



Guiding Light

July/August, 2024



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

		Kids' Sangha 10:30 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person & Zoom	
SATURDAY JULY 13, 2024	HAKAMAIRI		VARIOUS	CEMETERIES	SEE SCHEDULE on Page 3
JULY 14, 2024	HATSUBON		9:00 AM BILINGUAL	NONE	
JULY 14, 2024	OBON		ENGLISH	JAPANESE	
JULY 21, 2024	SUMMER SERVICE		ENGLISH	NONE	
JULY 28, 2024	SUMMER SERVICE		ENGLISH	NONE	
AUGUST 4, 2024	MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE (SHOTSUKI)		ENGLISH	JAPANESE	
AUGUST 11, 2024	SUMMER SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO		ENGLISH	NONE	

Makuragyo (Pillow-side) Service

When families consider having a Pillow-side service (Makuragyo), they are encouraged to notify the Temple with advance notice. This offers the Temple member time to adjust their schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, the Temple member is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing away of the loved one. The family may prefer to have the service at an earlier time so that more family members can attend the service.

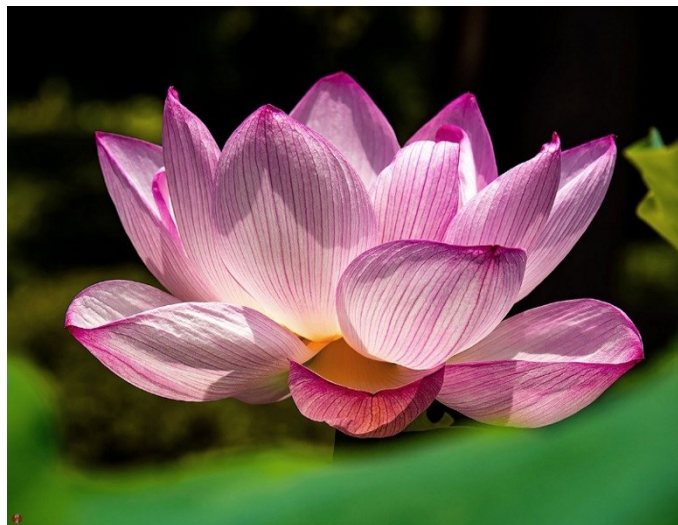
Providing information, prior to a passing away, is important for the Temple member too, not only to adjust their schedule, but to prepare for the service. The early contact with the Temple member also provides an opportunity for them to offer information and answer questions the family may have. Please call the Temple 416-534-4302 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as someone is available.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Board of Directors

HAKAMAIRI SCHEDULE FOR CEMETERY CENTRAL SERVICES

<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>CENTRAL LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SERVICE LEADER</u>
Highland Memorial Gardens	Mausoleum near parking lot	9:30 AM	Dennis Madokoro
Elgin Mills Cemetery.	Sect. 2/ 8.	11:30 AM	Dennis Madokoro
Spring Creek Cemetery	Clarkson Road at back of cemetery, big tree	10:30 AM	Jeff Wilson Sensei
Glen Oaks Cemetery	South side of Structure 3 Kitty corner to Chinese Burial section	9:30 AM	Jeff Wilson Sensei 519-954-0659
Glendale Cemetery.		9:30 AM	John Nishikawa
Pine Hills Cemetery.	Sect. 7.	9:30 AM	Ken Shigeishi
Resthaven Memorial Gardens	Circle Garden.	10:45 AM	Ken Shigeishi
Pine Ridge Memorial.		12:00 PM	Pauline Knude
Salem U.C.		11:00 AM	Pauline Knude
York Memorial Cemetery	Pond west off Senlac.	9:00 AM	Rev. Hashimoto
Prospect Cemetery.	Mausoleum of Last Supper	10:15 AM	Rev. Hashimoto
Park Lawn Cemetery.	Paradise Mausoleum, Sect. 5.	11:30 AM	Rev. Hashimoto
Mt Pleasant Cemetery.	Sect. 51 by Sundial near Bayview Ave.	10:30 AM	Rev. Ikuta
Toronto Necropolis.	Memorial east side closest to DVP	9:00 AM	Rev. Ikuta
St. James Cemetery.	TBA	9:30 AM	Rev. Ikuta
Sanctuary North and South	Meet at parking lot south side.	9:00 AM	Susan Ebisuzaki





WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ENTRUST (OMAKASE) AMIDA

I am Rev. Kensho Hashimoto, the resident minister of the Toronto Buddhist Church. I hope we can enjoy the teachings of Amida Buddha together.

