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## Why we Say “Namo Amida Butsu” Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy March everyone! We are now out of the winter season and saying hello to spring! While the weather warms up, we still have quite a bit of rain that may keep us indoors. This month Rev. Cyndi and I will embark on a small adventure returning to Japan, specifically Kyoto! I was privileged to live in Kyoto for two years of my life training to become a minister. During this time, I met some life-long friends who I hope to reconnect with, as well as participating in services at our head temple of Nishi Hongwanji.

If we are lucky, we might be able to see some beautiful Sakura blooming around the city. I know for a fact that I will be filled with the feeling of natsukashii (nostalgia) during this time.

I also recollect many of the lessons that I received while attending classes at Chubutsu. One of the sensei that talked to us about our school of Jodo Shinshu lectured on the idea of Buddhist awakening. For us as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, our singular practice is to say “Namo Amida Butsu”. This is because we are encouraged to awaken and accept the true nature of ourselves.

We “Namo Amida Butsu” because we are ordinary beings who are not fully enlightened. This is part of an acknowledgement of our human nature which can be selfish, and conceited. We are not always this way, and I would like to believe that most of the time we are conducting ourselves in the best ways possible. We say “Namo Amida Butsu” because this practice is perfectly made for us to engage in on a daily-life basis.

The vast majority of us cannot devote weeks or months of our time to go to meditation or Buddhist retreats to cultivate our merit and our spiritual fortitude. According to our founder, Shinran Shonin, the Nembutsu (Namo Amida Butsu) is the culmination of all of the Buddhist practices that are needed for enlightenment into one phrase. Taking refuge in the Nembutsu is our surest method to enlightenment for Amida Buddha’s vows were specifically stated for the sake of all sentient beings.

Springtime is often synonymous with the melting of the ice of our passions and the awakening to the working of Amida. This is also reflected in Namo Amida Butsu. Many visitors who come to the temple may wonder why we always

place our hands together and say this phrase over and over again. This is our practice, this our refuge.

## Are You Listening? Judy Hittle, OBT President



I heard this from Bishop Harada at a recent workshop:

“Gomonshu Koshin Ohtani reports how in Japan, a sign on a temple wall lists a set of rules for hearing.

1. You should listen as if you are hearing it for the very first time.
2. You should listen as if the message is for you alone.
3. You should listen as if this is the last time you will ever do so in your life.

I’m certain that all of you have heard of the Southern California Wildfires. You probably felt sad for the damages that have been caused. Remember, interconnectedness? No, I’m not speaking of climate change, although there probably is a story there too. I’m speaking of the people in Southern California. You’ve heard by now of the Pasadena Buddhist Temple that was saved by a neighbor who literally jumped over the wall to put out the starting of a fire that had begun to burn on the Temple. That act of kindness, saved the Temple. But did you hear about the families who experienced total loss of their possessions? The extent is not yet known, but many were temple families. It wasn’t just in Pasadena, but in other Southern California towns. We are probably not personally affected by this, unless we are related to someone who was unfortunate to experience such losses. Remember, a little act of kindness from all of us, could help someone in need, - just as the neighbor stopped the fire on the Pasadena Temple.

As you enter our temple, you will notice a collection box for this Southern California Wildfire Relief Fund promoted by the BCA (Buddhist Churches of America). Please know that any contribution amount helps and collectively we can help someone from a temple family or their community. Please consider donating to this fund. We will have this collection box available for the month of March, at the end of which, we will forward all funds collected to the BCA.

“This message is for you alone.”

Thank you for listening.

*“OBT welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation.”*

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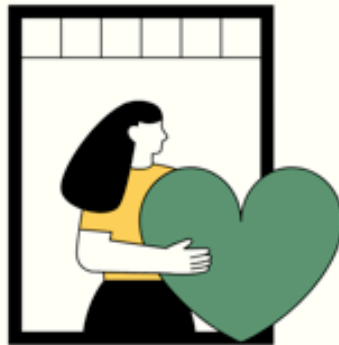
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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF



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## BCA Dial the Dharma

Weekly dharma messages from Bishop Marvin Harada

800-817-7918

or

[Listen on Soundcloud](#)

New messages every Wednesday in English, Spanish, or Japanese

## March Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of March. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the March 16 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).

