



Guiding Light

July/August 2019



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TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
a Jodo Shinshu Temple

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JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PLEASE NOTE: Events marked with an asterisk * are PRIVATE and are not open to the general public Thank You						
	1 HAPPY CANADA DAY TEMPLE CLOSED 	2 8:00 pm Bon Odori	3 3:00 pm • Funeral Consultation 7:00 pm Isshin	4 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikebana	5 8:00 pm Bon Odori 8:00 pm Buyo	6 10:00 am Family Service
7 Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki) Service 11:00 am English Service 1:00 pm *Camp Meeting 3:00pm * Family Memorial Service	8 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	9 8:00 pm Bon Odori	10 7:00 pm Isshin	11 10:30 am Jpn Garden Club Mtng 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm Momiji 3:00 pm Ikebana 4:00 pm Yee Hong 8:00 pm Last Bon Odori	12 8:00 pm Buyo	13 Cemetery Visitations 3:30 pm Natsu Matsuri & 7:00 pm Bon Odori at JCCC
14 OBON SERVICES 9:00 am HATSUBON Families Service 11:00 am Obon Service (E) 2:00 pm Obon Service (J) Speaker: Rev. Brian Nagata	15 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	16	17 7:00 pm Isshin	18 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm Castlevew	19	20 11:00 am *Family Service
21 SUMMER SERVICE 11:00 am Service OBON SERVICE Hamilton	22 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	23	24 7:00 pm Isshin	25 1:00 pm Buyo	26	27
				Rev. Ouchi will be in Steveston, BC Guest Speaker, Obon Service		
28 SUMMER SERVICE 11:00 am Service	29 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	30	31 7:00 pm Isshin			
KID'S CAMP AT LUMBINI JULY 28 - August 3, 2019						

Morning Chanting: When available, Rev. Ouchi will lead chanting on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am. As last minute emergencies do come up, cancellations may occur. If you wish to join the chanting may we ask that you notify ahead of your visit by email or phone.

Thank You !

AUGUST 2019

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				1 1:00 pm Buyo	2	3 10:00 am Mindful Meditation
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OBUTSUDAN



Something that temple members may not be aware of is that in the storage and preparation area behind the naijin, there are a number of old obutsudan (home altars). I travel a lot for my research and to speak at temples, and this is a very common phenomenon, because sometimes when a family can't take care of an obutsudan anymore they turn it over to the local temple for safe-keeping. I've always been intrigued by these old obutsudan: what are their stories? What will happen to them now that they've come to the temple? So finally I decided to start a new research project on the subject.

Once I started working on old obutsudan, it got me thinking about ones that are still in people's homes too. Do people use them? If so, how, and how often? Do people today like traditional ones with a wooden cabinet, or are tastes and practices changing? We all have a sense of what Buddhist practice is like at the temple, but what is Buddhism like at home?

Since my sabbatical in Hawai'i last year, I have been collecting stories about people's obutsudan, whether they are ones in their homes now, ones in their parents' or grandparents' homes, or ones that have gone back to the temple or been retired in some other way. What I've learned so far has already been extremely interesting, and has shown me the diversity of experiences that people have with obutsudan. There are people who chant Shoshinge at the obutsudan twice per day, others who put their hands together in gassho and say nembutsu in the morning, and some who never really interact with the obutsudan but are glad it's there in the home. Some use it as a place of meditation, some use it to show gratitude to their ancestors, while others use it to meet the Buddha and be reminded of the Buddha-dharma in their daily lives.

The physical obutsudan are so interesting too. Some people have big black lacquered ones sent from Japan. Some have more modest ones made in North America—sometimes even relics from the internment camps, made of scrap lumber and lovingly cared for through hard times. Sometimes people create a simple altar with a picture of the Buddha or omyogo (Namo Amida Butsu in calligraphy), without any box at all. There are strict altars with only official adornments, altars with pictures of loved ones and ihai (memorial plaques), and altars covered with all sorts of cherished objects, many of them not Buddhist. Many people have nostalgic memories about watching their grandmother make offerings at the obutsudan when they were little. Others are confused about how to use obutsudan, and a few are even afraid of them!

I thought that ministers would have a stricter view of obutsudan, but in my interviews they are often very flexible and care primarily about meeting the needs of regular people. While they will teach about the correct use of obutsudan, they usually accept that people adapt the practice and altar to their own lives.

