



# KOKORO

NEW YORK BUDDHIST CHURCH



## Happy Thanksgiving. . . Every Day

November 2019

Every year at Thanksgiving people all over America take a day to express thanks for things, persons and events for which they are grateful. While it's nice to designate a special day for this, why just single out the fourth Thursday in November to express gratitude? Shouldn't we be doing that every single day?

We've been taught our country's first Thanksgiving was an autumn harvest celebration held by the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. Sharing the feast with them were the Wampanoag Native Americans who had lived in that location for thousands of years and who had provided invaluable help to the colonists in surviving an extremely difficult first year. Two diverse cultures came together, in gratitude, for all they had mutually experienced and accomplished with the seeds they had planted.

Today, almost four hundred years later, we are a country of numerous cultures, ethnicities and religions, and although much has changed in America since that first Thanksgiving, what hasn't changed is that every year in late November we continue the custom of gathering together with family and friends to give thanks and share a meal. Although many of the dishes served might not necessarily be traditional, the feeling of good will that permeates this holiday meal is still the same as that of the first.

The Pilgrims' Thanksgiving celebration acknowledged their thanks to God and to the Native Americans who helped them. They recognized the many things and people who helped them survive. Thanksgiving reminds us quite basically, that we need each other in order to survive. In many ways, Thanksgiving embodies many important aspects of Buddhism. It gently reminds us that however imperfect we are as human beings, there's a greater world out there with countless numbers of causes and conditions that make our lives possible. By practicing gratitude daily, instead of focusing on it once a year, we have the potential of becoming keenly aware of our interconnectedness to all beings and to all things. I feel that I must never take for granted all that sustains us, the plants, the animals, the birds, the air, the water, the rocks, everything.

Gratitude can be expressed through Dana, the first of the six paramitas, or great transcendent perfections of bodhisattvas. Dana represents generosity and selfless giving. Dana is a way of saying thank you without any expectation of receiving anything in return. Once I have even an inkling of expecting any reciprocal gift or favor regardless of the vagueness of that expectation, the expression of Dana is negated, for it is truly selfless giving.



Reverend Earl Ikeda

The greatest Dana by far is the giving of oneself, without any expectation of personal gain, out of great compassion to the extent that one's very presence puts a smile on someone's face. When we begin to understand each other, become available to each other, and accept each other, then a greater sense of gratitude will emerge, creating greater harmony.

The five other paramitas that we seek to practice are moral conduct, forbearance, diligence, contemplation, and wisdom. All six paramitas exist in living a life of gratitude and their practice benefits oneself, which in turn benefits others, and when practiced and achieved at their highest levels leads to Enlightenment.

*Minister's Message, cont. from p. 1*

Am I personally able to practice gratitude daily? Do I really feel it and mean it when I say thank you? Ideally, the answer would be yes. But the fact is, my mind is so clouded by my own ignorance and illusions that I don't always have the clarity to express true gratitude. I'm not always able to awaken to the voice of the Buddha that is calling me constantly and who loves me unconditionally. Fortunately, regardless of my faults, Amida Buddha made a vow to embrace an ungrateful person like me, a foolish being. But why am I then not grateful, or thankful in the truest sense, when I should know that Amida Buddha is the embodiment of boundless wisdom and compassion and would never forsake me? Am I just taking advantage of the Buddha's vow?

We must realize that the practice of saying the Onembutsu is actually an expression of deep gratitude. The realization that the Buddha's energy flows through us truly enables us to respond and, little by little, to understand and awaken to a sense of Thanksgiving every single day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Namo Amida Butsu

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私自身 毎日 感謝の念が 実行できるものでしょうか。「ありがとう」と言う時、本当に感謝の気持ちを感じているのでしょうか。理想的に言えば、そうでなければいけないはずですが。でも実際には私の心は自分の無知や思い違いがあったりして、いつも感謝の気持ちの自覚が持てる訳ではありません。阿弥陀様は 絶えず 私に呼びかけ、無条件にいつも 私の事を思っていてくださるのですが、その声に いつも気づく訳では ありません。有難い事に 私のような感謝の気持ちが十分でない者でも、阿弥陀様は 守るといふ本願をたてました。では 阿弥陀様が智慧と慈悲の気持ちで、私を見捨てないとわかっているのに、どうして 真の意味で感謝する心、有難いという気持ちが持てないのでしょうか。私はただ阿弥陀様の本願を利用しているだけなのではないでしょうか。 *Cont. on p. 6*