Chozo Abe, 3/26/1962	Toraichi Kurata, 3/12/1956	Akira Cap Saheki, 3/31/2014
Michael Allyn Noboru Ando, 3/8/2018	Tatsuko Kuribayashi, 3/8/2011	Hisako Saito, 3/25/2002*
George Shigeru Aoki, 3/8/1986	Wallace Kurihara, 3/19/2020	Chiyoko Sakurai, 3/11/1986*
Wonchoon Choi, 3/6/1966	Karen Fusae Lazzeroni, 3/20/2019	Iki Sanjo, 3/26/1970
Eric Dahl, 3/1/2018	Yaeko Maeda, 3/23/1986*	Ojiro Art Sasaki, 3/27/2004
Masako Dilley, 3/23/1991	Mathew M Masuoka, 3/20/1998	Sueno Sato, 3/12/1980
Ben Feingold, 3/22/1982	Henry Matsunaga, 3/10/1985	Beatrice Serikaku, 3/31/1999
Haru Fujita, 3/7/1999*	Iki Mishiro, 3/1970*	Sadaji Shiogi, 3/14/1975
Hana Hamada, 3/9/1993*	Hitoshi Miura, 3/18/1975	Joe Shiraishi, 3/6/2005
Eijiro Hara, 3/16/1959	Wataru Mizote, 3/4/1962	Yutaka Shiraishi, 3/19/1996
Shinichi Hariya, 3/9/1955	Makie Muraki, 3/24/2017	Yukino Takabayashi, 3/9/1976*
Koji Haruki, 3/23/1959	Kyu Muramatsu, 3/31/1966*	Yoshigo Takano, 3/7/1963
Taro Hataseki, 3/7/1953	Sumi Naganuma, 3/1981*	Dori Junko Takeuchi, 3/22/1976
Roy Higashi, 3/19/1998	Leke Nakashimada, 3/30/2012	Janet Setsuko Takeuchi, 3/22/1976
Sumiko Ikata, 3/30/2016*	Mary Nakashimada, 3/15/2009	Kuniji Tamura, 3/17/2001
Shohachi Itoyama, 3/11/1956	Tatsuzo Nakashimada, 3/5/1952	Howard Toshikatsu Tanada, 3/29/1994
Shigeichi Kakishita, 3/1/1993	Takeshi Nakaya, 3/16/2019	Toshiko Tanaka, 3/23/2013*
Nancy Hisako Kanai, 3/12/1987	Koji Naruki, 3/23/1959	Yutaka Tanaka, 3/10/1962
Hanjiro Kato, 3/27/1955	Gunichi Nishida, 3/25/1997	Tokichi Tom Tsujimura, 3/8/1971
James Keijiro Kida, 3/31/1988	Kijyu Nishimura, 3/31/1982*	Kazue Uyesugi, 3/1974*
Sada Kitagawa, 3/20/1993	Shinichi Nunotani, 3/9/1955	Shio Uyetake, 3/16/2009
Chikara Koike, 3/10/1986	Zenzaburo Ochiai, 3/4/1982	Jack Shizuma Watari, 3/19/1999
Toshiko Koike, 3/31/2006*	Hatsu Okabayashi, 3/19/1968	Frances Yurie Yamada, 3/26/2015
Jean Owashi Kono, 3/3/2015	Fred Onishi, 3/1/1982	Senichiro Yamada, 3/1/1958
Isao Kuranishi, 3/26/1995	Tameichi Rikiishi, 3/30/1964	Shigetaro Yamano, 3/6/1978
Torakazu Kuranishi, 3/12/1956	Yoshito G Sadamoto, 3/30/2006	Yoko Yuzuriha, 3/26/2023

\* OBWA member



**Alice Katsuko Tano**  
10/20/1936 - 2/6/2025

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Alice Tano who passed away February 6th, 2025. She was a dedicated and active community and Oregon Buddhist Temple member since 1959, after growing up in Kent, Washington and Vale/Ontario, Oregon.