As this is my first article for the Guiding Light, many of you may not

know that I have only just completed my Masters degree at Ryukoku University (the Hongwanji affiliated university in Kyoto, Japan) in March, and been the resident minister at Toronto Buddhist Church since April. So my time as a minister in Canada has been very short. Luckily, the experienced Canadian ministers have been coming to Toronto to give me guidance and help me settle-in to the role of resident minister.

At the end of May, Rev. Grant Ikuta, the resident minister of the Steveston Buddhist Church in BC, came for my training. As many of you may know, Ikuta Sensei was the resident minister at this temple for about 16 years from 1992 to 2008. When he came to Toronto as a minister, he was the same age as I am now.

On the weekend that he was here, the KEIROKAI (Celebration Honouring our Elders) was held. Many people were happy to see him again, which made me feel happy as well. Like him, I would like to build an ideal relationship as a Nembutsu practitioner with all of you, in which each one of us praises the teachings of the Nembutsu, Amida Buddha, together.

During his stay, we went to two Japanese restaurants that he used to visit often in the past. It had been 16 years since Ikuta sensei had worked in Toronto, so one of the restaurants had already been replaced by a new owner. However, he said that the menu and taste of the restaurant had not changed.

The other restaurant is still run by the same owner as it was 16 years ago. As I was looking at the restaurant's menu, one course, "Chef's Omakase Course," caught my eye. I have been to many Japanese restaurants since I arrived in Toronto, but this was the first time I had seen an "omakase course". Although neither of us ordered the "Omakase Course" that day, we could imagine that a restaurant with an "Omakase Course" had a chef who was confident in their cooking skills.

I hear that "omakase courses" at some of the top restaurants in Japan are amazing. Of course, they use seasonal ingredients such as vegetables and fish purchased that day, but I have also heard that there are places that devise and create original course menus on the spot, just for that customer, based on the

customer's age and the alcohol he or she is drinking.

This is truly the work of an expert. I don't think there is any place for an amateur like me to interfere with their work. We would simply enjoy the food while being impressed by each and every dish that comes out as a course.

Our relationship with the Amida Buddha can also be described in this way.

"You must simply entrust yourself to Tathagata."

[Lamp for the Latter Ages] (The Collected Works of Shinran 1 P536)

This is a sentence from a letter written by Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. Tathagata in this context refers to Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha established Vows to help me out of my suffering, and by practicing the deeds to fulfill these Vows, became the Buddha who can help all people. So to speak, Amida Buddha is an expert in helping people. However, even though Amida Buddha is the supreme Buddha who helps us as we are, we tend to think a lot of unnecessary things that create doubt.

So what do we entrust to Amida Buddha?

Fundamentally, it is the question of life and death. Buddhism, no matter which sect, teaches the way to transcend the problems of life and death. The reason why it is divided into various teachings is that the way to transcend the problem of life and death is different for each person. The goal is the same, but the process to reach it is different.

To "transcend the problems of life and death" would mean to be able to accept both life and death as something to be grateful for. Buddhism teaches that unless we reach such a world, we will not be able to truly rest and relax.

We, the living, believe that death is the end; death is the end of life. Therefore, people who are only thankful for life cannot be thankful for death. Conversely, those who are only thankful for death have lost hope for life and cannot feel gratitude for it. It is obvious that where either life or death turns into despair for the person, there is not the slightest sense of peace. We will certainly face such inevitable despair.

We entrust Amida Buddha with such problems of despair. This entrusting heart is also brought about by Amida Buddha's vows. Amida Buddha is asking me with all his heart, "Please make the recitation of my name the support of your life, and think of your life as a life of birth in the Pure Land, not death."

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ENTRUST (OMAKASE) AMIDA, continued

To these Vows, we will entrust ourselves with the problems of life and death like that we enjoy the chef's "omakase course." For those who receive the recitation of the Nembutsu as the support of life and the meaning of death as birth in the Pure Land, no matter how difficult life may be or what form of death may take, their life will not be in vain. Both life and death will be richly fruitful, and this is what we entrust ("OMAKASE") ourselves to Amida Buddha, the expert in helping us.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Kensho Hashimoto

TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP

On June 2, 2024 the TBC recognized and celebrated the 2024 TBC Dana Scholarship recipient, Miss Maya Yoshida, during the service followed by a Graduates Tea. Miss Yoshida's stellar academic achievement was accompanied with strong community involvement and extracurricular activities. Miss Yoshida will be going to University of Toronto in the fall focusing on Life Science.

