



Guiding Light

October, 2026



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

		KIDS SANGHA (10:30 AM)	11:00 AM	10:45 AM DHARMA TALK (JAPANESE)	
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person, ONLY	
OCTOBER 4, 2026	MONTHLY MEMORIAL	ENGLISH (MEZZANINE)	ENGLISH	JAPANESE	SHOTSUKI
OCTOBER 11, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
OCTOBER 18, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	JSBTC DAY, OVSA PRESENTATION
OCTOBER 25, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
NOVEMBER 1, 2026	MONTHLY MEMORIAL	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	JAPANESE	
NOVEMBER 8, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
NOVEMBER 15, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	EITAIKYO
NOVEMBER 22, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
NOVEMBER 29, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	NONE	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 members 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, before 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 at 416-534-4302 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as someone is available.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Board of Directors



This Month's *Shoshinge* – Why Did Shakyamuni Buddha Appear in This World?

*Nyo rai sho-i kō shus-se Yui
setsu mi da hon gan kai
Go joku aku ji gun jō kai O shin
nyo rai nyo jitsu gon*

**Shakyamuni Tathagata
appeared in this world**

**Solely to teach the ocean-
like Primal Vow of Amida;**

**We, an ocean of beings in an evil age of five
defilements, Should entrust ourselves to the
Tathagata's words of truth.**

Before we turn to this month's passage from the *Shoshinge*, I would like to briefly speak about the "Buddhist Spiritual Care Endowment Fund" that I introduced at Rally Sunday.

This is a project I proposed as we look ahead to TBC's 85th anniversary in 2030.

I believe it is an important project for the future of our temple and for how TBC can make a new and deeper commitment to the wider Toronto community, especially the Nikkei community. Through this fund, I hope we can expand the role of our temple beyond our own walls and be present for people when they need spiritual care most—in hospitals, hospices, long-term care homes, and in their own homes.

Beginning in October, I hope to meet personally with approximately 200 of our temple members to share the vision behind this project and what we hope it can make possible in the years ahead. In an age when so much communication happens through social media and email, going out to meet people one by one may seem a little old-fashioned. But because this project is so important to the future of our temple, I want to speak with people face to face and share this vision in my own words.

The campaign will officially begin in January and continue toward our 85th anniversary in 2030. To make this vision possible, we will eventually need the support of more than our current membership—more than 400 people in total. I hope our members will also help us share this vision with brothers and sisters, cousins, relatives, friends, and others in the Nikkei and wider Toronto community who may feel a connection to TBC and to Buddhist spiritual care. I look forward to meeting and speaking personally with many of you in the months to come.

Now, let us turn to this month's passage from *Shoshinge*.

These four lines of this month's *Shoshinge* express an important idea in *Jodo Shinshu* called *shusse hongai*. In modern Japanese, *shusse* often means advancing in one's

career, but in Buddhist language it means for a Buddha to "appear in this world." *Hongai* means one's fundamental intention or true purpose. So *shusse hongai* asks a simple but very important question: **Why did Shakyamuni Buddha appear in this world?** *Shinran Shonin* answers that Shakyamuni appeared in order to teach the *Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life* and, at its heart, to reveal the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha. At this point, it is important to distinguish Shakyamuni Buddha from Amida Buddha. At Hanamatsuri, we celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, the historical Buddha who was born in India more than 2,500 years ago, attained awakening, and spent his life teaching the Dharma. Amida Buddha is not another name for Shakyamuni Buddha. Rather, Shakyamuni is the one who teaches us about Amida Buddha and the Primal Vow. Through Shakyamuni's words, we come to hear of Amida's boundless wisdom and compassion.

Shinran Shonin describes the Primal Vow with a beautiful image. He calls it the "ocean-like Primal Vow." I think this image is important because an ocean is something we cannot easily measure simply by standing on its shore. In the same way, Amida Buddha's compassion is much greater than the boundaries we create in our own minds. And we create many boundaries. Without even noticing it, we often divide people into categories: people we like and people we do not like, people we trust and people we avoid, people we think are right and people we think are wrong. Sometimes it happens over something very small. Someone does not reply to our message. Someone says something that bothers us. A family member does not behave the way we hoped. Suddenly our mind begins to create a whole story about that person. But the Primal Vow does not work according to those boundaries. It is not directed only toward people who are wise, kind, religious, or especially good. It reaches beings precisely as they are.