## Board Drafts Mission, Vision and Values Statement

The Board will be scheduling a Town Hall later this year so that members of our Sangha can discuss and learn more about proposed drafts of Mission, Vision and Values Statements of the New York Buddhist Church that will be submitted at the next annual meeting (Sokai). On August 17, 2019 the Board along with members of the Religious Education Department met to consider and propose Mission, Vision and Values Statements that represent the New York Buddhist Church. As a faith-based non-profit organization, the NYBC's mission statement tells the Sangha, our community, and the public why we exist and what we stand for. A vision statement tells people what our goals are and what we are seeking to achieve. A values statement tells everyone why the mission and vision should be fulfilled and helps define the operational culture of an organization. All three statements are important cornerstones for non-profit organizations. The following are drafts of the Statements developed by the Board:

### **Mission Statement:**

The New York Buddhist Church provides a place that supports a vibrant Sangha and the greater community, promoting and enriching the understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu.

### **Vision Statement:**

New York Buddhist Church seeks to be an inclusive, (open) and compassionate community which transforms, awakens and liberates through the teachings of the Buddha and the perspective of Shinran Shonin.

### **Values Statement:**

Because we believe everyone can be enlightened, we listen, speak and act with compassion, respect and gratitude.

## Buddhist Naming Ceremony to be held in Seabrook in 2020

Seabrook Buddhist Temple will be holding a Kieshiki (Buddhist name-bestowing ceremony) with Bishop Umezu following their Ho-onko service on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to sign up to receive your Buddhist name during this ceremony is at the end of November, as there are administrative filings and documentation that must be submitted to Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto before the ceremony. Please contact Rev. Earl Ikeda if you are interested in receiving a Buddhist name before the end of November.

## 毎日 感謝の気持ち

毎年 感謝祭の日には アメリカでは日頃有難いと思う物、人や出来事に感謝を表します。このような特別な日を設けるのはいい事ですが、感謝をするのがどうして 11月第4週の木曜日だけなのでしょう。感謝とは 毎日する事ではないでしょうか。

アメリカの最初の感謝祭は 1621年に マサチューセッツ州のプリモスにいたピルグリムが 秋の収穫を祝った事に始まったと言われています。テーブルを囲んで一緒に座り、食事をした人達は 数千年に渡り そこに住んでいたワンパノアグ族のインディアンでした。開拓者のピルグリムが苦労した最初の年に 生き残るために 支えたのは このインディアンでした。ピルグリムと共に多くの経験をし、一緒に植えた植物から種を作った事などに感謝して、二つの違う文化が 繋がりました。

約四百年経った今日、アメリカには 数多くの文化、人種、宗教があり、長い間には 最初の感謝祭からだいぶ変わりましたが、たった一つ変わらない習慣は 毎年11月の終わりに 家族や友達と集まり、感謝を表し、食事をするという事です。感謝祭の食事の多くは 必ずしも伝統的な物ではありませんが、皆で食事を一緒にするという精神は 最初の感謝祭と変わっていません。

ピルグリムの感謝祭のお祝いは 神様と原地アメリカ人への感謝の意味がありました。生き延びるためにインディアンから受けた支援を有難いと思いました。感謝祭とは 基本的に 人間は お互いに助け合う必要があるという精神を伝えています。つまり 感謝祭には 色々な面で仏教の大切な教えがあります。人は 人間として いかにも不完全であっても、世の中は 数知れない因縁によって繋がっていて、お互いに 助け合って生活しています。感謝の気持ちを 一年に一度 表すというより、毎日する事で、周りにある物との繋がりに 気づく事ができるようになります。生きるために 植物、動物、鳥、空気、水、岩など全ての物が支えてくれています、このような存在を 当たり前だと思っはいけないと思います。

仏教で ダーナという施しは 六波羅蜜の教えの最初の徳目の一つで、菩薩が掲げた目標です。施しとは 寛大な心、自分の感情を入れないで ただ与える行為を意味します。つまり 何も見返りを望まない行為です。この施しに、少しでも 何かを期待する気持ちがあったら、施しではありません。

施す人自身が 相手から一切何も期待しないで 真に慈悲の気持ちで行い、その人の存在で 相手に笑顔が生まれれば 最高の施しだと考えられます。二人の關係に 理解が芽生え、時間を通して お互いに認め合うようになり、感謝の気持ちが現れると、強い絆が 生まれます。

六波羅蜜の他の五つの徳目は 戒律を守る、忍辱する、努力する、精神統一する、智慧を得る事があります。この六つの徳目が 感謝をする生活に生かされ、その慣習が自分に役立ち、それが 他の人にも役立つようになり、実践され、やがて最高のレベルに達した時に 悟りを開く事になります。

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## Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Services Schedule for 2019

Shotsuki Hoyo is a traditional monthly service to remember your loved ones who died during that month, particularly in the intervals listed below. The Memorial Service provides a way to express your gratitude and recognize their continuing influence in your life. To arrange a Shotsuki Hoyo memorial service, please talk to Rev. Earl Ikeda or one of our minister's assistants.