As this was the first time since the COVID that a Graduates Tea was held, the TBC also recognized the 2021 and 2023 TBC Dana Scholarship recipients. Mr. Joaquin Kataoka was awarded the 2021 scholarship and he is currently completing his last year of Computer Engineering at Toronto Metropolitan University. Mr. Shohei Hayakawa and Miss Elly Hayakawa were awarded the 2023 scholarship. Mr Hayakawa completed his first year at Wilfred Laurier University studying Business. Ms. Hayakawa (not pictured) completed her first year at University of Waterloo majoring in Management Engineering.

Congratulations to all of the Scholarship Recipients. We wish you well on your academic journey and future endeavors.

The TBC Dana Scholarship Committee would like to thank the "TBC Toban Group" for the lovely afternoon tea style Graduates Tea. It was a fabulous way to celebrate the accomplishment of our young members.



KEIROKAI HONOREES**MAY 26, 2024****BEIJU (88 YEARS)**

Mr. Satch Fujimoto
 Mr. Kojiro Fukuma
 Mrs. Yasuko Horii
 Mr. Hiromi Jimuro
 Mrs. Setsuko Koyata
 Mrs. Ruby Nagasuye
 Mrs. Fumiko Ohashi
 Mrs. Noriko Sugimoto

HAKUJU (99 YEARS)

Mrs. Sadame Muromoto
 Mrs. Miyo Nakamura
 Mrs. Shizuko Takeno
 Mr. George Tsushima

HYAKUJU (100 YEARS)

Mrs. Shizuko Fujimoto
 Mrs. Masako Kumabe
 Mrs. Ritsuko Sugiman
 Mrs. Eiko Yamashita

OVER 100 YEARS

Mrs. Yuki Kondo	101 years
Mrs. Betty Ura	101 years
Mrs. Eiko Kiyonaga	102 years
Mr. Mits Sumiya	102 years
Mrs. Fumi Kono	102 years
Mrs Misao Tehara	103 years
Mrs. Teruko Otani	105 years

CONGRATULATIONS!





HATSUBON

July 2023 to July 2024

IKEDA, Mr. Sidney Kiyoshi
OKADA, Mrs. Rena Keiko
FUJITA, Mr. George Sadaji
IWATA, Mr. Hiromu
TSUJI, Mr. Gerry Kazuo
YOSHIDA, Mr. Howard Kaoru
MATSUMOTO, Mrs. Shizuko
MORIYAMA, Mr. Raymond Junichi
RUMBLE, Mrs. Yoshie Mary
ITO, Mr. Mitsuyoshi
NISHIZAWA, Mrs. Elizabeth Matsue
ASADA, Mrs. Kiyomi
BELAIR, Mrs. Keiko
WAKABAYASHI, Mrs. Mitsuko
SMITH, Dr. Kenneth Carless
KAWAGUCHI, Mrs. Yaeko
SHITAMI, Mr. Haruo
KAWAGUCHI, Mrs. Mariko
NISHIMURA, Mrs. Toshiko



OBON WEEKEND

Sat., July 13, and Sun., July 14 2024.

Our Guest Speaker for Obon weekend , July 13th and 14th will be Rev. Grant Ikuta of the Steveston Buddhist Temple. Please join us as we welcome him.

At the JCCC on **Saturday, July 13th** there will be the **Obon Odori Festival** (Japanese Folk Dancing) performance from **7:00 PM**. The **Natsu Matsuri** will begin at **5:00 PM**

Please visit the JCCC and TBC websites for full details.

www.jccc.on.ca www.tbc.on.ca

**Hope to
see you there !!**



Keirokai 2024

Sunday May 26th was a beautiful spring day and we couldn't have asked for better weather to celebrate Keirokai which recognizes those temple members who have reached milestone ages of 77, 88, 99 and above.

Honorary members (77 and above) received complementary bento lunches. Following lunch the entertainment programme included performances from Isshin Daiko, Kids Sangha, TBC Buyo Group and various Karaoke singers with a special performance by Dare Daro.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped to make the event a success.



