Significance of Observing Funeral and Memorial Services in Our Tradition
Rev. Takashi Miyaji

Recently, it has been brought to my attention that the Buddhist customs of observing funerals and memorial services have been getting somewhat confused and families might be a little hesitant in approaching and understanding them. Some people might be under the impression that although a particular family member might have been Buddhist but the remaining family does not identify as strongly with that religion, that they should not carry out a Buddhist funeral or memorial service. I hope to provide some explanation that may get these people to reflect further on this matter.

Contrary to what might be believed in other Buddhist schools, the Jodo Shinshu, or Shin school, observes funerals and memorial services not as a way to ensure that the deceased loved one gets to a good place. Rather, we observe these services to express our gratitude and remember our loved ones who have physically departed from this world but are now born in the Pure Land and working on us to encounter and hear the teachings of the Buddha Dharma. In other words, we do not observe these services as a way of producing good karma that will send our loved ones to a good place. Our loved ones are instead, working on us to awaken to the nembutsu teaching. For that, we express our gratitude and remember our loved ones. That is why I personally believe the phrase “Rest in Peace” does not work in our tradition because the person does not “rest,” per se. The person now fully joins the dynamic reality that is always in motion, working to get us to awaken to true wisdom and compassion.
Let me further go into the significance of what a funeral means in our tradition. In a funeral, the person’s Buddhist name, or hōmyo, is proclaimed to the sangha (those in attendance of the service). It is a significant rite to explain that the person is now born in the Pure Land as a disciple of the Buddha. That is why every hōmyo begins with the word “Shaku” to explain that the person is now part of Śākyamuni Buddha’s family of disciples, known as the Śākya (pronounced shah-kya) clan. The specific name that is given to the person is a reflection of how he/she lived during this life.

For example, one hōmyo that I am aware of is Shaku Myōkō 釈妙香, which can be translated as “Wondrous Fragrance.” Names are always found from the teachings of the Buddha we know as sutras. This person, may have had an outgoing personality where she would always laugh and smile. Her cheerful character was infectious and it made other people feel good and happy to be around her. Hence, she left a lasting impression on those around her like the sweet fragrance of a flower. In this way, from the Pure Land, Ms. A works to permeate the Buddha Dharma as if a wondrous fragrance would. As we remember and recall our fond memories of this person, we nod in loving agreement and create a deep connection with Amida Buddha’s compassionate activity, as we open ourselves up to the Buddha Dharma. This is one example of how a Dharma name of a person is decided and what its significance then works to do.

Further, that person who has gone to the Pure Land is continually working to get us to awaken to the world of compassion through the deep emotions that are evoked within us when we reflect on our relationships with him/her. Our memories of our passed loved ones give us an opportunity to awaken to a world of warmth and security that we often overlook in the busy-ness of our everyday lives.

It is important to note that it does not matter the size of a funeral. It can be 5, 50, 500, or 5,000 people in attendance. The important thing is to create an opportunity to encounter the Buddha Dharma not only for the grieving family, but also for extended friends, family, and community as well. Here, all people will come together to pay their respects but also receive their first Dharma teaching from the person who passed away.

A makuragyo, or bed-side service, is a time when the minister comes to speak with and simply be by the side of the person who is about to pass away. Typically, there is a short service that is done and if possible, a conversation with the person while alive with the hopes of creating a sense of comfort and relief. However, many people misunderstand this to mean that we are giving a short memorial service for the deceased person. I cannot emphasize enough that this is incorrect. A makuragyo is meant to be a time to simply be by the side of the person and his/her family. As a minister of Tacoma Buddhist Temple, please notify me at any time of the day or night (meaning 24-hours a day, 7 days a week), if you would like to have a bed side service for your loved one. Please do not hesitate to call even at the late hours of the night—that is why I’m here. I often hear that families do not even know that this is a custom within our tradition. I also hear that families hesitate to do so, or enryo, from calling the minister in the middle of the night. But this is the custom that Shin ministers have been doing since the distant past and I have no intention of breaking away from this tradition.

