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Annual BAZAAR

OCTOBER 18, 2025

Dining Room Open 3 - 7

FEATURING:

Teriyaki Chicken Dinner, Chow Mein, Udon & Sushi

Desserts ❖ Manju

Dry Goods ❖ Quilt Raffle

BINGO ❖ Raffle

WHISPERS OF OBON

J.K. Hirano

The months of June, July, August and September are some of the busiest months for me. When I was a child, however, these months were my summer vacation from school. Those were days spent carefree and lazy, playing baseball with my friends in the playground of Whittier Elementary School. As I have mentioned before, we would go around the neighborhood collecting bottles to exchange them at a small convenience store for bottles of soda pop to share. I don't remember if we just drank the soda warm or got ice from somewhere. It truly felt as though they were endless summer days. My family would also get to go on a vacation. Although we did get to go to California every few years, a trip to Southern California meant a trip to Disneyland. Those years, from possibly 5 to 15 years, I call my wonder years, as they shaped my taste and the way I would live much of my life.

I still love fruit-flavored sodas and root beer. My friends were all LDS (Mormon), so we didn't usually drink colas. I still love Disneyland and have tried to imbue a love for Disney in my children. However, it was a big sacrifice and expense for my Dad to take us to Disneyland. I always wanted to stay at the Disneyland Hotel, but we never could afford it. Therefore, as an adult, my children have mostly stayed at hotels at Disneyland or Disney World, because I had told myself that when I'm older, I would stay at those hotels. In the off years, when we weren't in California, my Dad insisted that we visit sites near our home. I recall Yellowstone, as well as various locations in Idaho, Nevada and southern Utah, among others. I especially enjoyed going out to eat. We usually had to find an Asian restaurant, even in small Wyoming or Idaho towns, because my mom wanted white rice. Most Chinese restaurants at the time also offered American food. I would order some type of steak, and my sister Joni only ordered fish and chips, while our parents ate the Chinese food with white rice. Although these adventures were fun, the main event of the summer was Obon.

As the minister for four temples, having multiple Hatsubon and other religious services including cemetery visits and temple attendances, I still have the chance to participate in the dance. During my wonder years, the highlight of the summer was our Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Obon Dance. My Auntie Maxine Furubayashi was the dance instructor for as long as I have been attending the Salt Lake Obon. Now her daughter and granddaughter, Sandy and Emily Furubayashi, are the instructors, along with Tracy Roberson. Her grandfather, Rev. Shintatsu Sanada, was the first minister I remember. Her Dad, Shinzui Sanada, was the Obon dance taiko player, and her mom Naomi would always dance in a beautiful yukata. I thought Shinzui and Naomi looked like movie stars; they were such a good-looking couple.

I thought of them as a Japanese version of Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello. At the temple, we now have two male instructors, Michael Iwasaki, Auntie Maxine's grandson, and Trey Ikegami.

Much has changed in our community and temple, however; there will always be whispers of Obon moving throughout our lives. Even though we may not be able to physically see many of these people and memories, just as the nembutsu is always embracing, so is our Obon.

Although I have been talking about the past, it is also crucial for us to focus on the present. I have been playing with the new ChatGPT. I would like to conclude this article with something this ChatGPT wrote for me, a poem it named "Whispers of Obon."



WHISPERS OF OBON

In the hush of evening's glow,
Lanterns sway, a gentle flow,
Flickering flames,
a soft embrace,
of our loved ones remembered.
Crisp incense curls in the air,
A fragrant bridge to those who care,
With every prayer,
a heart's intent,
To honor lives that time has lent.
Dancing shadows in the light,
Echoes of laughter,
love's delight,
We gather round, where past and present intertwine.
The river sings a lullaby,
As paper boats drift softly by,
carrying wishes, hopes and dreams,
for those who watch from moonlit beams.
On this night we remember,
The warmth of souls, a glowing ember,
As lanterns rise, they paint the sky,
A tribute to love that will never die.



Namo Amida Butsu

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Association



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Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Summer greetings to everyone. I hope everyone has been able to contend with the summer heat. We have been fortunate not to have long stretches of 100 degree days this year.