BRING JUST ONE THING

Everyone is aware of the rising prices of all foodstuffs. In lieu of a food drive, we encourage everyone who comes to the temple for either services or classes, to bring one non perishable item from their cupboard; once or every time you attend Temple or whenever you think of it. This will be a year long project. Hopefully this is less burdensome than donating a bag of food occasionally. Of course we will also welcome bags of food if that is better for you. There will be a box in the lobby for donations. Food banks and neighborhood pantries will benefit from your donations year round.

Please do not include food that is close to or past its 'best before date'.

Thank you for your generosity and thinking of the less fortunate.

TBC



NEEDING HELP

We are looking for people to help with the after service tea and clean up. Susan Ebisuzaki has tirelessly been doing it, but now needs help. Volunteer, so members can continue to socialize after service. Please submit your name to the office. The more volunteers the easier the task.

Hoping you will consider helping.



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.

If we have missed any names, please notify the Temple office so that we may update our records. Thank You

In Gassho Toronto Buddhist Church

Mr. Gordon Yoshida 72 yrs

June 20, 2024

Mrs. Sachiko Moriyama 92 yrs

June 22, 2024

JUNE 16, 2024 SANGHA'S SPRING INTO SUMMER BACKYARD PICNIC**NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR NAIJIN FLOWER ARRANGING**

Are you interested in amateur flower arranging? We are looking for those who are interested in creating the arrangements on our Naijin. No experience required. All materials provided. Please contact the Temple office if you are interested: 416-534-4302 or tbc@tbc.on.ca

**DO YOU HAVE PERENNIALS YOU NO LONGER WANT IN YOUR GARDEN?**

The Temple is looking for perennials to plant around the building and the parking lot. If you are thinking of thinning out your garden, please bring them into the Temple or call the office 416-534-4302 and we will gladly pick them up.



PICNIC AT
LUMBINI, WASAGA BEACH
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 10

Please join us at Lumbini on Saturday, August 10th between 10am - 5pm for TBC's Annual Picnic at Lumbini Cabins. Come for races, games, suikawari (smashing watermelons), hot dogs and hamburgers. As always please bring folding chairs and your contributions to the communal table. Cabin 3 is available for changing into swimsuits. Lumbini, a TBC property located near Wasaga Beach at 68 MARY STREET, WASAGA BEACH.

Please let the office know if you are thinking of attending. We need a rough estimate of how much preparation we need.