Finally, comes the Buddhist custom of memorial services, usually observed on days that fall on the multiples of seven. This would include the first seventh day memorial service, 49th day (7x7) memorial service, seven year, and so on. The number seven is significant from the time of ancient India, as it signifies the completion of a cycle. It is somewhat similar to the idea of multiples of ten in the metric system or twelve in the imperial system to be the completion of a set number of something. Also, a funeral provides a hōmyo, a memorial service does not. Many people misunderstand this difference as well.

The continual memorial services are repeatedly observed not as a way to ensure the safe passing of a deceased loved one to the Pure Land. Instead, the significance is to recall, remember, honor, and show our love and respect for our loved one. By doing so, the warm, somber, fond, or loving emotions all create a time of deep reflection within our own lives and whether we have properly addressed the humanistic concerns and anxieties we may have regarding our lives as well. By seriously questioning these things, we come to reflect on our own lives, and learn to open ourselves up to the Buddha Dharma, the nembutsu teaching. In this way, our loved ones create an opportunity for us to encounter the Buddha Dharma and see the truth in its teachings. That is why, we understand and call our loved ones who have passed away, Buddha. Buddha teaches us to
see what needs to be seen, not what we want to see. One of the ways the Buddha does this is through the memories of our loved ones.

I have briefly explained the significance of why we observe funerals, bed-side, and memorial services. I also explained the Shin Buddhist understanding of these observances that stands unique to other Buddhist traditions. I have done so because I believe it is important that as Buddhists we come to reconsider and remember why we have such traditions in the first place. In short, we observe these services as a way of paying tribute to, honoring, and showing our love to the people who are close to us or who have impacted us in ways that cannot be explained in words. These observances also give extended family and friends a way to honor and remember them as well. Services like these give proper closure to everyone, as it forces those involved to properly bring out their emotions, digest, and process them in a way that provides emotional settlement. If there are any questions regarding this issue or for further consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me. Gassho.

(A Japanese translation will be provided next month 日本語の説明は来月します。ご了承ありがとうございます。)

**Future Schedule**

(Sat) October 6 @ 3-5 PM  
Fall Seminar with Rev. Yuki Sugahara

(Sun) October 7 @ 10 AM  
Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial with Rev. Sugahara

(Thur) October 11 @ 7 PM  
Book Club at Kings Book

(Thur) October 18 @ 6:30 PM  
TBT History event

(Sun) October 21 @ 11:30 AM  
Halloween Party after service

(Sun) November 4 @ 11 AM-3 PM  
Fall Bazaar

(Sun) November 18 @ 10 AM  
Eitaikyo Service with Rev. Kusunoki

**President’s Message**

It is definitely Fall with leaves turning color, cooler temperatures, and of course …. rain! Families are busy and bustling, adjusting to a new school year. The usual Fall Temple rhythm is in full swing with Dharma School starting up again on September 9th with a fun breakfast for members, families and children back after summer; plans are in progress for the **Keiro luncheon on September 30th**; and **November 4th Fall Bazaar**. Along with this are the many other religious activities and special temple events that will be happening over the next three months.

**We continue to work on**

**Board recruitment:**

There are several of us (June Weled, Jim Doyle, Crystal Inge, and myself) actively working on Board recruitment for eight positions starting to start at the December 16th Board meeting. There’s been a lot of effort trying to communicate with you, the membership, about what the responsibilities are, and how essential it is to our temple’s operations – the Presidents message in the June and July Myokyo issues and the special June after-service Dharma Exchange. If you are approached by one of us, please consider seriously. Or if you have interest in serving on the Board, please let us know.
Board work ..... developing incentives to serve on the Board, what can we do to reduce the work load on Board members?
This has been discussed in many different ways over the past year in response to the difficulty we have in recruiting members to serve on the Board. A few of the decisions made at the September Board meeting following up on the special August work session were:

1) Starting 2019, Board members who attend the annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention will have their conference registration paid by the temple. This hopefully will encourage attendance at this conference and also help defray some of the personal expense incurred. This is also in line with other temple organizations (BWA and Dharma School) that already provide this benefit for members, Dharma School teachers, and children.