I'd like to hear your obutsudan stories too. If you're willing, please get in touch with me at jeff.wilson@uwaterloo.ca, so that I can learn about your obutsudan. If you know someone who used to have one but doesn't anymore, I'd be interested in being put in touch with them as well: sometimes they have very useful stories that help me understand the changing patterns of Buddhism in North America. I will keep everyone's personal identities private, but if there are particularly useful or moving stories, I might ask permission to share the general outline of the story so that others can learn from my project as well. I've already received some very touching stories, and plan to share them with you as my research continues.

Gassho

Professor Jeff Wilson

OBON 2019
SATURDAY JULY 13

CEMETERY VISITATION SCHEDULE

After too much snow, ice and cold weather, spring is officially here and we can think ahead to summer and Obon. The following is the Cemetery Visitation Schedule and the assigned choshos. For each of the Hatsubon, English and Japanese services on Sunday July 14, we encourage members to bring homiyos and Memory Lanterns and remind you that they will be returned immediately after each service.

We are very pleased to have guest minister, Rev. Brian Nagata, conduct the services at Toronto Necropolis, St. James and Mount Pleasant Cemeteries.

There have been changes to this year's schedule. Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

CEMETERIES RECEIVING CENTRAL SERVICES

Rev. Brian Nagata

Toronto Necropolis	9:00 AM
St. James	9:30 AM
Mount Pleasant	10:00 AM

Paul Aoki

Glen Oaks	9:30 AM
Spring Creek	10:00 AM

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

Prospect	9:30 AM
Park Lawn	10:30 AM

Dennis Madokoro

Highland Memorial	9:30 AM
Elgin Mills	11:00 AM

Aki Ikebata

Pine Hills	9:30 AM
Rest Haven	10:30 AM

Susan Ebisuzaki - NEW

Sanctuary, South	9:00 AM
Meadowvale	1:00 PM or to be arranged

CEMETERIES RECEIVING INDIVIDUAL GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Joanne Yuasa

York	9:30 AM
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John Nishikawa

Glendale	9:30 AM
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Jessie Ebata

Sanctuary, North	9:00 AM
Riverside and St. Philips	9:30 AM

Pauline Knude

Pine Ridge	1:00 PM
Salem	1:30 PM

The Obon committee is grateful for the continuing support of all volunteers. Together we ensure the success of this wonderful tradition. We ask all families for their patience while waiting for the arrival of Senseis and Choshos.

Namu Amida Butsu,

Obon Committee

2019 Obon Weekend

July 13 and 14, 2019

Obon is an opportunity for us to reflect upon and express our gratitude for the innumerable causes and conditions that influence our lives; and for the benefits we have received from who have come before us. It is with this understanding that we visit the graves of our loved ones and attend memorial services. Our visitation to the cemetery, conducting memorial services and dancing are expressions of the gratitude that arises when we embrace the Truth of those causes and conditions of our life.

This year Obon Festivities and Services will be held on the 13th and 14th of July. On Saturday morning please visit cemeteries as listed in the schedule below for a short chanting in respect of your loved ones. Later in the evening, please join us at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in the evening at 7:00 p.m. for a short service followed by Obon dancing. On Sunday, there will be a 9:00 am service for the Hatsubon (first year) families, a regular English service at 11:00 am and a service in Japanese at 2:00 pm. Please bring your homiyos and lanterns which can be picked up after the service. Homiyos for the Hatsubon families can be picked up downstairs in the social hall following the service.

We look forward to hearing our honoured guest speaker for Obon Weekend who will be Rev. Brian Kensho Nagata.

OBON GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Rev. Brian Kensho Nagata is a fourth generation Californian born and raised in Fowler, California near Fresno. He attended the Buddhist Church of Fowler, which is one of the original Buddhist Churches of America's temples. He was active in Dharma School, Boy Scouts and Western Youth Buddhist League California.



After working in several offices for Mitutoyo Corporation, he was assigned to the Numata Center in Berkeley, California to oversee the BDK English Tripitaka Project which is translating the Buddhist Canon (the teaching of Shakyamuni Buddha) from Classical Chinese into English (this project will probably take several hundred years to complete) and the Numata Program in Buddhist Studies which works with several North American Universities--including the University of Toronto/McMaster University, McGill University and the University of Calgary--to enhance their Buddhist Studies programs. Brian serves as an advisor to the American Buddhist Study Center in New York City and the Ekoji Buddhist Temple in Washington, DC. He also volunteers for the Hongwanji IMOP program, at the Buddhist Churches of America's Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) where he cofounded the "TechnoBuddha" program for young adults, which has attracted some young members from several British Columbia temples, and he leads CBE Study Tours to Japan.