<b>2018... 1st Year</b>	<b>2016... 3rd Year</b>	<b>2013 ... 7th Year</b>	<b>2007... 13th Year</b>
<b>2003... 17th Year</b>	<b>1995 ... 25th Year</b>	<b>1987 ... 33rd Year</b>	<b>1970 ... 50th Year</b>

The names of the persons we will be remembering this month and next are listed below.

<p><b>November 2019</b> <b>Shotshuki Hoyo service</b> <b>Sunday, Nov. 3</b></p> <p>Bando, Gikyo 1978 Dymak, Antonio 1942 Dymak, Frank 1958 Eidson, John L. 2000 Hama, Yuriko L. 1974 Hara, George Y 1994 Hara, Komayo Kay 2009 Harada, Hiroko 1990 Hayashi, Roy 1992 Iguchi, Yasuhiro 1990</p>	<p>Kan, Rev. Sunshin 1987 Kaneko, Dorothy 2006 Kodama, Teiji 2001 Kubo, John J. 1986 Kunihiro, "Sam" Isami 2017 MacDowell, Stephen 2004 Mitani, Usaburo 1932 Mochizuki, Tomie 1990 Nagawa, Mibu 1947 Ohtaka, Shojiro 1966 Okada, Edna Aki 1987 Okuma, Emiko 2009 Sochi, Mizue 2008</p>	<p><b>December 2018</b> <b>Sunday, December</b></p> <p>Abe, Yoshihiro 2004 Arai, Tomoe M. 2011 Araki, Kikuyo 1964 Bakhroushin, Gleb 1994 Charini de Zavata, Susana 1981 Harada, Kameichi 1981 Hattori, Yasuko 2007 Ishida, Katsu 1984 Jayang, Momo 1986 Kunihiro, Isami ("Sam") 2017 Lobsanbd, Agu 1996</p>	<p>Matsumara, Kiichi 1990 Mishima, Chikako 1997 Mitani, Isao 1949 Mitsuuchi, Gary 1994 Miyazaki, Chieko 1992 Okada, Kazuo 1989 Okada, Roy 1981 Okada, Shigeyo 1989 Okuma, Ryotoku 2016 Seki, Satomi 2010 Takahashi, Mitsuo 1998 Taoka, Tami 1999 Tung, James Guang-Yao 1995 Unno, Rev. Taitetsu 2014 Yamane, Eimi 1988</p>
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## Get Ready for Mochitsuki!

*By Nancy Okada*

The arrival of December signals that it is time to anticipate the beginning of 2020 with mochitsuki (rice pounding). This tradition of pounding sweet glutinous rice yields a tasty treat that is essential for Japanese households in celebrating the New Year.

If you have never participated in the NYBC's annual mochitsuki, you now have a chance to join in this decades-old NYBC tradition. In addition to the actual rice-pounding, there is a lot of preparation. Help is also needed for cleaning up afterwards and putting away equipment for next year.

### How to Volunteer to Help

It takes many hands to make this event a reality and a great way to join in some fun. Try your hand at a traditional experience and get to know other members of the NYBC Sangha. Please contact Ruth Funai, Nancy Okada or Mariko Kato with your availability from Dec. 19-21 if you would like to assist.

### How to Order and Pick up Your Noshi Mochi

The final pounded product produces sheets called noshi mochi which are about 8" x 11" in size.

**Sunday, December 15 is the Ordering Deadline. Please place your order by this date with Ruth Funai or by calling New York Buddhist Church at 212 678-0305. The cost per noshi mochi is \$15.00.** When you order, please tell us the date and approximate time you will pick up your order and leave a contact number. Pick up times: Saturday, December 21, 1-6:30pm & Sunday December 22, 11am-3pm.

