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Formula in Buddhism

22nd Vow: Part-2

The Vow for us to return to this world

“When I attain Buddhahood, the bodhisattvas of other Buddha-lands who come and are born in my land will ultimately and unfailingly attain the stage of succession to Buddhahood after one lifetime.

Excepted are those who, in accordance with their original vows (their wishes) to guide others freely to enlightenment, don the armor of universal vows for the sake of sentient beings, accumulate roots of virtues, emancipate all beings, travel to Buddha-lands to perform bodhisattva practices, make offerings to all the Buddha-tathagatas throughout the 10 quarters, awaken sentient beings countless as the sand of the Ganges (river), and bring them to abide firmly in supreme, true enlightenment.

Such bodhisattvas surpass those in the ordinary bodhisattva stages in carrying out practices; in reality, they cultivate the virtue of Samantabhadra. Should it not be so, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.” (Vow #22)

Bodhisattvas of other Buddha-lands followed different practices to attain enlightenment such as practice of patience, practice of effort, practice of meditation, and so forth. One could also say that mathematics, physics, and other knowledge would be different practices to attain truth. However, knowledge and understanding did not help these Bodhisattvas to attain enlightenment. When they came to know Amida’s Dharma, they were born in the land. Thus, they know the virtues of Amida’s Dharma and its importance of Immeasurable Working, which is why they can not stay in Amida’s World. Rather they eagerly want to share it with sentient beings who are suffering. So they want to return to this world.

For example, I was not a religious man at all for years, and I did not care for Buddhism. But after learning Jodo Shinshu teaching, I came to realize how beautiful Jodo Shinshu was/is. This teaching contains wonderful virtues. Yet, many Jodo Shinshu people don’t appreciate this teaching; they are sitting on solid gold but complain, “Oh, it is hard. Oh it is cold. I don’t like it.” These complainers clearly don’t know the merits and values of this Teaching. Shall I just ignore them? Or shall I do something for them? What I can do is to deepen my experiences first, and then share the merits and values in clear and acceptable ways, not only as a minister but as a human being. Indeed, people often know little of what is happening in their own backyards, even when the perfect solution of life and death is in our own backyards.

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October
Buddhist Holiday

Tamai Sensei
Memorial

Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone, welcome to October! Once again we find ourselves in the month of Halloween and I am gearing up for my month-long horror movie extravaganza. However, this year, rather than writing an article about something horror-themed, I would like to talk about translations.

I am often asked, both by visitors and members, about some of the words that appear in our service books. Words such as 'lord', 'faith' and 'angels' appear in our gathas and our readings and people find it strange or even uncomfortable because they associate those words with Judeo-Christian religions rather than Buddhism. While there are socio-historical reasons for some of the translations, many of the translations are, in fact, spot-on accurate. The word 'lord' for instance comes from the Sanskrit word 'bhagavat' which refers both to Shakyamuni Buddha's position as a great spiritual leader and to his family's high caste. 'Bhagavat' does mean 'lord', which is why we use it.

Recently, I was asked by a visitor about the statue in front of the temple which has the words 'Saint Shinran' on it. The word 'saint' is another one of the words that has a Christian sound to it. In Japanese, we say Shinran Shonin, 'shonin' being the word that gets translated as 'saint'. Shonin is an honorific title that literally translates as 'holy person' but is also translated as 'saint'. For Christian traditions, a saint is also a holy person. They are defined (in broad terms) as someone who lived a pious life and often suffered for their faith. Their biographies are set forth as examples of what it means to be a truly pious follower of the tradition. Similarly, when we talk about saints, we are referring to people who lived exemplary lives as Buddhists. They were very strict in their adherence to the teachings and practices and a few of them suffered for it (though suffering and martyrdom are not requirements for Buddhist sainthood). The paths of each of these individuals are very different but the common thread running through the stories is that they found Christian or Buddhist teachings and turned their lives around because of them.

One big difference is that Christian saints ascend to heaven and act as intercessors for human beings meaning that they are prayed to in order that the prayer's words will get to God. Buddhist saints are often written about as having reached a high state (Pure Land, enlightenment, however the Buddhist tradition talks about it) they are not intercessors between us and the Buddha(s). There are other words, 'shoja' or 'muni', which both mean 'sage', but these words are used for Buddhas and bodhisattvas who, in many Buddhist traditions, are indeed contemplated on or even called upon for help with a variety of life's needs, both spiritual and mundane.