He has worked for Mitutoyo Corporation for 30 years and is currently serving as a director of both Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai America and Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai Canada. He last gave an Obon Dharma Talk at TBC in 2014.

OBITUARIES

The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individuals who have passed away during the past month.

<i>Miss Hatsue Yamamoto</i>	<i>96 yrs.</i>	<i>May 23, 2019</i>
<i>Mr. Imao Kaibara</i>	<i>79 yrs.</i>	<i>June 12, 2019</i>

*In Gassho
Toronto Buddhist Church*

FOREIGN COINS and USED STAMP COLLECTION

Please bring in any foreign coins from your travels and place them in the box provided in the Temple lobby. The Women's Federation collects for Air Canada charity. Also we still collect unwanted pennies.

Any collection of stamps will be sent to Save The Children. The stamps will be given to Women's Federation group at the end of April. If you have any stamps, a box is provided in the lobby of the Temple



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

For the past five years, since changing over to our current donation receipting programme, we have issued receipts on a quarterly basis. However, due to the ever-increasing cost of paper, envelopes and postage; we will, in 2019 begin issuing receipts semi-annually or twice a year. Therefore, you will receive a receipt for any donations made January to June, in early July 2019 and in early January, 2020 for donations made July to December, 2019.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that cheques must be made out to TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH. Please note that TBC or T.B.C is not acceptable. If you would like your donation to be directed to one of the church groups or funds, please indicate this information in the memo line of your cheque...ie: Dana, Sangha, Altar Flower Fund, etc.

We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and understanding in these matters.

Toronto Buddhist Church Office.

Hatsubon Memorial Listing

On Obon Sunday, July 14, the first service of the day at 9 am is for Hatsubon families.

All those who have lost a family member in the past year, attend Hatsubon (First Obon) memorial service to honour and respect their loved one.

Please find below the listing of names of individuals who will be remembered with a hanging Chochin (lantern) in the Hondo.

Doi, Manbu	Kiyonaga, Toshiko, Kathleen	Suyama, Kunio
Fujio, Mayede	Kumagai, Misa	Tamaki, Alfred, Kenji
Hama, Hugo	Kumagawa, Akem	Yamamoto, Hatsue
Hamazaki, Harvey, Hiroyuki	Miyanishi, Yoshie	Yoshizaki, Taketoshi
Ishikawa, Shozo	Mizuyabu, Reiko	
Kaibara, Iwao	Murai, Ben, Tsutomu	
Katsura, Isamu	Murata, Kiyoko	
Kawaguchi, Kameo	Nakashima, Haruko	
Kishimoto, Haruko (St. Thomas, On)	Sakauye, Shigeo	
Kitamura, Teruko	Shiozaki, Christina, Chizuyo	
Kitamura, Teruyo	Shishido, Masako	

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of AUGUST

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month (please check our temple calendars to confirm the day of the monthly memorial service) to remember and honour those who have passed away in that month regardless of year.

Usually, mail reminders are sent out to the next of kin but due to changing circumstances we have not always been able to reach families and hope that by publishing the names of those who have passed, we can still reach and remind families and dear friends of the month of their loved ones honouring.

Below is our listing of our members and supporters who have passed away during the month of August . All are invited and welcome to attend.