2) Institute a guideline that Board members will not be asked to chair a major temple fundraising event while serving on the Board. Many Board members (as well as non-Board members) already have multiple major responsibilities at the Temple. This will certainly reduce the pool of members to ask for chairing these events. However, Board members will not be asked first.

3) Develop a plan to have a part-time Administrative Assistant/Office Manager for the temple. This person would help Board committees in carrying out committee work, and could be a central person in assisting with continuity and consistency. We will be defining a possible job description, qualifications, looking into whether this would be a volunteer or a paid position, and financial options. More information will come as we work on this ..... 

4) Look for other ways to do coffee hours and the Keiro Luncheon. Starting in 2019, monthly after-service coffee hour will become a Toban group responsibility. Over the past years, the Board has picked up some responsibilities that add to the work of serving on the Board. The monthly Tobans are already an organized structure this could fit into. A schedule will be developed by the Toban Committee chair and communicated to the monthly Toban chairs. After this September’s Keiro Luncheon, Keiro recognition will be incorporated into the temple’s New Year’s party starting in January, 2019.

There were also a number of other items discussed at the August Board work session having to do more with record keeping, and transition with new Board members for improved continuity.

Keep tuned……even though there’s only a little more than three months left in 2018, there are a lots of things to do!

Wendy Hamai

Eshinni / Kakushinni Service
Sunday, October 7 at 10 am
Rev. Sugahara (Oregon BT)
Guest speaker

Fall is one of my favorite times of year – the whole countryside just changes color (change is good, right?), the air is so fresh and crisp – and Thanksgiving is only nine weeks away!!
Rev. Miyaji, Kaori, Keisai and I attended the 45th FBWA Conference in Visalia, CA on Sept. 14-16th. Rev. Bob Oshita was the Key Note speaker and as always, gave some inspiring messages relating to the theme, “Create an Endless Ripple.” It was a pleasure meeting Sensei’s mom, Mrs. Yoshiko Miyaji, and everyone welcomed our little Keisai enjoying his laughter and ‘energy.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 16th World Buddhist Women’s Conference “Live the Nembutsu” next year August 30 – September 1 in San Francisco. They are expecting 2000 attendees from the continental US, Canada, Hawaii, South America and Japan, including His Eminence Gomonshu Koshin Ohtani. If you are interested for more information, please contact me.

Our Food and Clothing Drive begins on October 1st. Used, clean clothing and unexpired food items will be collected through December 31. Thank you to everyone’s generous donations.

BWA will chair the Eshinni Kakushinni Service on October 7th with Victoria Evert as chair. We look forward to Rev. Sugahara from the Oregon Buddhist Temple as our guest speaker.

Anita Nakayama has made the menu for the Dharma School Cooking Class on October 14th during class time. Students will be making a corn beef patty (with ketchup), a cabbage side, and ‘napori’ – an Italian dish. Sounds interesting and delicious!!

Our next BWA General meeting will be held on October 14th after service in the Rev. Pratt Room. The October-November-December BWA Toban will provide a light lunch. (Jane Burster, Denise Cline, Rose Kishi, Gail Ichinaga, Elsie Taniguchi, Donna Sasaki, Jill Case, Toyoko (Lynne) Nakagawara, and Asako Arima). Hope you can make it!

For Bazaar, please mark the following days and times when we could use some assistance:

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Don’t forget – unused toiletries are collected year round! Thank you so much!!

BWA sends our condolences to the families of Frank Mizukami, Frank Nomiyama and Hiroshi Nakagawara. These gentlemen were pillars in the growth of our temple and will be dearly missed.

Thank you BWA members and non-BWA members who help with food, time and support in all of our BWA activities. You are so appreciated!