The above is a very broad generalization of the idea of saints in the two religious traditions, but I wanted to give a simple illustration of the ways that our personal understandings of things are just that, personal. For me, growing up in the temple, I had no particular feelings at all about the words 'saint', 'lord' etc. In fact, it wasn't until I was an adult and people started pointing those words out to me that I gave them any thought. Yet for other people, these words have a very specific contextual meaning and seem strange in a Buddhist context. There is no wrong or right here, merely an excellent example of the nature of human beings. We cannot help but to see things from our perspectives because each of us has led a different life.

The Buddha's teachings encourage us to try and expand our world-views and these translation 'issues' have been good for me in that way. Having heard the questions, I have had to try and see things from a different point of view and it led me to start looking into the words to see where they come from and why they are used. I encourage others to do the same. If you come across something at temple that you find confusing, uncomfortable or are simply sure that it is inaccurate, use it as an opportunity to talk with the ministers or your fellow sangha members. In this way, we can strengthen our bonds as 'good Dharma friends' and learn to broaden our minds.
Namo Amida Butsu

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“なも・あみだ・ぶつ” とはなにか？ 6/6.

「誰でも」「いつでも」「どこでも」の三つが十全に満たされ、しかも量り知れ無い働きの中に守られるとは具体的に何を示すのだろうか。それは「いつでも（修められ）」「どこでも（修められ）」「誰にでも（修められ）」のような行、間違いなく覚りへと導き入れる行のこと。それは具体的に何か？

親鸞聖人に問うてみる。すると聖人は「（そのような）行とはすなわち無碍光如来（むげこう・によらい）の名（みな）を（口に）称（しょう）することなのである」と答える。南無阿弥陀仏と口に称えることが実は、仏の行、ミダの世界を修（おさ）めていることに成るのである。そのような行・法の働きが「南無阿弥陀仏」なのである。この私の前に顕れ出た南無阿弥陀仏は「名号（みょうごう）」と呼ばれる。正覚（しょうがく）の智慧・慈悲が「誰でも」「どこでも」「いつでも」の三つを十全に満たしたとき、その満たされた相（すがた）がすなわち「名号」なのである。

この名号の真意が私に届く。「私に南無阿弥陀仏と称えさせることが法（ダルマ）の働きであったのか。そんな簡単なことが無量の本当の働きであったのか！」と私がその真意にうなづき、口に「南も阿弥陀仏」と称えれば、その名号は「称名念仏」と呼ばれる。くどいが、正覚（しょうがく）の智慧・慈悲が愚者に受け取れるように顕れたのが「南も阿弥陀仏」なのである。私の持ち物に一切関係なく、私を滅度（めつど・覚りの世界）に導き入れる大いなる道こそが「口に南無阿弥陀仏を称えること」なのである。なぜなら「いつでも（修められ）」「どこでも（修められ）」「誰にでも（修められ）」る行だからである。

蛇足。「となえる」と書くときには「唱える」と「称える」の二つがある。「唱える」とは口に意味もなくなえることで、そこには「気付き」や「うなずき」が入っていない。「真意がいまだに届いていない」こと。ところが「称える」と書く時には「私の一声（ひとこえ）の南無阿弥陀仏は、正覚（しょうがく）の智慧・慈悲とに一寸違うことなく『称（つりあう）』」ということ。これが5番目に大切な「必ず（覚りに至る）」ということであり、このことを「不退転位（ふたいてんのくらい）に就く」という。つまりは「必ず最高の覚りに至る」ということ。

なぜこのようなことが実際に体験できるのだろうか？それは「己の相（すがた）が本願の智慧で明らかにされる」からであり、それを「信（心）」といい「（心が澄んで物事が）明らかに観える」こと。心の眼が開くこと。「誰でも」という事が他人のことではなかったと気付き「いつでも、どこにいても、われ智慧と慈悲の中にあり」と気付くからである。南無阿弥陀仏は「誰でも」「いつでも」「どこでも」称えられるではないか。このことに気付けば、「しめた！」ものだ。残りの人生は「おまけ」かな。合掌、藤井道榮



Welcome Back to Dharma School!

Greetings, students, teachers, families and friends! Our fall session is off to a great start. Thanks to all the teachers who are volunteering their time this year!