ANDREONE , Jo Anne Ysuko	KAKINOKI , John Mashiro	OHASHI , Ross Shozo	URA , Taneshiro
ARIZA , Darrell Patrick	KAWABATA , Masao	OKAZAKI , Robert	WATANABE , Tsuneharu
AZUMA , Sano	KAWAGUCHI , Kameo	OMOTO , Sada	WATARI , Gentaro
BABA , Teruko	KISHIBE , Tokichi	OTAGURO , Sumiye	YAMAMOTO , Etsu
BABA , Tejiro	KITAMURA , Masaru	SAITO , Fred Ichiro	YONEMURA , Kaoru
BANDO , Mark	KOBAYASHI , Shigeno	SAKAI , Nobuko Jean	YOSHIKAWA , Hatsue
CHIJIWA , Yoko	KOBAYASHI , Tokujiro	SAKURA , Hikotaro	YOSHIKAWA , Toshiko
EBATA , Matsuko Betty	KONDO , Harry Shota	SATO , Keiko	
EBATA , Joe Ryota	KONDO , Kimiko	SATO , Sadamu	
EBISUZAKI , Hide	KONDO , Shigeo	SHIGA , Teruji Terry	
EGUCHI , Shizu	KUROYAMA , Sannosuke	SHIKATANI , Hisaya	
FUJITA , Hikosaku	KUSHIDA , Takashi	SHIKATANI , Ino	
FUJITA , Kii	MATSUDA , Shizuka	SHIKATANI , Yohei	
FUKUMORI , Hatsuno	MATSUYAMA , Hikohei	SHIMONO , Shiroemon	
FUKUMOTO , Umechiyo	MILLARD , Mayuko	SHIN , Yeda	
FURUKAWA , Gentaro	MITSUMI , Yukio	SHINMOTO , Hisayo	
FURUYA , Minoru	MIYAGAWA , George Kiichiro	SHIRAIISHI , Isamu	
GYOTOKU , Unta	MIYANISHI , Yoshie Minnie	SHOJI , Tsunehiro Tony	
HAKKAKU , Kiyō	MIYAUCHI , Shozo Bob	SHOJI , Genji Gene	
HAMAMOTO , Yoshio	MIZUYABU , Mrs. Reiko	SUMIDA , Yoshinari	
HARA , Kiyōji	MORI , Shozo	TAKANO , Denji	
HARA , Kimie	MOTOTSUNE , Marie Satsuko	TAKASAKI , Matsue	
HIDAKA , Kathy Ling Fai Ling	MUKAI , Takeno	TAKEDA , Kumasaburo	
HIGUCHI , Hisakichi	MURAI , Ben Tsutomu	TAKEHISA , Michiko	
HIKIDA , Kikue	MURATA , Hanae	TANAKA , Mitsuo	
HORI , Yoshio	NABETA , Matsuichi	TANAKA , Nobby Nobuyoshi	
HOSAKI , George Kazuki	NAKABAYASHI , Hiroshi	TANAKA , Jinya	
IKEBATA , Masao	NAKAGAWA , Miyoko	TANAKA , Mine	
IMAI , Jiro	NAKAMURA , Ginpachi	TANAKA , Tatsuya	
INOUE , Bruce Keigo	NAKANISHI , Kenichiro	TATEBE , Kazuo	
ITO , Akitaro	NAKATSU , Yoshiharu	TERASHITA , Allen Akitoshi	
ITO , Lily	NARUSE , Kimi	TOKUYAMA , Fumie	
ITO , Peter Shizuma	NATSUHARA , Kichi	TOYAMA , Akiko	
ITO , Zenya	NISHIMOTO , Harumi	TSURUDA , Kikuye	
KAJI , Jiro	NISHIMURA , Eitaro	TSUSHIMA , Ayako	

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of September

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AMEMORI , Rinzo Jon	INAMOTO , Kishi	MAEHARA , Jiro
ASADA , Mitsuru	INAMOTO , Yoshi	MAEHARA , Mutsuko
AYUKAWA , Robert Noboru	INAMOTO , Allan Yukio	MAEKAWA , Iwajiro
AZUMA , Ikichi	INAMOTO , William Akira	MASUDA , Suyekichi
BABA , Hisaye	ISHIDA , Yoshiro	MATSUBA , Kenneth Brian Yukio
BABA , Tatsuo	ITO , Suga	MATSUOKA , Haruno
EBATA , Genei	IWASAKI , Suye	MITSUMI , Shige
EBATA , Shio	IWASHITA , Motaro	MIYASAKI , Nobu
EDAMURA , John Hideo	KAIURA , Hideo	MORIMOTO , Ikunosuke
EJIMA , Hatsujiro	KAMADA , Masu	MORIMOTO , Takeo
FUJII , Rinnosuke	KATO , Katsujiro	MORISHITA , Kamekichi
FUJII , Jean Misako	KAWAMOTO , Chujiro	MURAKAMI , Itoku
FUJINO , Iwajiro	KIKUCHI , Kamematsu	MURANAKA , Kenneth Kenichi
FUJINO , Shizue	KISHIMOTO , Seikichi	MURATA , Matsutaro
FUJIOKA , Yonesaku	KISHIMOTO , Yo	NAKAGAWA , Katsujiro
FUKAKUSA , Mariko	KIYONAGA , Chiyoko May	NAKAGAWA , Margaret Fumiko
FUKUMA , Hirotsuke	KIYONAGA , Don Kitaji	NAKAHARA , Genichiro
FUKUSHIMA , Shizue Sue	KIYONAGA , Kiheiji	NAKATSU , Kichinosuke
GIGA , Fujiko	KOBAYASHI , Kenichiro	NAKATSU , Tsunekichi
HALLISCHUK , Joanne Yoshiko	KOBAYASHI , Kiyoshi	NAKAUCHI , Seki
HARADA , Chiyono	KODAMA , Isamu	NISHI , Yukari Lolly
HATANAKA , Sueko	KOKURA , Mitsu	NISHIJIMA , William Shigetada
HAYASHI , Gibson	KONDO , Yuki	NISHIKAWA , Taro
HAYASHI , Doreen Akemi	KONISHI , Helen Haruye	NISHIKAWA , Tomijiro
HIGA , Matsu	KOSHIDA , Thomas Yoichi	NISHIMURA , Alyce Asano
HIKIDA , Tsunekichi	KOYAMA , Katsuko	NISHIMURA , Yutaka Glenn
HONKAWA , Kyuhachi	KUMABE , Masayuki	NISHIYAMA , Catherine Hisako
HUANG , Chan Nuan Po	KURAHASHI , Satoru Sam	NISHIZAKI , Marion Kiku
ICHII , Miyo	KUROYAMA , Iwao	NOMURA , Lucy Toshiko
ICHII , Seinojo	KUSHIDA , Imaji	NOZOE , James Akira
ICHII , Tokumatsu	KUSHIDA , Shirley Sachiko	OHARA , Kinusuke
IGARASHI , Toyono	LEBA , Thanh	OHASHI , Shizuko
IKEBATA , Natsue	MA , Junko	OHASHI , Uta