Phone: 416- 534 4302

Email: tbc@tbc.on.ca

Link to location on Google Maps

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YADdPAQYCxpUc8kF7>



TBC Picnic at Green Acres, 2019

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of August

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month 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 Yasuko	ITO, Mitsujiro	MURAI, Ben Tsutomu	SUMIDA, Yoshinari
ARIZA, Darrell Patrick	ITO, Mitsuyoshi	MURATA, Hanae	SUYAMA, Larry Kenji
ASA, Mitsuko	ITO, Peter Shizuma	NABETA, Matsuichi	TAKANO, Denji
AZUMA, Sano	ITO, Zenya	NAGAO, Kazuko Betty	TAKASAKI, Matsue
BABA, Teruko	IWATA, Hiromu	NAKABAYASHI, Hiroshi	TAKEDA, Augusta
BABA, Tejiro	KAJI, Jiro	NAKAGAWA, Miyoko	TAKEDA, Kumasaburo
BANDO, Mark	KAKINOKI, John Mashiro	NAKAMURA, Ginpachi	TAKEHISA, Michiko
BANDO, Sada	KAWABATA, Masao	NAKANISHI, Kenichiro	TANAKA, Mitsuo
CHIJIWA, Yoko	KAWAGUCHI, Kameo	NAKATSU, Yoshiharu	TANAKA, Nobby Nobuyoshi
EBATA, Matsuko Betty	KISHIBE, Tokichi	NARUSE, Kimi	TANAKA, Jinya
EBATA, Joe Ryota	KITAMURA, Masaru	NASU, Kaoru	TANAKA, Mine
EBISUZAKI, Hide	KOBAYASHI, Mikiko	NATSUMURA, Kichi	TANAKA, Tatsuya
EGUCHI, Shizu	KOBAYASHI, Shigeno	NISHIMOTO, Harumi	TANAKA, Yoshiko
FUJITA, George Sadaji	KOBAYASHI, Teruya	NISHIMURA, Albert Masatoshi	TATEBE, Kazuo
FUJITA, Hikosaku	KOBAYASHI, Tokujiro	NISHIMURA, Eitaro	TERASHITA, Allen Akitoshi
FUJITA, Kii	KOBAYASHI, Yoko	OHASHI, Giichi	TOKUYAMA, Fumie
FUKUMORI, Hatsuno	KONDO, Harry Shota	OHASHI, Ross Shozo	TOYAMA, Akiko
FUKUMOTO, Umechiyo	KONDO, Kimiko	OKAZAKI, Robert	TSUJI, Gerry Kazuo
FURUKAWA, Gentaro	KONDO, Shigeo	OMOTO, Sada	TSURUDA, Kikuye
FURUYA, Minoru	KONISHI, Fujiko	OTAGURO, Sumiye	TSUSHIMA, Ayako
GYOTOKU, Unta	KOSHIBA, Hiroshi	SAITO, Fred Ichiro	URA, Taneshiro
HAKKAKU, Kiyo	KUROYAMA, Sannosuke	SAKAI, Nobuko Jean	UYENAKA, Masayuki
HAMAMOTO, Yoshio	KUSHIDA, Takashi	SAKURA, Hikotaro	WATANABE, Tsuneharu
HARA, Kiyoji	MATSUDA, Shizuka	SATO, Akira Mooney	WATARI, Gentaro
HARA, Kimie	MATSUMOTO, Shizuko	SATO, Keiko	YAMAMOTO, Etsu
HIDAKA, Kathy Ling Fai Ling	MATSUYAMA, Hikohei	SATO, Sadamu	YOKOTA, Kenji Bernie
HIGUCHI, Hisakichi	MILLARD, Mayuko	SHIGA, Teruji Terry	YONEMURA, Kaoru
HIKIDA, Kikue	MITSUKE, Yukio	SHIKATANI, Hisaya	YOSHIDA, Howard Kaoru
HIROSE, Fumiko	MIYAGAWA, George Kiichiro	SHIKATANI, Ino	YOSHIKAWA, Hatsue
HORI, Yoshio	MIYANISHI, Yoshie Minnie	SHIKATANI, Yohei	YOSHIKAWA, Toshiko
HOSAKI, George Kazuki	MIYAUCHI, Shozo Bob	SHIMONO, Shiroemon	
IKEBATA, Masao	MIZUYABU, Reiko	SHIN, Yeda	
IMAI, Jiro	MORI, Misako	SHINMOTO, Hisayo	
INOUE, Bruce Keigo	MORI, Shozo	SHIOZAKI, Douglas Masato	
ITO, Akitaro	MOTOTSUNE, Marie Satsuko	SHIRAISHI, Isamu	
ITO, Lily	MUKAI, Takeno	SHOJI, Tsunehiro Tony	
		SHOJI, Genji Gene	