Then *Shinran Shonin* uses the image of the ocean again. He speaks of "an ocean of beings." So within these four lines, we find two oceans: the Ocean of the Primal Vow and the ocean of beings. One points to the immeasurable compassion of Amida Buddha. The other points to the countless beings living with confusion, attachment, anger, greed, anxiety, and suffering. And this is where I have to turn the teaching back toward myself. I, too, am one person within that ocean. For example, I may know that getting angry will not improve a situation, and yet I still become angry. I may tell myself not to compare my life with someone else's, and then five minutes later I look at social media and begin comparing again. We often know what we should do, but knowing it and actually living that way are two different things. So I am not standing safely on the shore, looking at an ocean of foolish beings somewhere else. I am already in the water.

The teaching of *shusse hongai* tells us that Shakyamuni Buddha appeared in this world so that people like us could hear of Amida's great compassion. The Dharma does not begin by asking

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This Month's *Shoshinge* –

Why Did Shakyamuni Buddha Appear in This World?

whether I have finally become a perfect person or even a better person. It begins by showing me who I actually am. And that can sometimes be uncomfortable. Buddhism is not simply telling us, “Be a better person.” Most of us already know that anger causes problems. We already know that worrying does not solve everything. The difficult part is that even though we know these things, we continue to live this way. And yet, the teaching tells us that this very person is not abandoned.

Perhaps this teaching becomes closest to us in very ordinary moments. Maybe you are lying in bed at night, replaying a conversation from earlier in the day. Maybe someone said something that hurt you, and you keep thinking about what you should have said back. Maybe your plans for the future are not working out the way you expected. Or maybe nothing particularly bad has happened, but you still feel that you are

not doing enough, not achieving enough, or not becoming the person you thought you would be. Those are the moments when the Dharma is not simply an old teaching in a book. It becomes something that speaks directly to our life. The Dharma does not tell us that we must first become someone different before Amida's compassion can reach us. Rather, in the middle of this very imperfect life, we are invited to hear that the Primal Vow has already been directed toward us. That is what Shakyamuni Buddha wanted us to hear. And that is why, more than 2,500 years later, we continue to listen to the Dharma.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Kensho Hashimoto

Resident Minister



Autumn Reflections

This is the October issue of Guiding Light. We are already approaching the final three months of 2026. Time really does pass quickly.

The temperature has started to drop, and it is finally “maple leaf” season here in Canada.

I enjoy spending time in nature and looking at beautiful scenery, so I have been looking forward to experiencing autumn in Canada.

When I think back to last autumn, the fall colors were over before I knew it, and winter arrived so quickly. I learned that autumn in Canada is truly a very short season.

This year, I hope I can find some time to go out and enjoy the “maple leaves”.

In Japan, autumn is also a season that many people look forward to. In Kyoto has many famous places to enjoy the autumn colors, and many people from overseas visit Japan during this season.

In Japan, autumn has long been cherished as a season that evokes many different feelings and emotions. There are countless “waka poems” and “Haiku” about autumn.

The autumn moon, colorful leaves, the sounds of insects, the evening sky—people have long looked at these scenes of autumn and reflected on their own lives, the passage of time, and encounters and farewells.

As a little side note, in Japan, McDonald's releases a seasonal burger called the “Tsukimi Burger” every autumn. “Tsukimi” means enjoying the beauty of the moon, and the burger comes with a fried egg that is meant to resemble the moon.

Whenever the commercial for the “Tsukimi Burger” starts appearing on television, I find myself thinking, “Oh, it's

autumn already.”

It may be one of the things that reminds people in Japan that autumn has arrived today.

Returning to the main topic, when autumn comes, we often find ourselves looking at various scenes in nature and reflecting on different things.

Why is it that autumn makes us think in this way?

I think it may be because autumn is a season that makes us especially aware of change.

The heat of summer gradually fades, and the days become shorter. The leaves on the trees change from green to yellow and red, and eventually they fall.

The scenery that looked almost the same from one day to the next gradually begins to change.

Perhaps autumn is a season that shows us these changes in a way that we can clearly see with our own eyes.