Your Dharma School co-superintendents this year are Rachel Davis (raychotai@gmail.com) and Amy Nitta (amynitta@gmail.com). We are very excited to be part of this great Dharma School team. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

Bake Sale

As is our tradition, each week a different Dharma School class or other temple group will host bake sale after classes and adult service by providing the Bake Sale goods. Please support our school by purchasing these delicious food items; you can also donate frozen goods to be shared in addition to the student offerings each week. We have a few vegetarians and vegans in our Sangha, so please remember them in your donations when you can! Bake sale hosts for October are as follows:

October 4 - 4th grade class
October 11 - 3rd grade class
October 18 - 2nd grade class
October 25 - No bake sale; Aki Matsuri and YBA lunch

Other News

YBA will be chairing services during the month of October.
October 18 will be Birthday Sunday, when we celebrate all Sangha members born in the month of October.
Finally, October 25 will be Aki Matsuri, our Fall Festival! Stay tuned for announcements and details!

Get Your Flu Shot
Sunday, October 18, 2015
9:00 am - 1: 30 pm
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple
in the all-purpose room
Walgreens pharmacists will be on hand to administer flu shots.

Seeking Chibi Students

Chibi no Gakko is a volunteer community organization which started a Japanese American cultural heritage program 20 years ago following the completion of the Westridge project and publication of the book, Kids Explore America's Japanese American Heritage, in 1994. Community members felt strongly about educating the Japanese American youth about their family, cultural heritage and experience as a minority group in the U.S. and Colorado. A small group of about 12 community volunteers started the first session of Chibi no Gakko in the former Kyoto Restaurant on the second level of Sakura Square.

The 2016 Chibi no Gakko session will take place at the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple on scheduled Saturdays during January and February 2016 (SEE: Chibi Application form immediately following this article). We encourage parents of 2nd through 8th grade students to enroll your child in this enriching program. High school students who attended Chibi no Gakko as younger students are invited to return in the role of Youth Mentor.

We offer programming in four main areas:

- **Family/Community history** – We cover immigration and the impact of WWII including forced removal, incarceration, 442nd RCT, MIS, etc.
- **Arts & Crafts** – We teach about traditional Japanese arts and crafts such as gyotaku (Japanese fish prints), pottery, sumie (Japanese calligraphy), furoshiki (wrapping cloth) and taiko drums.
- **Cooking** – Food is an integral part of one's cultural heritage and a keystone in our program. Students are taught traditional Japanese foods and how as Japanese Americans we've altered them. The traditional musubi made of rice, nori (seaweed) and umeboshi (salt-pickled plum) now includes SPAM!
- **Games and Music** – Many traditional Japanese games have become popular in the US such as Go and Jan-Ken-Po (speed rock-paper-scissor tournaments!)

Ultimately, be prepared to have your student return home with the enthusiasm that comes with learning new and interesting information, meeting new and interesting people, and the exciting discovery of self.

CHIBI NO GAKKO 2016

Japanese American Community Cultural Heritage School – 11th Session

What: Chibi no Gakko is a Denver, community-based program that provides children the opportunity to explore their Japanese American heritage in a fun, “hands on” way. Children will explore their personal family history, cook, sing, dance, read, write, and participate in art and craft activities.

Who: Students currently enrolled in grades 2-8
Youth mentors in grades 9-12 who were previous Chibi No Gakko students
Teachers certified through the Colorado Department of Education
Community volunteers

When: Saturdays beginning January 9 – February 20, 2016 Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon
No class will be held the Saturday of Uta Gassen (TBD)

Potluck celebration February 20, 2016 Time: Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple – 1947 Lawrence Street - Denver, CO 80202

Tuition: \$100.00 per child -- \$80.00 each additional child. (\$50 non-refundable deposit due with the application. The final \$50 due the first day of class.)
T-shirt included with registration. Please indicate size for each student.

Deadline: Registration must be received by November 15, 2015. If space available, applications will be accepted after December 1st. Registration priority is based on date application is received.

For mentor application call Judy Okamoto 303-426-0252

For further information: Kathy Namura 303-431-2136
Carolyn Takeshita 303-455-4987
Judy Okamoto 303-426-0252

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REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name _____ Birthdate _____

Parents _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Cell phone _____

_____ Email _____

School/Grade _____

What years has child attended Chibi No Gakko as a student ? _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Check payable to Chibi No Gakko

T-shirt Size (included with registration) Please circle size:

Youth size: S – M – L

Adult size: S – M – L

Please return registration to: Application must be mailed and postmarked by November 15, 2015

Kathy Namura
7038 Torrey St.
Arvada, CO. 80007.