She is survived by daughters Nanette (Brad) Magee, Cynthia (Doug) Tathwell and Kim (Dave) Tano Weaver; grandchildren Sean (Katrina) Magee of Arizona, Chanell (Jordan) Brown, Trace Tathwell and Max Weaver of Portland, Oregon; great-grandchildren Ava and Bryson Magee; and her brother Donald Nakano and sisters June Miura and Colleen Grant.

A Memorial Service will be held at Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 S.E. 34th Ave., Portland, OR on March 8th, 2025 at 1:30pm. Please see the full obituary at this link: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/portland-or/alice-tano-12237603>

## **Oregon Buddhist Temple January 2025 Donations**

### ***In memory of Sahomi Tachibana***

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#### ***In memory of Tom Hokama***

Pat Hokama

#### ***In memory of Sonoe Muraoka***

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#### ***In memory of Sakae Ando***

Diane Ando Harder  
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#### ***In memory of Francis Iwamoto***

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### ***In memory of Nami Sasaki***

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### ***Special donations***

Geoge & Kathleen Anderson Charitable  
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Roberta Ando (BCA Dana Program)  
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Katie Tamiyasu  
Dana Kakishita  
Pat Hokama  
Anonymous

### ***2025 Annual Pledge***

Gerald & JoAnn Sumoge  
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Elaine Yuzuriha  
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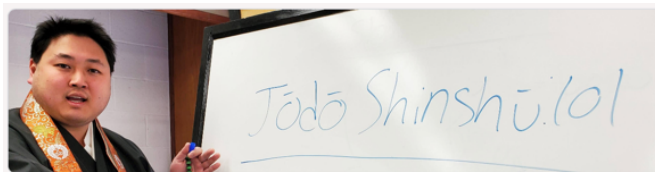
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Susan Endecott

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## **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](#)





**OBT Board Meeting  
Summary**  
Jack Kostylo, OBT Secretary

The OBT Board meeting was held on February 5th at 6:32pm. Motions were passed to increase payment to guest ministers holding seminars two hours or longer, to fully reimburse the CD YBL conference registration fee for attending youth, and to cover half the cost for Reverend Umezu's June LGBTQ+ service (other half by the OBWA). There was additional conversation about fundraiser dates, future speakers, and temple donations. The meeting ended at 8:59pm.



**Eagle Scout Project**  
Marilyn Achterman

The temple has an outdoor setting adorned with two handcrafted tables with benches. This new

welcoming addition was made by Mr. Finn Murray, as his Eagle Scout project. The temple is fortunate that Finn chose us to be a part of this honorable award. The parameters of becoming an Eagle Scout include earning merit badges, holding leadership positions, being active in the community and presentation and acceptance of their project to the Scouting review board.

Finn is a junior at Ida B. Wells High School. He has been a part of scouting since grade school. His older brother was also awarded his Eagle Scout. Finn's father is in the construction business. We met Finn's mother last summer helping in the food booths at Obonfest.

Finn and his father presented the bench tables at a Sunday service in January. The temple looks forward to years of outdoor dharma school classes, game days, picnics, concerts and fostering friendships.

The temple thanks Finn Murray, his family and his Boy Scout troop for thinking of the temple.





### OBWA News Nancy Kajitsu

Our lively OBWA community celebrated a mild New Year's at a Luncheon at Plenty Buffet Restaurant on February 15, 2025. Miss Jean joined our luncheon/meeting along with 20 others and 3 on Zoom!

We also welcome new members, Connie Masuoka and Betty Hasuike Young.

The OBWA will greatly miss Alice Tano who passed away in February. Funeral services will be March 8, 2025.