In Buddhism, the fact that everything continues to change and nothing remains in exactly the same state is called “impermanence”.

A bright red maple leaf gradually changes into a dull, brownish color.

The temperature is lower than it was yesterday. Today is not the same as yesterday.

And the same is true for us.

Our hair grows. Our weight changes. We gradually grow older. Our relationships with other people also change.

Where there is a meeting, there will eventually be a parting. Eventually, our lives will come to an end.

We live in a world that is constantly changing.

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Autumn Reflections, continued

Impermanence is not only about human life. In Buddhism, we also speak of **the impermanence of all things (Shogyo mujo)**—the understanding that everything is constantly changing and that nothing remains in exactly the same state forever.

Because autumn shows us change so clearly, we might say that it is a season when we can especially feel the impermanence of all things.

We may find ourselves thinking, “Winter is already coming?” or “How many years has it been since then?”

Sometimes, these thoughts lead us to look back with nostalgia at the time that has passed.

At the same time, however, we may also find ourselves thinking, “I don’t want to get older,” “I don’t want things to change,” or “I wish things could stay this way.”

Perhaps this is where our suffering begins.

Regardless of what we wish for, time continues to pass.

The seasons change, the leaves change color, and eventually

they fall.

And we ourselves are also gradually changing.

Impermanence is not simply about understanding the natural law that “everything changes.”

It may also be about becoming aware of my own self—the person who lives in this impermanent world and still wishes, “I don’t want things to change.”

Shinran Shonin expressed this in one of his Wasan, or Buddhist hymns:

When we reflect on the establishment of the Vow, we find that the Tathagata, without abandoning sentient beings, the directing of virtue to them as foremost, thus fulfilling the mind of great compassion.

Rev. Hikaru Sugiura

Assistant Minister

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Toronto Buddhist Church warmly invites all volunteers to a special luncheon in gratitude for your dedication and service.

Saturday, November 28 at 1:00 PM TBC Social Hall

To help us prepare enough food, please register before **November 18** by emailing: darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca



JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST TEMPLES OF CANADA (JSBTC) DAY – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

The Toronto Buddhist Church is pleased to dedicate this Sunday, October 18th, as **Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada Day**.

The JSBTC serves as the umbrella organization for all Jodo Shinshu temples across Canada, providing guidance and support for our ministers, temple organizations, and community activities. It also acts as an important link to Nishi Honganji, helping ensure that the teachings of Jodo Shinshu continue to be shared with sincerity and purpose.

We invite everyone to join us in expressing appreciation for the JSBTC and its ongoing work in supporting our temples and sustaining the Dharma throughout Canada.

These words praise the heart of why Amida Tathagata established the Vow.

We live in a world that is constantly changing.

There are times when things do not go as we wish, and we experience suffering and worry.

Yet Amida never abandons us, even in such moments.

As the Wasan says, “without abandoning sentient beings,” Amida’s Great Compassion continues to work toward us, even as we live amid suffering.

And as the Wasan says, “the directing of virtue to them as foremost,” this working does not originate from us and move toward Amida. Rather, it is directed from Amida toward us.

Amida never abandons us as we suffer within this impermanent world.

Through this Wasan, Shinran Shonin praises the Great

Compassion of Amida that continually reaches out to us.

When we look at the scenery of autumn, we see the changing of the seasons. At the same time, we may come to realize that the “I” who is looking at that scenery is also living during constant change.

When we think about this, the reflections that arise in autumn are not simply a time to look back nostalgically on things that have passed.

Perhaps they can also become an opportunity for us to listen to the Dharma—to become aware of our own lives within this impermanent world and to hear the Great Compassion of Amida that is directed toward us.

In Gassho

Rev. Hikaru Sugiura

Toronto Buddhist Church & Hamilton Buddhist Temple **2026 schedule**

- October

- 4 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service
- 10 (Sat) Hamilton Monthly Service
- 11 (Sun) Regular Service
- 18 (Sun) JSBTC Day Service (OVSA Presentation)
- 25 (Sun) Regular Service

- November

- 1 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service
- 8 (Sun) Regular Service

- 14 (Sat) TBC Annual Bazaar
- 15 (Sun) Eitaikyo Service
- 21 (Sat) Hamilton Monthly Service
- 22 (Sun) Regular Service
- 29 (Sun) Regular Service

- December

- 6 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service
- 12 (Sat) Hamilton Monthly Service
- 13 (Sun) Regular Service
- 20 (Sun) Bodhi Day Service (Jodo-e)
- 27 (Sun) Regular Service
- 30 (Wed) Mochitsuki
- 31 (Thu) New Year’s Eve Ringing Bell (Joya no Kane)



Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of November

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.