## Sangha News By Ruth Funai

**Yasuko Kato** took her first trip to Europe, visiting a friend in Guildford, UK. During her trip she had good weather and was able to spend time in Guildford, London and do a bit of sightseeing in Devon. In Guildford, a medieval town with cobblestone streets, she enjoyed fish and chips at the local pub and Senior Day at the Guildford movie theatre. The entrance fee was 3 pounds for movie, tea or coffee and a couple of cookies. She toured Guildford, seeing boats in the locks on the Wey River which flows from Guildford to London and visiting Guildford Castle, built in 1066 by William the Conqueror, Lewis Carroll's house and Alice's Garden which were next to the castle. Then off to London by train where she and her friend walked around The London Eye, the largest ferris wheel in the world; and went into the Tate Modern for some culture. They walked across the Waterloo Bridge over the Thames River to look at St James Church and shopped at Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus, both of which reminded Yasuko of Greenwich Village.

A 5-day bus tour through Devon took them to the popular beach resort town of Exmouth. The town has a miniature Land Train that runs into the town center. From Exmouth, they went to Exeter where the remnants of a Roman Wall still ring the city although there is very little original wall left. Exeter is a cathedral city where the original Norman Cathedral built in the 1100s later became Anglican during the English Reformation. Parts of the cathedral were demolished, except for two Norman towers, and rebuilt. When the teenage Catherine of Aragon first came to England to marry Prince Arthur (Henry VIII's brother) she stayed in one of the Norman towers.

After her bus trip, Yasuko and another friend travelled a half hour from the center of London to Hampton Court, King Henry VIII's palace which is immense! Cardinal Wolsey built the palace in 1515 and gave it to King Henry in 1520 who en-



*Yasuko and friend in the maze at Hampton Court*

larged it. The history and rooms are fascinating and combine Tudor and Georgian architecture! They walked through the garden maze which is the first and the largest one in the world. They reached the center very rapidly and took a picture, but after circling around 3 or 4 times, they couldn't figure out the puzzle so found an alternative way to get out.

Yasuko's flight back to NYC was cancelled and having an extra day, she went back to London where she saw anti-Brexit demonstrators in front of Westminster Abbey and a much larger group of Pakistanis in front of Parliament demonstrating about injustice. She walked through beautiful St James Park to Buckingham Palace where she viewed "The Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Walk and watched the Queens Guards march up and down between the two guard posts. An interesting ending to a wonderful trip!

## Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko and BWA Memorial Service

Adapted from the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple website

Eshinni was Shinran's wife and Kakushinni, a daughter, was the youngest of their six children. Eshinni was born in Niigata Prefecture in 1182 and married Shinran about 1210. Little is known about her except through ten letters she wrote to Kakushinni during the waning years of her life. These letters were discovered in Hongwanji (mother temple of the Jodo Shinshu sect in Kyoto, Japan) archives in 1921. They cast light on not only on her life but Shinran's as well. Eshinni died at about age 89 in Niigata prefecture.

Eshinni is revered for her dedication to Shinran during his productive years and Kakushinni is known as her father's attentive caregiver in his final years. She was about 30 years old when Shinran died at the age of 90. After Shinran's death, Kakushinni is revered for planting the seeds that were to grow into today's Hongwanji.

Ten years after Shinran's passing, Kakushinni built a Memorial Hall for his remains, and established the means for insuring the Hall and the property would belong to the Jodo Shinshu Sangha. This was the beginning of Ohtani Mausoleum and the Hongwanji.

In 1978, at its convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the World BWA (comprised of BWA organizations of Japan, mainland U.S.A., Hawaii, Canada, and Brazil) passed a resolution to conduct annual services in memory of Eshinni. Then in 2002, the World BWA passed a resolution to similarly honor Kakushinni

NYBC will hold this service in their memory and the memory of deceased members of the BWA on Sunday, November 13. Rev. Patti Nakai of the Chicago Buddhist Temple will be our guest speaker and will also present a talk on Women in Buddhism on Sat., Nov. 12.



### Annual Inurnment Notice

**Our annual inurnment into our Bussharido, NYBC Columbarium, at Cypress Hill Cemetery is scheduled for mid-November. Please call the temple at (212)678-0305 to make your request.**

**By NY state law, two certificates are required: certificates of death and cremation. Please call the temple to inquire about the costs and donations involved.**

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実は 念仏を唱えるという事は 心から感謝するという表現だという事を 認識しなければいけません。念仏する事で、仏様のエネルギーが私達に注がれ、それが 感謝祭の精神を毎日 少しずつ 気づかせてくれるのです。

いい感謝祭をお過ごしください。

南無阿弥陀仏。  
修子

翻訳：小玉

Translated by Nobuko Kodama

## Soh Daiko News

By Julianna Hessel

Outside, the leaves are changing and the days are getting shorter, but we're as hard at work as ever inside the dojo. We've been getting back into shape and ready for the start of a new performance season this fall with extra drills and intense conditioning.