A get well to Janice Okamoto who is having surgery in Utah under her son, Gary's ever watchful eyes.

Happy Birthday in March to Mai Thi, Setsy and Amy! A milestone birthday for Atsuko Richards!

Our next meeting will be onsite at Temple on March 15. Also attendance will include [Zoom](#). Meeting will begin with a A Healthy Body Workout with Avery at 9:45.



### Girl Scout News Amy Peterson

The girls are going into their open cookie sales which means if you haven't ordered your Girl Scout cookies there is still time. If you pre-ordered your cookies the girls will have them at the front table for you to pay and pick up. They will also have cookies to sell. We apologize to anyone who ordered Lemonades as there was a production problem and we're waiting for replacement cookies and we'll keep you updated. We should have replacements of orders by March 7th.

Please use the following [link](#), QR code or email us at [gstroop43720obt@gmail.com](mailto:gstroop43720obt@gmail.com).



The girls are progressing with their camping progression and the new girls will have their first overnight. Then they should be ready for a Service Unit campout in May. They're also working on their Thinking day Patch, their PI Day patch, Girl Scout Sunday participation March 9th, and GS Birthday. These girls are exciting, creative and hope to see them helping around the temple. The girls all have different beliefs which works well with Girl Scouts so they can follow their own beliefs but still follow the GS Promise and LAW which in some cases mirrors the 6 Perfections.

As part of their Thinking Day Patch they are reaching out to their sister scouts around. We're exchanging postcards with other BCA troops/groups and they decided to make their own Portland OR Postcards. They've already received two so will be sending them out in March.



### Thank You to Toban Groups Amy Peterson

Last month we gave you some information about cleaning areas for a couple of toban groups. They work quietly in the background and not sure you have noticed. Below are the lists of these fantastic volunteers who take their time to make such a difference. Flower Toban does the shrine flowers plus several arrangements downstairs. Obuppan Toban puts up shrine offerings before service. If possible they sometimes convert these offerings into snacks downstairs. Thanks for all you do! Gassho.

#### Flower Toban

Etsu Osaki  
Hiroko Stacy  
Janice Okamoto  
Jeanette Hager  
Jayne Ichikawa  
June Shiigi  
Naomi Masuoka  
Susan Endecott  
Yasuko Fields

#### Obuppan Toban

Kiyomi Dickinson  
Maho Garner  
Kay Inoue  
Tasha Moro  
Marlene Moro  
Roberta Ando



### 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!





**The Minidoka Swing Band Concert on April 4, 2025 in Hillsboro**  
**Elaine Yuzuriha and Laura Baxter**

The Minidoka Swing Band began in 2007 by Robbie Tsuboi, who wanted to create a youth band to teach her Jr. JACL group Unite People about the internment of Japanese Americans through the music of the World War 2 era. The band was led by former Cleveland High School band director Larry Nobori. Their goal was to attend and entertain at the Minidoka Camp Pilgrimage in July, 2008. The band has stayed active under the leadership of Larry Nobori and Laura Baxter, who began managing the band after the untimely passing of Robbie Tsuboi in 2010. During those years, the band traveled to Japan to perform in 2015, performed at the National JACL Conference in Seattle, played at the Northwest Buddhist Convention held in Portland in 2014, and toured Northern California in 2019. They have recorded two CD's and were featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal in 2010.



Since 2012, the Minidoka Swing Band has practiced in the basement of Oregon Buddhist Temple. They have been very active playing around the Portland Metro area, and as far as Eugene to Hillsboro to Woodland, WA, to Gresham. We continue to entertain as we educate the public about the Japanese American Internment of World War 2. Under the directorship of Al Kato, former Jesuit High School band director, and management of Elaine and Todd Yuzuriha, the band continued to flourish in 2024. Sadly, Al passed away much too soon last September, after having played with the band as our soloing trumpet since 2016. This has been a tremendous blow to the band.