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AMEMORI , Rinzo Jon	INAMOTO , Allan Yukio	MAEKAWA , Iwajiro	NOMURA , Lucy Toshiko
ASADA , Mitsuru	INAMOTO , William Akira	MASUDA , Suyekichi	NOZOE , James Akira
AYUKAWA , Robert Noboru	ISHIDA , Yoshiro	MATSUBA , Kenneth Brian Yukio	OHARA , Kinosuke
AZUMA , Ikichi	ITO , Dick Hideki	MATSUOKA , Haruno	OHASHI , Shizuko
BABA , Hisaye	ITO , Mitsuyoshi	MITSUKI , Shige	OHASHI , Uta
BABA , Tatsuo	ITO , Suga	MIYASAKI , Nobu	OMOTO , Paul
EBATA , Genei	IWASAKI , Suye	MIYAZAKI , Mitsue	ONO , Isao
EBATA , Shio	IWASHITA , Motaro	MORI , Kinu	OTAGURO , Sumiye
EDAMURA , John Hideo	KAIURA , Hideo	MORIMOTO , Ikunosuke	PULS , Ron
EJIMA , Hatsujiro	KAMADA , Masu	MORIMOTO , Takeo	RUMBLE , Mary Yoshie
FUJII , Rinnosuke	KATO , Katsujiro	MORISHITA , Harold Hiroshi	SAITO , Sally Shizue
FUJII , Jean Misako	KAWAMOTO , Chujiro	MORISHITA , Kamekichi	SAKAUYE , Kazuo
FUJINO , Iwajiro	KIKUCHI , Kamematsu	MURAKAMI , Itoku	SAWAYAMA , Aya
FUJINO , Shizue	KIKUTA , Tatsuo	MURANAKA , Kenneth Kenichi	SEKIMOTO , Yasuko
FUJIOKA , Yonesaku	KISHIMOTO , Seikichi	MURATA , Matsutaro	SEKO , Shigeo
FUKAKUSA , Mariko	KISHIMOTO , Yo	NAKAGAWA , Katsujiro	SHIBATA , Yoshikazu
FUKUMA , Hirosuke	KIYONAGA , Chiyoko May	NAKAGAWA , Margaret Fumiko	SHIMONO , Sakino
FUKUSHIMA , Shizue Sue	KIYONAGA , Don Kitaji	NAKAHARA , Genichiro	SHIN , Zentaro
GIGA , Fujiko	KIYONAGA , Kiheiji	NAKATSU , Kichinosuke	SHINYA , Shinsuke
HALLISCHUK , Joanne Yoshiko	KOBAYASHI , Kenichiro	NAKATSU , Tsunekichi	SHIOMI , Masayoshi
HARADA , Chiyono	KOBAYASHI , Kiyoshi	NAKAUCHI , Seki	SHIRAISHI , Robert Bob Shigeo
HARRIS , Morgan Thomas	KODAMA , Isamu	NISHI , Yukari Lolly	SHOJI , Yoshiko Mary
HATANAKA , Sueko	KOKURA , Mitsu	NISHIJIMA , William Shigetada	TAGUCHI , Mary
HAYASHI , Gibson	KONDO , Tadao Ted	NISHIKAWA , Takako Molly	TAHARA , Mamoru Mum
HAYASHI , Doreen Akemi	KONDO , Yuki	NISHIKAWA , Taro	TAHARA , Noboru
HIGA , Matsu	KONISHI , Helen Haruye	NISHIMURA , Alyce Asano	TAJIMA , Takakazu
HIKIDA , Tsunekichi	KOSHIDA , Thomas Yoichi	NISHIMURA , Yutaka Glenn	TAKAHASHI , George Yoshikazu
HONKAWA , Kyuhachi	KOYAMA , Katsuko	NISHINO , Richard Susumu	TAKAHASHI , Torao Tote
HUANG , Chan Nuan Po	KUMABE , Masayuki	NISHIYAMA , Catherine Hisako	TAKANO , Shizue
ICHII , Miyo	KURAHASHI , Satoru Sam	NISHIZAWA , Elizabeth Matsue	TAKATA , Ichiro
ICHII , Seinojo	KUROYAMA , Iwao	NISHIZAKI , Marion Kiku	TAKATA , Morikichi
ICHII , Tokumatsu	KUSHIDA , Imaji		TAKEMURA , Soichiro James
IGARASHI , Toyono	KUSHIDA , Shirley Sachiko		TAKISHITA , Isami
IKEBATA , Natsue	LEBA , Thanh		TANAKA , Chiyo
INAMOTO , Kishi	MA , Junko		
INAMOTO , Yoshi	MAEHARA , Jiro		
	MAEHARA , Mutsuko		

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JUNE THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Thank you Rev. Grant and Rev. Hirano for coming to Toronto to mentor Rev. Hashimoto
- ◆ Laurie-Ann Nakagawa for the donation of headphones
- ◆ Bev Kato for helping with after service tea
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ◆ Donna Nakano for playing the organ during service
- ◆ Naomi Tsuji Tamaki for arranging Naijin flowers
- ◆ Grace Taguchi for the Ikebana arrangement for the Shinran statue
- ◆ Michael Tamaki for gardening
- ◆ Grace Taguchi, Joanne Kataoka, Michael Tamaki, Kim & Koichi Hayakawa for getting Camp Lumbini ready for renters and the upcoming Camp Lumbini Week
- ◆ Susan Ebisuzaki for tirelessly being the refreshment toban every Sunday.
- ◆ Cary Kataoka and Ken Shigeishi for making sure we have a zoom service.
- ◆ Alex Badila for ringing the Kansho for service
- ◆ To all who helped make Keirokai a success for all the honorees
- ◆ To all those who helped to make the Dana Scholarship Tea an enjoyable time
- ◆ To all those who helped and donated pies for the TBC Pie Sale which did very well raising funds for the Temple
- ◆ To all those who came out, donated and helped make the Sangha Parking Lot Party a success
- ◆ To all who participated in the Pride Weekend and made it a success for TBC
- ◆ To all the volunteers who are always at the Temple to help out every day, week or month.
- ◆ To all those who have been volunteering at the funerals and memorials that have occurred.