To kick things off, we were delighted to perform at the New York Buddhist Church's Autumn Festival this past month. October was also a busy month for us on social media as we participated in the #TaikoLove Instagram challenge hosted by Nen Daiko, our sister group from the Ekoji Buddhist Temple in Fairfax, VA. Check out our website ([sohdaiko.org](http://sohdaiko.org)) for a recap of the posts, where we share some of our favorite group memories through photos and videos!

Coming up, it's that time of year again - Soh Daiko recruitment! We will be taking on a new class of trainees who will practice with us, perform with us, and to whom we will teach all the skills needed to be a member of Soh Daiko. We're looking for taiko players of all experience levels in the greater New York area who are dedicated, driven, and passionate about kumi-daiko to join us for one of our two recruitment dates this month: Saturday, November 9th and Saturday, November 16th. Visit [www.sohdaiko.org/recruitment](http://www.sohdaiko.org/recruitment) today to sign up, and if you know anyone who may be interested, please help us by spreading the word!



Members of the New York Buddhist Church, along with Seabrook, Ekoji, Midwest Temple, Twin Cities Buddhist Association Sangha members in Minneapolis

### TWIN CITIES HOSTS 2019 EASTERN BUDDHIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Despite unseasonably cold and snowy weather, the Twin Cities Buddhist Association Sangha provided a warm welcome and hospitality to temple members from the Eastern Buddhist District at this year's EBL Conference. In keeping with the theme of the conference, "Social Awareness—Living the Nembutsu", Keynote Speaker, Rev. Matt Hamasaki spoke about the role of practicing Buddhism in addressing societal issues and concerns and BCA President Rick Stamboul spoke about his personal experiences in the civil rights movement and redress for Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII. Participants also had the opportunity to prepare nutritious food packets that would be sent to international locations at a local non-profit, Feed My Hungry Children, which was both rewarding, educational and fun. Rice, soy, protein supplement, dehydrated vegetables were packaged, sealed and boxed by volunteers. In addition, the conference provided an opportunity to meet up with old friends and new from the Eastern District through wonderful fieldtrips and thought provoking break out sessions on the meaning of wisdom and compassion. Save the date for the 2020 EBL Conf.

**Next Year's EBL Conference (2020) will be held in NYC over Labor Day weekend!**

#### November Service Helpers

November 3 Chairperson: Tony Armstrong, Greeter: Hiroki Hasegawa, Music: Nobuko Kodama

November 10 Chairperson: David Brady, Greeter: Lily Sakai Johnson, Music: Ukulele Ensemble Group

November 17 Chairperson: Ruth Funai, Greeter: Susan Bloom, Music: Nobuko Kodama

November 24 Chairperson: Richard Gross, Greeter: Nobuko Kodama, Music: Ukulele

**The American Buddhist Study Center  
and the New York Buddhist Church**

will be hosting a seminar on

**“Buddhism and Cosmic Ecology”**

With Rev. Donald Castro and Bernadette Giblin



**Saturday, November 3, from 2 to 5 pm**

**331 Riverside Drive (105-106 Street)**

Please join us to learn how being a Buddhist extends to being an ecologist and a conservationist. Rev. Castro will explain his theory by using basic concepts from Buddhist teachings, such as the First Noble Truth; which explains how our emotions range from mild to extreme, from merely unpleasant to real suffering. He will expand this to talk about the suffering brought upon Mother Earth by we humans who now must struggle to find ways to live in harmony with our environment.

Ms. Bernadette Giblin will share her journey of bringing personal insights and awareness to healing Mother Earth and how the Buddha's Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the World lives in all plants and soil that adorn our home planet.

Your donations support our programs and are much appreciated.

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## November

**Nov. 2, Sat.** 10-11:30am: Dharma Gathering and Study Class

12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle;

2:00-4:30pm: American Buddhist Study Center

Program : Buddhism and Cosmic

Ecology Seminar with Rev. Donald Castro and Bernadette Giblin.