ABO , Tazuko	IZUKAWA , Kumiko Joyce	MATSUBA , Seiichi	NISHIMURA , Hatsue Hatty
AZUMA , Kay Kikue	KAMADA , Mary Mariko	MATSUBA , Shizuo Samuel	NISHINO , Yoshio
BABA , George Seiichi	KAMINO , Hana	MATSUBAYASHI , Heijiro	NODA , Kikuno
BARTNIK , Kazue Kay	KAMINO , Tamio Tom	MATSUHARA , Yaku	NODA , Sumie
CARROLL , Agnes Junko	KANDA , Yoshio George	MATSUMOTO , Hidekazu	ODA , Tome
EBISUZAKI , Kojiro	KASHINO , Tetsuji	MATSUMOTO , Hidezo	OGAKI , Tame Buzz
FUJIMOTO , Shigetaro	KASHINO , Keiko	MATSUMOTO , Kazuo	OHASHI , Leslie Anne Kiyoko
FUJIMOTO , Noboru Nick	KAWABATA , Bunjiro	MATSUMURA , Fumiko	OHYAMA , Murae
FUKAKUSA , Katsuya	KAWABATA , Fumio Ross	MATSUSHITA , Mineko	OKAWA , Fumi
FUKAKUSA , Sakae	KAWAGUCHI , Stanley Mamoru	MATSUYAMA , Soyo	OMOTO , Frank Kiyoshi
FUKUZAWA , Okujiro	KAWAGUCHI , Yaeko	MINAKATA , Kiyokazu	ONISHI , Emiko Amy
GYOTOKU , Mary Fumie	KAWANO , Katsumi & Matsuyo	MITSUKI , Kotaro	OTSU , Mikiko
HAKODA , Yutaka Richard	KAWASAKI , Allen	MIWA , Tami	OYAMA , George Shigeki
HARADA , Osamu	KAWASAKI , Shigeo	MIYAUCHI , Tsuruko	OYAMA , Iwao William
HARADA , Yoshiko	KAYAMA , Yotaro	MIYAZAKI , Katsumi	SAMESHIMA , Tomio
HARUTA , Toshi	KIKUTA , Miyako	MIYAZAKI , Namiye	SAWADA , Tome
HASHIMOTO , Koto	KISHIMOTO , Ko	MORI , Ryuko Ricki	SAWADA , John Minoru
HASHIMOTO , Naojiro	KISHIMOTO , Sydney Seichi	MORISHITA , Matsutaro	SEKO , Hatsuko
HAYASHI , Doug	KISHIMOTO , Yuichi	MURABAYASHI , Lloyd Eikichi	SEKO , Hatsuko
HAYASHI , Masao	KITAMURA , Shinzo	MURAI , Masazo	SERA , Toyojiro
HAYASHI , Mitsuko	KITAURA , Masa	NAGAMATSU , Joan Shimako	SHIBATA , Magoji
HAYASHI , Yosoya	KIYONAGA , Aki	NAGAO , Kanezo	SHIKATANI , Shirley
HEIKE , Muneharu	KIYONAGA , Wakiko	NAGAO , Tadashi	SHIKATANI , Tasajiro
HIGASHI , Natsuyo	KNUDE , Tina Vahi	NAKAGAWA , Phyllis	SHIMIZU , Mary
HIRANO , Harue	KOBAYASHI , Shige	NAKAGAWA , Shigeo	SHINYA , Kitayo
HIZAKA , Kazukiyo	KODAMA , June Fumiye	NAKAGAWA , Sute	SHIRAISHI , Mary Taeko
HORI , Fusae Ann	KOHARA , Wakajiro	NAKAGAWA , Toshie	SHISHIDO , Akira
HORI , George	KONDO , Alice Ayako	NAKAGAWA , Ruby Ayako	SPRATLEY , Sheila Jane Mary
IBUKI , Masaji	KONDO , Shizue	NAKAMURA , Minoru	SUGAMORI , Yae
ICHII , Masa	KONDO , Yoshiko	NAKAMURA , Yukio	SUGAMORI , Irene Sadako
IIDA , Kii	KONO , Fumi	NAKATA , Soichi	SUZUKI , Osamu
IKEDA , Masao	KONO , Kosetsu	NAKATSU , Eiichi Ronald	TABATA , Denbei
IKEDA , Michiyo	KOYANAGI , Harry Yukio	NAKATSU , Mitsue	TABATA , Yoshio
ISEKI , Mitsugu	KOYATA , Betty Setsuko	NISHI , Aiko	TAHARA , Moichi
ISHII , Kazuo	KUSANO , Tsuyo	NISHI , Kazuo	TAHARA , Dorothy Toshiko
ISHIURA , Rev. Newton	KUMABE , Shina	NISHIKAWA , Jisaburo	
ISOKI , Shunichi William	MARUBASHI , Robert	NISHIKAWA , Koma	
ITO , Denjiro	MARUBASHI , Paul	NISHIKAWA , Takashi	
ITO , Junji George	MASUDA , Ryohei		