Save the dates:
- Oct. 1-Dec. 31 Food and Clothing Drive
- Oct 7 Eshinni Kakushinni Service
- Oct. 14 General BWA Meeting after service; DS Cooking Class during class
- Oct. 27-Nov 4 Bazaar Preparations (See above schedule)

Sept 9th was the first day of Dharma school - welcome back students and families! This year the division of classes will be: Lumbini (pk-2nd grade), Prajna (3rd-5th), Maitreya (6th-8th) and Lotus (9-12th). The division is created by class size rather than grade, so it adjusts year-to-year. We
thank our teachers for providing meaningful activities that help students learn Buddhism in a fun and accessible way with their peers. Two of our teachers, Debbie Abe and Ted Tamaki, are retiring after many years of teaching, thank you! We also want to recognize Karen Yoshitomi for the many administrative tasks she provided for Dharma School. Her position is now be managed by Erin Berkey-Shimizu – we deeply thank them both! Finally, a special thanks to the Young Buddhist Association (YBA), for the annual welcome back breakfast. Stay tuned for an announcement for their annual Halloween Party in October!

Merilee

As the warm summer months come to a close, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to the temple. I am Ryan Ling, the newly elected, YBA President. As Dharma school just begins I would like to present the new officers for the YBA. Emma as secretary, Kate as treasurer, Josiah as vice president, and Rio as the co-secretary.

On September 9th we held the annual back to temple breakfast. A big thank you for everyone coming out to the breakfast and spend time with all of us before the first day back to temple. And we are especially thankful to those who donated to the YBA. We are always extremely thankful for your generosity.

Upcoming for the YBA we have the amazing Keiro Luncheon where we will be serving food and cake. Later in October we are hosting the annual Halloween party on October 21st and of course everyone is welcome to join us for food, games, candy, and more. We look forward to both events and especially seeing everyone there.

Thank you and Gassho,

Ryan Ling

As the rain begins falling and the trees don their finest reds and yellows, we draw closer to Halloween. This Pagan/Celtic/Christian holiday was originally a night where the living feared the haunting by the dead, but today it has become a chance to do cosplay and eat too much
candy. Though the original meaning has been mostly lost, Halloween and its ghosts can remind us about our Buddhist values.

Spoiler alert!! In the 1998 horror movie “Ring (リング),” a reporter named Reiko is cursed after watching a weird videotape. She has to understand and remove the curse within seven days or she will die. Her investigations lead her to a well beneath an abandoned house where a young girl had been killed. There, in the most Buddhist scene in the film, Reiko climbs into the well as the ghost of the girl, in the form of a skeleton with hair covering her face (very creepy!), rises to the surface of the water. Face to face in the water, Reiko reaches out and embraces the skeleton! So brave, but why? The first time I watch this I thought, “What is going on here?” Then I recalled the impact of Buddhism. Buddhists may fear ghosts, but they are motivated first and foremost by compassion. It is right to comfort a scared child, even if that child is a ghost. That scene is a moment of profound tenderness, and the filmmaker maintains that tenderness even as the hair falls away and we see a close-up of the girl’s skull.

This scene reminds me deeply of Metta, which we recite on Sundays:

- May all beings be happy.
- May they be joyous and live in safety.
- All living beings, whether weak or strong,
  in high or middle, or low realms of existence,
  small or great, visible or invisible, near or far,
  born or to be born,
  May all beings be happy.

I have never encountered an invisible being like a ghost, and I don’t think I ever will, but if you do run into one this Halloween, remember the words of Metta, and also remember that for Buddhists, ghosts are people too!

Finally, the BEC is happy to welcome Rev. Yuki Sugahara from Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland to be our Fall Seminar speaker. Come join us on Saturday, **October 6 at 3 p.m.** in the Reverend Pratt Room for what is sure to be a wonderful talk!

- Erik Hammerstrom

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**October Toban News**

Thank you toban groups for keeping our Temple so clean.

**October 2018 Toban Group:**

Toban chairs are responsible to call group members for set up and clean up for certain Temple events held during the two month period. The chairs for each two month period will coordinate with each other to set up the dates of the monthly clean-up for those able in their group. Please let Merlaine Cook know the clean-up dates to check for other activity conflicts and to add to Temple calendar.