Chibi no Gakko - 2015

Japanese American Heritage Saturday School

Mission: To share Japanese American culture through a variety of learning activities

Mentors: This is for 9th-12th grade students (high school)

Mentor Responsibilities

- Arrive for lunch and staff meeting, and be picked up on time
- Notify the teacher if you are unable to attend
- Dress appropriately for warm and “messy” activities
- Take responsibility for your behavior while assisting children at Chibi no Gakko
- Assist the children to complete assignments and projects
- Contact Chibi no Gakko staff with questions or concerns as they arise.

Mentor Expectations

- Respect yourself and others
- Keep yourself safe and respect safety for others
- Use language appropriate for school (no swearing)
- Take care of your property, jackets, supplies, etc.
- Clean up after yourself in art, cook, eating centers, and in general help children do so by being a mature role model for them
- No gum chewing at Chibi no Gakko
- Refrain from “chit chatting” with other mentors

Mail to: Chibi no Gakko c/o Judy Okamoto at 1261 Elmwood Lane, Denver, Co., 80221 by Nov. 15. Space is limited to the first 10 mentors and will be filled by the higher grades first. Only mailed applications will be considered.

Chibi no Gakko Mentor Application

Name _____

Home phone _____

Address _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

School/Grade _____

Parents _____

Cell _____

- On another sheet of paper, please write a short essay on why you want to be a mentor.
- I was a student at Chibi no Gakko in _____
- I was a mentor at Chibi no Gakko in _____
- Please circle the dates you can attend: 1/9 1/16 1/23 1/30 2/6. 2/13. 2/20

Mentor signature _____

Parent signature _____

Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following people who helped fold and seal newsletters for last month's mailing: Richard Yoshida, Mabel Googins, Dora Shibata, Alley & Yoshimi Watada, Michi Kajiwara, Kay Takahashi, and Rev. Thompson. Thank you to Mike Shibata for providing a delicious cake.

Thank you to Kaitie Mascher-Mace for beginning the ceiling tile replacement in the Hondo. The project ran into a minor complication, but impediments have been cleared; all tiles and materials are ready for installation. Please volunteer to assist in this effort as we would like the Temple to be looking mighty spiffy when we host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving service on November 26th. Speaking of which, please participate in the Interfaith Service by cleaning, attending, greeting, etc.

Thank goodness for the ever-changing patterns of time, cause and conditions; occasionally, the seemingly random configurations coalesce to create a moment of hope, a much needed laugh, a feeling of gratitude, a really good hair day . . . Namu Amida Butsu

22nd Vow (continued from page 1)

Those who, in accordance with their original vows (their wishes) to guide others freely to enlightenment, come back to this world by first completing the following processes:

- Don the armor of universal vows,
- Accumulate roots of virtues,
- Eliminate all ignorance and blind passions,
- Visit other Buddha worlds to perform bodhisattva practices,
- Make offerings to all the Buddha-Tathagatas there, and
- Cultivate the virtue of Samantabhadra (Compassion).

In short, these are the processes and preparations. Although I touched briefly upon their meaning last month, I would like to provide more detail for “make offerings to all equally” and “cultivate the virtue of Samantabhadra”.

If we are “to make offerings to all equally” we cannot exclude anyone because of differences. For example, when I received Tokudo ordination in Japan long time ago, there was one young man within our group who did not wear robes properly and did not chant smoothly. As a group, without making any distinctions, we agreed to talk with and treat everyone with respect regardless of age, ability, and slow action. We agreed to help each other. Then, we did so.

At the end of program, we had a reflection gathering with other groups. The young man of slow learning in our group bravely stood up in front of many new priests and instructors, and said, “I have been very happy during the entire ordination program because everyone in my group has talked to me and treated me with respect. I have never ever been treated like that.” He felt he was one of us - that he was not excluded.

“Offering” is one way to show respect. We show our respect through actions, words, clothes, medicine, and so forth. More importantly, “offering” also indicates that “I don’t ignore you. I bow to you with respect. I don’t exclude you. I don’t judge you. I view you with respect as you are (Sono-mama).” These are the conditions for sentient beings to enter the gate of Immeasurable Working. This is, however, seldom seen in our world. It is seen in Wisdom and Compassion only.

In cultivating the virtue of Samantabhadra, bodhisattvas surpass the ordinary in carrying out practices of this world. What does this mean? When we think of Shinran’s history, we find one example. In his day, priests were prohibited from having wives and families, so many priests had them secretly. So, while it was not necessary for Shinran-Shonin to marry officially, he did. A priest with wife was an easy target for people; his decision surpassed the ordinary norms and values of that time, making him known as “a breaker of rules.” Shinran’s intention was to illustrate that Amida’s Dharma does not exclude women. Thus, he officially married to clarify Immeasurable Working (Amida) and became the first priest who did so in Japanese Buddhist history.