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**Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the
Month of November**

TAKAHASHI, Sae
TAKAHASHI, Shoji
TAKASAKI, Wataru
TAKASAKI, Shizue
TAKENAKA, Toni Isamu
TAKENO, Peggy Chitose
TANAKA, Miki
TANAKA, Nobuaki
TANOUE, Kazumi
TATEBE, Yae

TERADA, Yoshio
TERASHITA, Kiyoshi
TESHIMA, George
TESHIMA, Yaeko
TESHIMA, Sashiro
TOKI, Yoshiaki Rick
TSUCHIYA, Yasuko
TSUJI, Ichijiro
TSUJIUCHI, Tadashi
TSUKADA, Roy Iwao
TSURUDA, Emiko
TSUSHIMA, Chuzo
UYEDE, Akiko

UYENO, Kinu
UYENO, Shigeko
WAKABAYASHI, Mary
WAKIDA, Iwamatsu
WALSH, Teagan Carroll
YAMADA, Kenneth Kunio
YAMADA, Shieko
YAMAMOTO, Kyoko
YAMASHITA, Mitoru
YONEYAMA, Sumi
YOSHIDA, Jack Masao



Karaoke Party

At Toronto Buddhist Church

Every one Welcome !!
 Enjoy a half day with us !!
 Saturday, October 24, 2026

TBC Social Hall 12:00 Noon Starts
 \$20.00 Incl. Bento, Odori,
 Japanese Enka song and more !!

Ticket : Please contact
 Jessica 416-316-3535

Toronto Buddhist Church Karaoke Club

TBC Sangha Spring into Summer Backyard BBQ

So here we are gearing up for the fall season. But let's not forget the amazing summer we just had and we kicked it all off on June 21st with our annual Spring into Summer Backyard BBQ - an annual tradition at the Toronto Buddhist Church held In the parking lot

There was free food - hamburgers, sausages, and an assortment of delicious donated dishes. We even had nagashi Somen – bundles of noodles slid down a chute you catch with your chopsticks.

Amongst the activities, attendees enjoyed races, karaoke, bon odori, suika wari, and door prizes.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible. And to all who attended - hope to see you next summer!

Cary Kataoka (cary@247Systems.ca)
President, TBC Sangha Volunteer Group



KID'S SANGHA and DHARMA SCHOOL

As we welcomed back everyone to Temple last month, we took time to look at the items in our bags that are kept in the Hondo.

We talked about the respect that we should always show to these 3 items by never placing them on the floor or throwing them around. One of these items is our service book. Do you remember the names of the other 2 items?

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OCTOBER'S THEME: KINDNESS

October 11 – Kid's Service 10:30 a.m. (2nd floor – mezzanine)

Ikebana Workshop – 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

with Grace (classroom)

October 18 – Kid's Service 10:30 a.m. (Hondo)

Dharma School 11:00 a.m. with Jessica

October 25 – 10:30 a.m. - practice singing children's gathas

(classroom)

11:00 a.m. – Join the Family Service

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER.....