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**Monthly Book Club**

**Buddhism Today!**

**October 11th (Th) at 7pm at Kings Books**

**Featured Book:**

Ethan Nichtern

*The Dharma of the Princess Bride*
October Toban Group:
John & Crystal Inge (chairs)
Les Hitsman & Fred Pelger
Allan Oshima
Sandra Swartz
Rick Tanabe
Phone tree members:
  • Jim Akagi
  • Nancy Butterfield
  • Yaeko Nakano (call son Hiroshi)
  • Charlotte Omoto

September Toban Group:
Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye (chairs)
Debbby Abe
Bob Gach
Mike Shioji
David & Kathy Yotsuuye
Phone tree members:
  • Ted Masumoto
  • Chizuko Yotsuuye
  • Tada & Yoshie Yotsuuye

October Group Responsibilities:
• Monthly Clean-up with September toban (October chair to coordinate)
• Eshin-ni, Kakushin-ni Service and Fall Retreat: BWA in charge of service. BEC in charge of weekend lecture. Help if requested.
• Fall bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to bazaar. December toban chair to coordinate with October and November toban chairs.

November Toban Group:
Bob and Vicki Yoshioka
Carrie Mori
Bob Potasky
Todd and Marsha Nakamura
Danny Otsuka
Patti Wong
Phone tree member:
  • Kim and Cindy Nakamura
  • Tom Osaka

December Toban Group:
June and Jerry Akita (chairs)
Aimee Hamilton & Erik Hammerstrom
Cheryl Kanda
Megumi Azekawa and Brett Johnson
Merilee Tanbara
Phone tree members:
  • Miyo Kanda
  • Erin Shen
  • Sam Shimizu
  • Tom Shimizu
  • Tets and Martha Tamaki

November Group Responsibilities:
• Monthly clean-up for November and December (November chair to coordinate)
• Fall Bazaar: Provide snacks for Bazaar set-up Sunday
• Fall Bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to Bazaar. December toban chair to coordinate with October and November toban chairs.

December Group Responsibilities:
• Monthly clean-up for November and December (December chair to coordinate)
• Fall Bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to Bazaar. December toban chair to coordinate with October and November toban chairs.
• Fall Bazaar: Provide snacks for Tuesday Bazaar clean-up.
• Dust and vacuum pews in Hondo

From Your Facility Committee
~Mayumi

Now we are in the final stage before a contractor is chosen to replace the exterior waterline. Tony Gregg now has three bids and two of the quotes involve companies that use trenchless technology. Our temple gremlins would like us to choose whoever uses Little Bertha-a contraption they manufactured especially for our project. Little Bertha is powered by coal-fired steam. Apparently, they are hoping for a repeat of the project delays due to a malfunction with
Bertha—the monstrous machine used to bore earth for the Alaska Way Viaduct replacement tunnel. But we won’t have to worry about any technical faux pas with this particular situation. Tony is sure to pick a company that uses high-speed equipment.

Now with phone booths pretty much gone one would think that Superman has gone the way of the Dodo Bird. Well Robert Yotsuuye didn’t need a phone booth to save the day. As you all know leaks and other malfunctions are the raison d’être of the facilities crew. True to form Reverend Miyaji’s bathtub faucet sprung a leak but almost everyone was unable to respond to fix the problem. Robert Yotsuuye sprang into action replaced a washer.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger still visit the temple every week and show the dirt the exit sign. Mike Shiogi, David Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki are reliable supporters of the Facilities mission. Additionally, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka, and Tad Kajimura are key team members as well. Also, Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens work their magic to render our grounds a sight to behold.

~Dave

**Coming soon... Volunteers welcomed.....**

**Bazaar November 4th, Sunday, from 11:00-3:00 PM**

Bazaar is less than two months away!!!! David and I will be chairing this final fundraiser for this year and will be asking for your help for this event! Thank you, Jane Burster, who has already taken hold of the Crafts and Gently Used Items Pre-Sales, as she has received so many items from you already. We always need some volunteer time, so if you have not been contacted, please let David or June know.