We sometimes see immoral behaviors or unethical actions by Buddhist priests or ministers; we sometimes see unusual actions by Buddhists. For example, one priest made a big hole through the ceiling and roof because a bamboo grew out from the floor: One Buddhist master scared away wild animals by hitting them with a stick – he did not want the animals to come close to human beings because we are terrible beings who kill and eat animals. However, these Buddhists were not crazy or selfish. They are guided by Amida’s Dharma, Wisdom and Compassion which is different from our common sense.

In Gassho,

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Rose Shiba

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Frank Nakata
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Fudeko Yoshimura
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Fumi Nagata	in memory of Harry Nagata – 17 yr
Randy Matsushima	in memory of Henry Katayama – 1 yr
Families of Tosh & Mary Tawara	in memory of Hiroshi Aigaki
Bill Tobo	in memory of Sachiko Tobo

**Simpson United Methodist Church
31st Annual Arts & Crafts Showcase**

Sunday, October 25, 2015
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Simpson United Methodist Church
West 60th Ave. & Wolff St.
Arvada, CO 80003



Denver Buddhist Temple Aikido

Get in shape! Calm your spirit! Improve your mind!

Aikido offers many avenues of self-improvement; whether it is self-defense, spiritual enlightenment, physical health or peace of mind. "The Way of Being in Harmony with the Human Spirit" is one way that "Aikido" may be translated into English. Although the idea of a fighting art striving for peace and harmony may seem paradoxical, it is the most basic tenet of Aikido.

On a purely physical level Aikido is a martial art involving some throws and joint locks that are derived from Jujitsu and some throws and other techniques derived from Kenjutsu. Aikido does not focus on attacking, punching or kicking opponents, but rather as a means of self-defense using the energy of an attacker to gain control or to throw them. It is not a static art, but places great emphasis on balance, gravity and the dynamics of movement of the human body structure.

At DBT Aikido, we practice a sport style or Tomiki Aikido so there is opportunity for competition. Beginners are welcome to join at any time. We have classes twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We have a family class on Fridays from 6:00 to 7:30. Children from 4 to 12 years of age can participate along with their parents in these classes. We try to keep these classes fun for the kids yet challenging for the adults.

Onegai shimasu! Please come practice with us!
Sensei Ron Abo 720-236-7977
e-mail DBTAikido@gmail.com

Humu Humu Ukulele Group Starts New Season

by Shirley Tsuchimoto

After a enjoying a short summer hiatus the Humu Humu's are back for another year! We've added a few more members since last spring, Ms. Nicole Simoes who hails from the NYC area and Ms. Paula Armijo who comes to us from the Brighton Sangha. Both are enthusiastic beginner ukulele players and we are so glad to have them. We are bursting at the seams as far as a rehearsal room so we are searching for a larger practice space. Don't be too surprised if we end up in the gym or a portion of the auditorium. Everyone is welcome to sing along with us at our practices!

This upcoming year we plan to participate in the Interfaith Service on Thanksgiving Day, Uta Gassen, Hanamatsuri, Cherry Blossom Festival and the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration in October 2016. We have a very busy schedule and we are excited to be a part of each event.

We are considering getting T-shirts displaying our love of ukulele and possibly ordering matching aloha shirts for the group to unify "our look". We are looking forward to a very successful and fun filled year!

JARCC

Baseball Project Recruiting Help

The **Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado** is currently working on an important historical and cultural project concerning the roles of baseball and softball in the lives of Japanese immigrants and Japanese Americans in Colorado. We are also reaching out to Japanese American residents of other states such as Utah, Nebraska, and Wyoming who played in Labor Day Tournaments.

This is truly a multi-generational project and we would appreciate any and all help with contributions of photos, newspaper articles, artifacts, and oral histories. You CAN make a difference in helping us preserve this history for future generations. One need look no further than reading Ken Mochizuki's book How Baseball Saved Us to realize that this sport was an integral part of Japanese American history that brought and kept families, and the Japanese American community together, then and now.

Thank you in advance for sharing your experiences!

Please contact Dean Tsutsui at dtsutsui@msn.com or 303-457-1810.