The Band has a full lineup of performances happening this year in 2025! One special performance that is open to the public will be on April 4th, 2025 in Hillsboro, OR. This is a ticketed event and will be held inside the beautiful Walter's Cultural Arts Center, 527 E Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123, Friday evening from 7:30 to 9:30pm. This performance is supported by a City of Hillsboro Performance Series Grant and directly supports the Minidoka Swing Band with a portion

of the proceeds benefiting The Immigrant Story. MSB will team up with Unite People, led by Dr. Connie Masuoka, to tell the story of WWII Japanese Americans who were taken from their homes and businesses on the West Coast in 1942 and interned behind barbed wire in assembly centers, 10 concentration camps, and military prisons. The band will tell this story through music and testimonials. Come support MSB and remember. Please check online at this [link](#) for ticket information!

<https://cityofhillsboro.ticketspice.com/minidoka-swing-band-2025>



**Sing with the OBT Choir**  
**Elaine Yuzuriha**

Please come and enjoy the joy and camaraderie of singing. We plan to start up choir practice after service on Sunday, March 2nd, 23rd, and 30th around 11:30 pm, after Dharma Exchange. We will have practice on April 6th also. Hopefully we can get ready for Hanamatsuri.

We can use anyone, we need sopranos, altos, tenors, and baritone/bass voices. No experience necessary. Come try it for a week at least! Any questions? Ask Elaine at [elaine@minidokaswingband.com](mailto:elaine@minidokaswingband.com).

Thank you!



**SAVE THE DATE: May 10th**  
**Carol Saiget**

**Author, Dr. Satsuki Ina will be at the OBT to share her book, *The Poet and the Silk Girl: A Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest*.** Her novel is a "compelling and prismatic love story" of her parent's "defiance in the face of injustices" during WWII and "how their story echoes across generations." As a licensed psychotherapist, specializing in community trauma, and an activist, Dr. Ina is uniquely qualified to share her family's story, while connecting it to modern-day mass incarceration and treatment of immigrants.

Please see the attached [flyer](#) or the OBT [website](#) for more details about this event.

Copies of the book will be available for sale at the temple prior to the May event. The event will be co-hosted by the OBT and the Japanese American Museum of Oregon.

Note: Dr. Ina cofounded Tsuru for Solidarity, a nonviolent, direct-action project of Japanese American social justice advocates working to end detention sites and support directly impacted immigrant and refugee communities that are being targeted by racist, inhumane immigration policies.



**2025 Japanese American  
Community Graduation Banquet  
Ann Shintani**

Founded in 1947, the greater Portland area Japanese-American community has been celebrating graduating high school seniors associated with participating organizations, and those of Japanese-American ancestry in the local area. There are many volunteers that make this event happen, and the Oregon Buddhist Temple is one of several participating organizations – others include the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapters of the Japanese American Citizen’s League, other local churches and social groups. The community also offers several scholarships to students that are members of one of the participating organizations (there are some exceptions).

The 2024 graduation banquet speaker, Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Artistic Director of Portland Taiko, shared her experiences of breaking ground as one of the first female in an art form traditionally reserved for males, and other struggles. Her persistence and dedication inspired students to seek ways to inspire and help others. The 2025 graduation banquet speaker is Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Executive Director of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon.

This luncheon is an opportunity for our community to celebrate our high school graduates for 2025, Avery Hughes-

Davis and Midori Carrollo. The Community Graduation Banquet luncheon will take place on Sunday, May 4, 1:00pm at the Riverside Golf and Country Club in Portland, OR. The tickets are \$50/person (graduating seniors will receive an invitation). To purchase tickets, please contact Ann Shintani ([ann@hoonko.com](mailto:ann@hoonko.com)) before April 21, 2025. The deadline for scholarship applications ([www.pdxjacl.org/scholarships](http://www.pdxjacl.org/scholarships)) is March 1st, 2025. Graduates need not apply for these scholarships to be invited to the graduation luncheon.