November's Theme: "Gratitude" & "Eitaikyo"

It's time for a "Q" and "A"

Q – Who can join Kid's Sangha and Dharma School?

A – Anyone. Everyone is welcome.

Q – Does it matter that I never started coming from September?

A – No. You can start to join us during any month. It is never too late.

Q – I don't know anyone there. Does that matter?

A – No. You'll make a lot of new friends.

Q – What is missing at Temple?

A – You

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT TEMPLE!

With gratitude....the kid's sangha / dharma school team



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

Correction:

Our apologies to the Sekiguchi family for the error in our September newsletter under the entry Mr. Hiroshi Sekiguchi which should have read

Mr. **Hideo** Sekiguchi 69 years July 27, 2026





Kids Sangha

PIZZA &

GAME NIGHT!

A fun evening for Kids Sangha families

 **When:** Saturday, October 17

 **Time:** 4:00 – 8:00 pm
(Pizza at 6:00 pm)

 **Where:** Temple

 **Cost:** Free!





★ Bring your parents!

★ Bring a friend!

★ Bring your grandparents!

 **RSVP by**
Saturday, October 10

Please RSVP to:
the temple at
416-534-4302
or
Naomi
llovelucy3d@yahoo.com



TBC ANNUAL PICNIC AT WASAGA

AUGUST 14, 2026



Can You Help?

If you are able to volunteer, please contact **Denise Crofton** at tbc.bazaar@tbc.on.ca and let us know which day(s) you are available.

Thank you for your dana — your time and effort make the Bazaar possible

Volunteer Schedule

Sunday, October 18

Noon — Outside

Hang banners outside

Friday, November 6

Morning

Prepare for tsukemono

Wednesday, November 11

9 AM

Make mochi manju

Clean and sanitize trays, bowls, bins, etc.

Afternoon / Evening

Hondo

Close naijin

Move chairs to Mezzanine or Library

Set up tables in Hondo

Mezzanine

Move extra chairs to Library

Set up tables in Mezzanine for White Elephant

Social Hall

Move required items to Social Hall

Dismantle and move Social Hall stage

Set up work tables in Social Hall

Thursday, November 12

9 AM

Make yaki manju

Cut meats

6 PM

Make marinade and marinate chicken

Friday, November 13

9 AM

Prepare and make makizushi

Wash and cut vegetables for all dishes

Prepare for onigiri

Fill shoyu bottles, rinse teapots, etc.

6 PM

Precook menu items

Make inarizushi

Make onigiri

Saturday, November 14 — Bazaar Day

6:30 AM

Cook chow mein

Package all items for oribako

Move all oribako items to Hondo

Prep all hot food

Post signage

11:30 AM

Set up tables and chairs in dining room

4 PM

Dismantle and clear Hondo

Set up chairs in Hondo

Prepare leftover White Elephant items for pick up

Assemble and replace stage in Social Hall

Clean up Social Hall

Toronto Buddhist Church

Annual Bazaar

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Join us for our Taste of Japan food festival, and browse our giftware, crafts, and treasures.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026 · 12:00 - 4:00 PM
1011 Sheppard Ave W, Toronto, ON

A Taste of the Bazaar

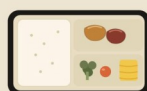
Made fresh, served all afternoon.



UDON NOODLES



INARIZUSHI



BENTO BOX



MOCHI MANJU



TEMPURA



CHICKEN AND
BEEF TERIYAKI
BOWL



New Food Offerings



Karma Café



Provisions & Treasures

"A great experience from the moment you park the car to the moment you leave."

LOCATION

1011 Sheppard Ave W
Toronto, ON

PARKING

More parking available at the Temple or on Banting Avenue — a short walk away.

BY SUBWAY

Sheppard West subway station is just outside our door.

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TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
A Jodo Shinshu Temple

PRESERVES & BAKING WANTED!

Help us fill the Bazaar take-home tables with the flavours and love of our Sangha's kitchens.

PRESERVES



Calling on all Sangha who are busy **CANNING & PRESERVING** this season's fruit and vegetables. We are expanding our preserve table this year and would gratefully accept pickles, jams, sauces and tsukemono to sell.