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of September, continued

SAITO , Sally Shizue	TAKATA , Ichiro	TSUJI , Allan Takeru
SAKAUYE , Kazuo	TAKATA , Morikichi	TSUJI , Tsuru
SEKIMOTO , Yasuko	TAKEMURA , Soichiro James	TSUKADA , Masao
SHIBATA , Yoshikazu	TAKISHITA , Isami	TSUKAMOTO , Hana
SHIMONO , Sakino	TANAKA , Chiyo	TSURUDA , Shuzo
SHIN , Zentaro	TANAKA , Kisa	UCHIDA , Minoru
SHINYA , Shinsuke	TANAKA , Saburo	URA , Tomoye
SHIRAIISHI , Robert Bob Shigeo	TATEBE , Kazutaro	WAKISAKA , Takashi
SHOJI , Yoshiko Mary	TATEISHI , Tsugeko	WAKISAKA , Yasuo
TAHARA , Mamoru Mum	TEHARA , Joe Heijiro	WATADA , Chisato
TAHARA , Noboru	TEHARA , Kazuko	YAKO , Tokuzo
TAJIMA , Takakazu	TERAKAWA , Sadako	YAMASHITA , Suwa
TAKAHASHI , George Yoshikazu	TOHANA , Shigeo	YONEKURA , Sumiye
TAKAHASHI , Torao Tote	TOJI , Toki	YOSHIDA , Hideo
TAKANO , Shizue	TOKUYAMA , Akira	YU , Song Shing and Hsieh Wei

Rally Sunday

September 8, 2019

After the summer break, we invite everyone back to the Temple for "Rally Sunday" on Sunday, September 8, 2019 - the start of a new season of services and activities. Many of the Temple groups will be preparing display boards, artwork and displays. Join us after the morning service and check out the different activities you can join.

September 8 is also the September Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki), a time to remember family, friends and loved ones who have entered Nirvana in previous Septembers. Please remember to bring your loved ones' homyo cards.

The Kids Sangha services and programmes also resume on Rally Sunday at 10.30am.

We look forward to seeing you!

Wishing everyone a safe and restful summer.

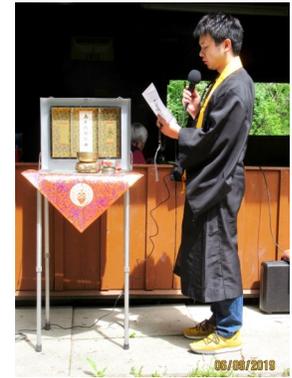
TBC Annual Picnic

Our 2019 picnic was held again at Camp Green Acres in Markham on Sunday June 9th. With bright sunny skies and warm temperatures it was an enjoyable day spent with family and friends. All those attending were able to take part in the various activities held such as the kids craft table, yoga, the open air service, free hot dogs, wagon rides, swimming, races and Bingo.

Thank you goes out to the many helpers: Ann and Fred, Jessica, Denise, Mike, Cary, Rachel, Dave as well as the countless others who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. We also can't forget thanking all the donors for contributing to the Fukubiki bags and bingo prizes.