This is a jointly sponsored program by the American Buddhist Study Center and the New York Buddhist Church

**Nov. 3, Sun.** 11:30am: Rev. Kan Memorial Service and Shotsuki Hoyo, Speaker:

1pm: Religious Education Dept. meeting

Taiko classes : 7-10 year old's (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at yoshikami@verizon.net

**Nov. 6, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Nov. 7, Thu.** 7-8:30pm: Howakai (Japanese Study Group)

**Nov. 10, Sun.** 10:30am: Japanese Service

11:30am: English Service

1:30pm: Adult Buddhist Association meeting

**Nov. 13, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Nov. 16, Sat.** 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle ; Rev. Patti Nakia Seminar on women in Buddhism, Time TBA

**Nov. 17, Sun.** 11:30am: Eshinni and Kakushinni Service, Speaker: Rev. Patti Nakai (Buddhist Temple of Chicago)

Taiko classes : 7-10 year old's (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at tyoshikami@verizon.net

**Nov. 20, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Nov. 24, Sun.** 10:30am: Japanese Service

11:30am: English Service

1:30pm: Board of Trustees meeting

**Nov. 27, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Nov. 30, Sat.** 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle

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**Dec. 1, Sun.** 11:30am: Shotsuki Hoyo

Taiko classes : 7-10 year old's (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at yoshikami@verizon.net

Sangha TOWN HALL 1:30pm

**Dec. 4, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Dec. 5, Thu.** 7-8:30pm: Howakai (Japanese Study Group)

**Dec. 7, Sat.** 10-11:30am: Dharma Gathering and Study Class

12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle;

2:30-4pm: American Buddhist Study Center Pro-

gram : "Great Living" book discussion with Shobo Gary Jaskula, in the American Buddhist Study Center Library.

**Dec. 8, Sun.** 11:30am: Bodhi Day Service

1pm: Religious Education Dept. meeting

1:30pm: Adult Buddhist Association meeting

**Dec. 11, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Dec. 14, Sat.** HOLIDAY PARTY (tentative)

**Dec. 15, Sun.** 10:30am: Japanese Service

11:30am: English Service

1:30pm: Board of Trustees meeting

Taiko classes : 7-10 year old's (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at yoshikami@verizon.net

**Dec. 18, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Dec. 19-22 Thurs.-Sat.** Mochitsuki

**Dec. 21, Sat.** 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle;

**Dec. 22, Sun.** 10:30am: Japanese Service

11:30am: English Service

**Dec. 29, Sun.** 10:30am: Japanese Service

11:30am: English Service

Taiko classes : 7-10 year old's (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at yoshikami@verizon.net

Annual Year End Cleaning (Tentative)

**Dec. 30, Mon.** 7-9pm: Joya-e (New Year's Eve) Service

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE—CONSULT [www.newyorkbuddhistchurch.org](http://www.newyorkbuddhistchurch.org) for ANY UPDATES OR REVISIONS**

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## Ongoing Activities

Children's and Adult's Taiko Drumming: Sundays, usually every other week, 12:30-1:15, 1:15-2:15pm, 2:15-3:15 pm NYBC Dojo. Email Teddy Yoshikami at [tyoshikami@verizon.net](mailto:tyoshikami@verizon.net) for more information.

Kokushi Budo Institute Martial Arts Class: Weekday evenings and Saturday mornings, NYBC Dojo. More information: [www.kokushibudo.com](http://www.kokushibudo.com).

Soh Daiko Drumming: Thursdays, 7-9 pm and Saturdays, 2-6pm, NYBC Dojo. Practices are not open to the general public without prior permission. More information: [www.sohdaiko.org](http://www.sohdaiko.org).

Tachibana Dance Group: Saturdays, 11:30 am NYBC Annex, 2nd floor. More information: talk to Nancy Okada, and visit [www.chrbu.net/page-albu-recital](http://www.chrbu.net/page-albu-recital).

Howakai: Japanese Study Group, usually first Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 pm

Chanting and Meditation: usually Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 pm

Ukulele Class and Strumming circle: usually every other Saturday afternoon 12:30-2 pm

Dharma Study Group: usually first Saturday morning of the month, 10-11:30 am

Jinpukai (Okinawan Dance) usually every Monday 7-9 pm

Flower arrangement class, Ikebana Ryusei ha school: Saturday 11:00 a.m.-12:30; and 1:00-2:30 p.m. Email at [Masako Gibeaul at: ryuseiha.ny@gmail.com](mailto:ryuseiha.ny@gmail.com) for more information.



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