BAKED GOODS



Calling on all Sangha **BAKERS**! Our bake table is a Bazaar favourite and the pies sell out every year. We would love your **pies, squares, cookies** and any other creative, popular treats from your kitchen.

**Bring your finished items to the temple by
Friday, November 13, 2026**

Baked goods may also be brought Saturday morning by 10:00 am

Baked goods: TBC to provide packaging for pies and squares.
Label every item with its contents and allergens.

Interested? Please contact – tbc.bazaar@tbc.on.ca

Toronto Buddhist Church – Bazaar Committee
1011 Sheppard Avenue West, North York, Ontario M3H 2T7

TREASURES WANTED!

Help us fill the Bazaar tables with the treasures waiting in your cupboards and closets.

JEWELLERY, BOOKS & PLANTS



Calling on all Sangha with **JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES** you no longer wear, **BOOKS** you've finished and **PLANTS** ready for a new home. We welcome rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces and watches, costume or otherwise, plus purses, scarves, hats, gloves and belts. Books in English or Japanese: novels, non-fiction, manga, comics and children's books.

TREASURES & COLLECTABLES



Our **WHITE ELEPHANT, VINTAGE** and **JAPANESE** tables are a Bazaar favourite. We would love your gently used household goods, gifts and décor, retro finds, antiques, figurines and glassware, Japanese dishes, kimono, dolls and art.

**Bring your donations to the temple by
Friday, November 6, 2026**

Please label every box or bag with what's inside —
JEWELLERY, BOOKS, PLANTS, and so on.

Everything should be clean and in good condition.
All proceeds support the temple.

Questions? Please contact – tbc.bazaar@tbc.on.ca

Toronto Buddhist Church – Bazaar Committee
1011 Sheppard Avenue West, North York, Ontario M3H 2T7

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR:

WHITE ELEPHANT

TREASURES AND COLLECTABLES

JEWELLERY, PURSES, SCARVES

**BOOKS ENGLISH OR JAPANESE, CHILDREN,
MANGA, NON-FICTION, NOVELS, COMICS**

PLANTS

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS, GIFTS, DÉCOR, RETRO
FINDS, FIGURINES, GLASSWARE**

VINTAGE

JAPANESE DISHES, KIMONOS, DOLLS, ART

ITEMS FOR SILENT THE AUCTION

AUGUST 30, 2026, SUMMER SERVICE—HICHIRIKI DEMONSTRATION BY REV. SUGIURA



SHOTSUKI SERVICE AND RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



Recycle Your Chopsticks!



What do you do with your take-out chopsticks after you're done with them? Throw them away? Wash and keep them at home, even though you probably have nicer chopsticks to use daily?

Why not recycle your chopsticks?

The temple has enrolled in a recycling program through Chop

Value. This company brings new life to disposable chopsticks. We are given a bin to fill with chopsticks, and once it is full, the team comes to pick it up. To find out the different things they do, please check out their website! <https://chopvalue.com/en-ca>

If you have disposable chopsticks (waribashi) at home that you want to get rid of, please feel free to bring them to the temple for recycling! The bin can be found in the Social Hall by the other garbage bins!

In gassho,

Abigail Kataoka

September THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Donna Nakano and Sandra Izukawa for playing the organ at this month's service
- ◆ To all those who come early and leave later to help Susan with tea toban after service
- ◆ Donna Nakano the Obuppan for the naijin
- ◆ Grace Taguchi for the Naijin flower arrangements
- ◆ Ross Yoshida, Brian Huynh, and Bryan Day for making sure we have a Zoom service.
- ◆ To all the volunteers who are always at the Temple to help out every day, week or month.
- ◆ To all the volunteers who helped with the many funeral and memorial receptions

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.

How to donate to the Toronto Buddhist Church

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 to the temple and continue to provide Zoom to those who cannot attend in person.

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
- **online donation via PayPal:** follow directions on www.TBC.ca "Make a Donation" page

Please include the purpose of your donation, as well as, your **full name, mailing address, email address, and phone number. This is particularly important if you're donating by cheque or e-transfer.** This helps ensure you will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. Detailed information can also be found on the TBC website: www.tbc.on.ca.

Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

Gassho

Toronto Buddhist Church



Note: Please use only blue or black ink when writing a cheque. The bank's cheque reader cannot read coloured ink. Thank you for your co-operation