We are always in need of volunteers. Please let the office know if you are available to volunteer or fill out the volunteer application on our website, tbc@tbc.on.ca. Let's have some new people to thank.

We hope that you will join our new format toban group. Call the office or email Naomi Tsuji Tamaki at ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com with your questions or to join the group.

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of September, cont'd**TSUJI, Tsuru****TANAKA, Kisa****TANAKA, Saburo****TATEBE, Kazutaro****TATEISHI, Tsugeko****TEHARA, Joe Heijiro****TEHARA, Kazuko****TERAKAWA, Sadako****TOHANA, Shigeo****TOJI, Toku****TOKUYAMA, Akira****TSUJI, Allan Takeru****TSUJI, Shinichi Fred****TSUKADA, Masao****TSUKAMOTO, Hana****TSURUDA, Shuzo****UCHIDA, Minoru****URA, Tomoye****WAKISAKA, Takashi****JUNE 23, 2024 SERVICE****WITH BISHOP AOKI**

MAY 25, 2024 REV. GRANT'S LECTURE**There and Back Again - Jodo Shinshu the Gate of Listening****JUNE 2, 2024 SHOTSUKI SERVICE****JUNE 16, 2024 SERVICE****Project Dana TBC – Connecting with our Seniors**

**Paramitas – Dana To give of our time and love to all. To share.
To be helpful in every way.**

To provide a variety of support services

Telephone visits
Friendly Home visits
Family Caregiver's support
Bento boxes



We are requesting referrals from Family and Friends of the TBC to submit names of seniors who need social friendly calls from trained volunteers to cope with Social isolation and delivering of bentos to vulnerable seniors.

No compensation is needed, we will be raising funds to support this effort through donations and fundraising.

Please email Marlene Frazer at frazermarlene@gmail.com OR phone 905-637-1828 for answers or referrals to this project or volunteer opportunities to support this effort.

LOOKING FOR HEADPHONES

Do you have an old headphone you can donate to the church?

It would help our seniors to hear the Sunday service.

Please drop it off at the church or call and we will pick it up.

With Gratitude

Toronto Buddhist Church



How to donate to Toronto Buddhist Church

While TBC has had to have its doors closed to visitors for most of the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the business of spreading the Shin Buddhist teachings to our sangha and beyond continues. Forwarding a financial donation will help prepare TBC to welcome everyone back to temple.

There are 3 ways to donate to TBC from home:

- **cheque:** mail to 1011 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto, ON, M3H 2T7
- **E-transfer (is now auto deposit):** use email address darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca
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TEMPLE CLEAN UP

With summer finally here, it's time to come together as a community and give our beloved temple the care it deserves. We are excited to announce our Summer Temple Clean-Up day, and we need your helping hands to make it a success!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, August 17th, 2024
- **Time:** Anytime between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Toronto Buddhist Church 1011 Sheppard Avenue West



Can't make it on Saturday? No worries! If you are unable to join us on the 17th, we welcome volunteers to come by during the month leading up to the event. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will make a significant difference.

Why Cleaning Matters: The World Economic Forum highlighted the benefits of cleaning, not only as a physical activity but also as a way to declutter the mind. Cleaning can teach valuable lessons in core Buddhist principles, such as mindfulness and simplicity. The act of cleaning is a meditative practice that offers the chance to meditate and be present, in the midst of daily tasks.

Tasks to be Completed:

- **Sanctuary Cleaning:** Dusting, vacuuming, and polishing, cleaning Naijin vessels (candle holders, vases, etc.)
- **Garden Maintenance:** Weeding, trimming bushes, and planting flowers.
- **Kitchen Scrub Down:** Cleaning appliances, countertops, and cabinets.
- **Classroom Tidying:** Organizing supplies, wiping down surfaces, and decluttering.
- **General Repairs:** Fixing small items, touching up paint, and checking for any maintenance needs.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow temple members, enjoy a sense of accomplishment, and keep our temple a welcoming and serene place for all. Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting the office at 416-534-4302 or tbc@tbc.on.ca.

Together, we can ensure our temple remains a beautiful, welcoming place for all! Hope you are able to help.

There will be detailed lists of things that need to be done in each area of the Temple.

All cleaning supplies will be provided