Congratulations to those people who won at Bingo and the Share The Wealth draw.

Special Projects and Culture Committee



Mindful Meditation Summer Break!

Please Note: Mindful Meditation classes with Ray Nakano will be taking a break for the summer (July and August). Thursday June 20th will be our last class, we will resume again on Thursday September 5, 2019.

In the meantime, please join every Thursday night for the month of June at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!



Upcoming Mindful Events

A Day of Mindful Meditation:

Saturday August 3rd, 2019 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sangha Hike on July 27th – Location to be determined

For more information on both events please visit our website <http://tbc.on.ca/events/meditation-classes/> or email mindfulnesspracticesangha@hotmail.com

DANA 60th ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 27, 2019

It is hard to believe that sixty years has passed since a group of devoted Toronto Buddhist Church lady members established the Dana. Since its inception the group has been involved in all aspects of the Church and we are planning to commemorate these sixty very eventful years with a special service and luncheon on Sunday, October 27, 2019. More details will follow, but please mark your calendars and plan to join us in this celebration.



Obon Odori 2019

The annual Obon odori festival will be held at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre on Saturday, July 13, 2019 starting at 7:00pm.

Come and enjoy a pleasant evening watching the dancers in their colourful yukatas and join them for the many audience participation dances.

The JCCC also hosts Natsu Matsuri, summer festival, starting at 3:30pm. The JCCC's address is 6 Garamond Ct.



Wasaga Beach Cottage Rental

Summer is just around the corner. Don't wait until the last minute to book a cottage.

There are three rental cottages. Each cottage has running water, a shower, flush toilet and a fully equipped kitchen.

What a great family vacation, just 1.5 hours drive from Toronto. Wasaga Beach is just a short two minute walk from the cottages. The surrounding area also offers convenient shopping and entertainment such as canoeing, kayaking, mini-golf, go carts and bowling.

The cottages are available from May 18 (Victoria Day Long Weekend). All pets are welcome.

Please contact the church office to book your cottage. 416-534-4302

Tbc@tbc.on.ca

Create Great Family memories that will last a lifetime.

Note: Renter(s) of the cabin(s) must be a member of Toronto Buddhist Church.

GUIDING LIGHT

TRANSLATORS NEEDED

The Guiding Light is looking for volunteers to translate articles from English to Japanese for the newsletter. The Guiding Light is printed once a month; English articles are due on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Japanese translations would be required by the following Wednesday.

If you are interested in translating for the Guiding Light please contact Darlene at: darlene.rieger28@gmail.com

Thank you

Spring Cleaning??

Calling for Jewellery donations

The **JEWELLERY BOUTIQUE** returns to the Church Bazaar this year. Please bring any jewellery donations to the Temple office or contact June

Asano. asanojune@gmail.com



2019 SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

The Summer Service schedule will start from Sunday **July 21st** to Sunday **September 1st**. All services will be held at 11:00 am.

The **August Monthly Memorial Service** will be held on Sunday, **August 4th**.

The regular service schedule resumes on **September 8th** with the **September Monthly Memorial Service and Rally Sunday Service**.



Please consult the website and the Guiding Light calendar for more detail.

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

If you are planning on joining us for Camp Lumbini in Wasaga Beach, we look forward to making your camp experience unforgettable.

What a great way to spend the summer.

Thank you everyone for helping make Kids Sangha a success. We look forward to seeing you in the fall on September 8, 2019 for Rally Sunday.



With Gratitude,
Yumi, Jessica, Abigail, Rachel, Koji, Denise, Eri, Les and Naomi



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

a Jodo Shinshu Temple

2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The Individual Membership Fee for 2019 is a minimum of \$130. However, the Temple welcomes and will be grateful for any amount over and above this minimum fee.

A tax receipt will be issued for the total Membership amount paid.

Please note that \$80 of your Individual Membership Fee is paid to Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) as an assessment for each member of our Temple.

Membership Fees may be paid in one lump sum or in monthly or quarterly installments. Please do not use Offering envelopes to pay membership fees. Instead, please insert them in separate plain envelopes clearly marked "For Membership". Please make any cheques payable to Toronto Buddhist Church.

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Last Name: _____ Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____

First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Signature: _____

Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

I promise to pay \$_____ as my Membership Fee for 2019 and am enclosing the amount of \$_____ on account of such fee. I will pay the balance of my Membership Fee, if any, by **May 31, 2019**. By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow printed on the reverse side of your membership card.

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