Live Stream