Gov. Kotek joins Connie Masuoka, Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Lynn Fuchigami-Park, and Setsy Larouche at Oregon Rises Above Hate kick-off day at the Lan Su Garden in May 2024.

**Please Join Us with Rev. Koyama :**



Sunday, March 9, 2025 10am

Sunday, April 13, 2025 10am

Hanamatsuri (Shakyamuni Buddha’s Birthday)







## Mottainai Craft Group Toyoko Oguri

Mottainai craft group met on February 22 in the basement of the temple with over 18 people in attendance. Participants were working on making bags, scarf, head covering, kimono and happi, while others learned a new craft in a sashiko workshop given by Toyoko. Sashiko is a practical craft that prolongs the life of everyday garments, bags or coverings so it can be passed on to the next generation. This workshop was originally conducted by Setsu Ueno on April 28, 2001, and Setsu's daughter continued with the same

material for the next generation of crafters. The class roster from 24 years ago has some familiar names!

We welcome requests for items to make for the temple, such as nenju case, aprons, and anesan kaburi (head coverings for kitchen workers). We can also make or teach you how to make custom size happi, yukata or monpe (farmer's pants).

**WHAT'S AHEAD:** A closed meeting on Wednesday, March 5 at a member's home. Open regular meeting on Wednesday April 16.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Marbling workshop to refurbish stained obi and tabi foot coverings. After the month of May, the group will ramp up to meet often to work on items for the kimono sales during ObonFest preparation.



**Rev. Kenneth Tanaka**  
**Seminar and Service, February 8 and 9, 2025**





## OBT Photos from "Back in the Day"

Can you match names with any of these faces?

Mail in your guesses (photo #, names) to [jj78749@gmail.com](mailto:jj78749@gmail.com). We will thank you in a future newsletter issue.



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## 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=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

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](#) 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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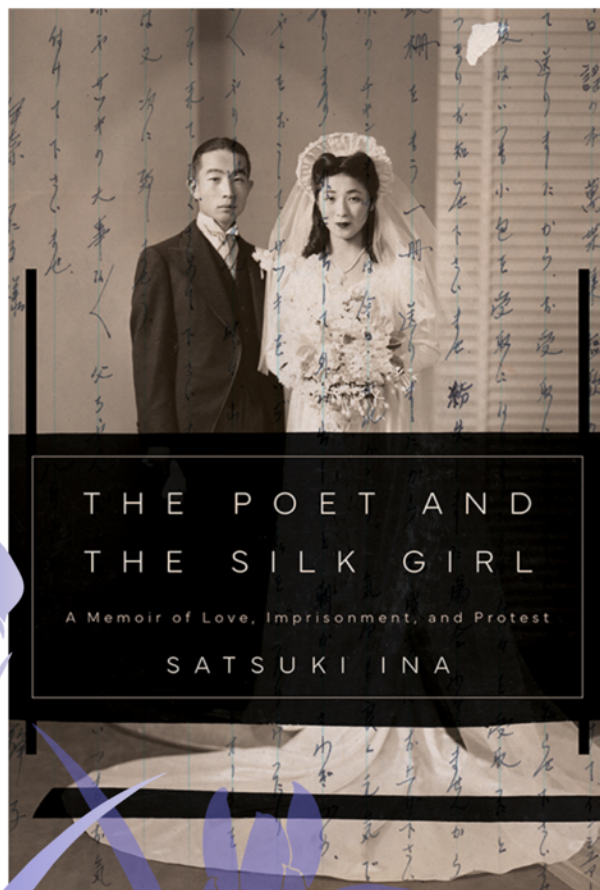
# The Poet and the Silk Girl Book Talk

by the author, Dr. Satsuki Ina  
(Co-founder of *Tsuru for Solidarity*)

Saturday, **May 10th**, 2025  
2pm

at Oregon Buddhist Temple  
(3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland)

*“What secrets were so painful they had to be suppressed? What choices did my parents make?”*



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