October Shotsuki Names

(Sangha members who have passed away in the month of October)

SEE: page 11

Tomiko Aigaki	Koki Kawakami	George Omoto
Inohachi Akagi	Chiyoko Kawamata	Ito Ono
Robert Shigeo Akahoshi	Charles Chotaro Kishiyama	Masako Onodera
Paul Allen	Sankichi Kishiyama	Jessica Marie Padilla
Shizue Allen	Tom Takashi Kobayashi	Kikue Sakai
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Religious Services

- SAT Oct 3 9 am Tamai Memorial Seminar
guest speaker; Rev. Kodani
- SUN Oct 4 Tamai Sensei Memorial service
8:30 Nihongo service
9:30 am Dharma family service
10:15 Adult service
1:30 pm Ft. Lupton
- FRI Oct 9 11 am Shinran's Day service
- SUN Oct 11 9:30 am Dharma Family service
10:15 am Adult service
- 9:00 am Brighton Sangha service
11 am Ft. Lupton service
- SAT Oct 17 1 pm Greeley service
- SUN Oct 18 October Shotsuki service
9:30 am Dharma Family Service
10:15 am Adult service
11 am YBA Aki Matsuri
1 pm Sedgwick service

Mountain States District Conference Hosted by Ogden Buddhist Church November 6th – 8th, 2015

To be held in Moab, UT

If you are interested in attending, please contact
TSDBT member, Ann Hyde:
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Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

Every 4th Sunday of each month (when possible)

The Shotsuki Service is a general memorial service held on a monthly basis for members and friends of the temple who have passed away during the month of service. For instance, if a member passes away in March (of any year), then his/her passing would be observed by surviving Sangha family and friends every succeeding March.

Although there are major memorial (hoji) services set at specific time intervals such as 49th Day, 1st Year, 3rd Year, 7th, 13th, 17th, 25th, 33rd and 50th years, the temple will now also provide families with monthly memorial (shotsuki) services; these will be held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services. At each Shotsuki service, family members will have the opportunity to pay respect and gratitude to loved ones who have passed away in that particular month.

Donation by affected family members: \$50/observance.
In Gassho,

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples'
membership offers condolences to
the family and friends of:*

*Helen K. Takahashi
May 14, 1917 - July 27, 2015*

*Samuel Masao Hashimoto
July 1, 1947 - August 13, 2015*

*Michiye Kanegaye
January 25, 1930 - August 14, 2015*

Gym Schedule

- SUNDAY 11:30 am Karate
- MONDAY 6 - 7:30 pm Aikido
6:30 - 8 pm Judo
- TUESDAY 7 pm Volleyball
- WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm Basketball
- THURSDAY 6 - 7:30 pm Aikido
6:30 - 8 pm Judo
- FRIDAY 6 - 7:30 pm Family Aikido
Judo (every other week)

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					10 am HS Visitors	9 am - 12 noon Seminar - Guest speaker: Rev. Kodani
4 Rev. Tamai Memorial 8:30 Nihongo service 9:30 Dharma Family service 10:15 Adult service 1:30 pm Ft. Lupton	5 Rev. Kodani	6 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	7	8 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	9 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F) <i>articles due for November newsletter</i>	10 8 am - 5 pm DBT Judo Albert Tagawa Memorial Shiai
11 8:30 am Time w/Fujii 9:30 Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 Adult service (F) 9 am Brighton service (T) 11 Ft. Lupton service (T)	12	13 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	14	15	16	17 1 pm Greeley
			7 pm JACGP mtg	7 pm Dharma Disc (T)		
18 Flu Shots available 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 Family Service (F) 10:15 Adult service (F) 1 pm Sedgwick service (T) 11:30 TSDBT Board Mtg	19	20 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	21	22	23	24
25 8:30 am Time w/Fujii 9:30 Dharma Family service(T) 10:15 Adult service (T/F) October Shotsuki service YBA luncheon & celebration Aki Matsuri w/ 100 Yr Bronco ticket raffle	26	27 11 am Dharma Disc (T)	28	29	30	31

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Dharma Discussion

Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple

Tuesday mornings at 11 am

October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

(Tuesday sessions will begin with a short service)

Thursday evenings at 7 pm

October 8th, 15th, 2nd and 29th

Please join us here at the temple for dharma discussions. We will cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onajin objects and other concepts related to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. We would also like to encourage participants to bring in their own questions and topics in order to keep the discussions lively and relevant ☺.

Dates and times are subject to change. Signing up or contacting us ahead of time is highly recommended if you wish to park in the Sakura Square lot and also so that we may keep you informed of changes or cancellations.

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