Please mark you calendars of the following dates:

- **Saturday, Oct. 27th** – 8:00 am Daifuku mochi making
- **Sunday, Oct 28th** – 11:30 am Construction set up after service
- **Friday, Nov. 2nd** - 8:00 am Pie making for event and Bake Sale
- **Saturday, Nov 3rd** – 8:00 am Prep: food, table setting, YBA signs, general set up, vegetable washing
- **Sunday, Nov 4th** – 8:00 am Final food prep
- **Tuesday, Nov 6th** – 7:30 pm Clean-up, construction tear down

For our popular pie booth, we will gladly accept **fresh or frozen fruits** for our mixed berry and strawberry/rhubarb pies. You can leave your fruit in bags in the Rev. Pratt freezer. Thank you for your donation.

Looking at the above dates, if you could volunteer on any of those days, or would like to help **during** the event, and more specifically, if you’d like to shadow a particular area, let us know!

David Yotsuuye [yotskendo@aol.com](mailto:yotskendo@aol.com) and June Akita [juneakita@comcast.net](mailto:juneakita@comcast.net)
Tacoma Buddhist Temple expresses its condolences to the family of
Mr. Hiroshi John Nakagawara
A private funeral will be held in his memory. Letters of condolences can be sent to the following address:

Julie Tin
PO Box 55132
Seattle, WA 98155
Or through email at:
jhtin56@gmail.com

Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2018

1st Year - 2017
3rd Year - 2016
7th Year - 2012
13th Year - 2006
17th Year - 2002
25th Year - 1994
33rd Year - 1986
50th Year - 1969

October 2018:

33rd Year Nakano, Yoshihiko George Shaku Ryo-In October 25, 1986

November 2018:

3rd Year Nibbana, Demi Renai Shaku Jun-Raku November 5, 2016
17th Year Hawn, Kiyoko Shakuni Sho-Shin November 10, 2002
25th Year Otsuka, Fusaye Shakuni Ho-Ren November 4, 1994
33rd Year Nakamura, Ekanor Shakuni Shin-Shun November 25, 1986
50th Year Shimizu, Masumi Shaku Shin-To November 4, 1969
50th Year Delp, Hiroshi Shaku Sho-Nen November 11, 1969

December 2018:

17th Year Kono, Shizuko Shakuni Myo-Jo December 30, 2002
33rd Year Kubo, Torao Shaku An-Ju December 12, 1986
Greeters:
Note: Please have new visitors sign in their name and give them the following booklets:
- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- 1/2 page list of Temple activities
- "Want More Info." (1/2 sheet form)

If you are not available on the day you are assigned, please find your replacement.

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Brandon Villarreal and family after receiving his Master of Science degree in Supply Chain Management at UW and is now working at Honeywell Aerospace in Redmond.

Erik H. and Merlaine C. man the TBT table at the Moon Festival in the Chinese Reconciliation Park. Missing: Jim D. and Patti W.

Miyaji family and June at the FBWA conference in Visalia, CA.
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| Nov   |     |     |     |     |     | **Family Service**  
|       |     |     |     |     |     | **D. Exchange 10am**  
|       |     |     |     |     |     | **MYOKYO DEADLINE**  
|       | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | **Pie making**  
|       |     |     | **Bazaar Clean-up**  
|       |     |     |     |     | 9   | **Pie making** 8:00 AM  
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Tacoma Buddhist Temple
Presents:

**Fall Seminar**
and
**Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial Service**

with Guest Lecturer:

**Rev. Yuki Sugahara**

“Yogacara and Today”

**Fall Seminar**
October 6 (Sat) 3-5 PM

**Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service**
October 7 (Sun) 10 AM

Please Come and Join Us!
Please come to a special public event on

Thursday, October 18th, 6:30 pm

at the temple.

An essay about the **history of our Temple** written by **Tamiko Nimura** and **Justin Wadllin** will be presented. Tamiko is a local freelance writer who has written about the history of Tacoma’s Japantown, led the Japantown tours, and has been an organizer for local Day of Remembrance events. Justin is Associate Director of the UW Tacoma Library.

Hosted by **HistoryLink** (a Washington state on-line historical encyclopedia) and the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. Light refreshments will be served after.