We have finished another successful Obon festival. The turnout seems to grow each year. A big thanks to the dance teachers who spend time to come to church to teach and refresh everyone on the obon dances. Thanks to everyone who came out on Saturday to lend a hand in setting up the lights, yagura and chairs. Many thanks to everyone who stuck around after the dancing and helped break down and put away everything. In just over a month, we will be starting church once again. We will now be turning our attention to Bazaar on **October 18**.

Mountain States Conference will be held in Moab, November 7-9. **Registration is due by October 31, 2025.** Check the Geppo for other upcoming events.

Thanks to everyone for your hard work and dedication to make our temple thrive.

In Gassho,
Mike

MEDITATION LEADERS NEEDED



The Buddhist Church of Ogden is planning to establish a program of midweek meditation services in 2026.

To prepare for this we are asking potential leaders to begin preparations this fall by attending the Wednesday meditation service at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple at least once per month in 2025. We will establish a training program for leaders before the program begins in Ogden in 2026. Interested? Please contact Geoff Russell <omitted> or Annette Koga <omitted>.





BWA NEWS

By Brenda K.



World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just the mere absence of violence. Peace is, I think, the manifestation of human compassion. -- His Holiness The XIV Dalai Lama

Fall is in the air...can you believe that the summer is coming to a close. Time just seems to disappear, but the Buddhist Women's Association has made good use of the summer months. In June and July the members have been busy making manju to sell at the annual Obon festival. Many thanks to those who made the effort to come and help on those days the manju was produced. Your efforts were successful in helping to raise funds for the organization, and the manju sold out as usual.

Our appreciation also to those ladies who were on Shauna R.'s toban crew for the Obon luncheon. This meal is always a much anticipated one since it is so labor-intensive and a real treat for all who enjoy it following the Obon service. Thanks much to all who helped to create it.

The temple's food bazaar on will be on October 18. We will be making fukashi manju on **Saturday, October 4 at 9:00 am.** Mochi manju on **Friday, October 17 at 8:00 am.** Sushi preparation will begin on **Thursday, October 16 at 9:00 am and continue on Friday at 8:00 am.** Please note the preparation dates and help out as your time permits. Further information regarding donations is available in this newsletter, and we would be very grateful for your generosity with that.

Our next meetings will be September 21 at 11:00 am and October 12 at 10:00 am. Please attend, if possible, to plan for the bazaar.



BWA DONATIONS

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BWA QUILT RAFFLE

Beautiful, queen size, hand-pieced quilt
- with matching shams

Tickets are \$5 or 3 for \$10

Drawing will be held at the
Buddhist Church of Ogden's Annual Bazaar
Saturday, October 18, 2025
(Need not be present to win)



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS



Where has the summer gone? We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break. Our Dharma School students are back in school, and the weather seems to be changing with signs of fall. We wish all our Dharma School students a successful school year!

Before we discuss the new Dharma School year, we owe a big thank you to Kris, Steve and KayLe Y. for organizing, donating and running the Dharma School booth at our Obon. We appreciate all the hard work they do each year to make this booth a popular spot during the Obon.

In keeping with tradition, the Salt Lake Dharma School will be holding their annual Back-to-Dharma School picnic on Sunday, September 7 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The picnic will be at Murray Park – Pavilion No. 3. The address is 465 East 5300 South, Murray, Utah. The Salt Lake Dharma School will provide fried chicken and water. They are requesting attendees bring a side dish or salad to share. There will be games for the kids. This event is a good opportunity to meet or catch up with our Salt Lake Dharma School students and Salt Lake Temple friends.

Our Dharma School Board is planning our new Dharma School year. We look forward to seeing our students again. Dharma School services and classes will resume on **Sunday, September 14**. Similar to last year, we will start our Dharma School classes at 1 pm, followed by service at 1:30 pm. Please feel free to bring your children, grandchildren or other relatives who attend elementary, secondary schools or college and are interested in becoming part of our congregation. Additionally, we are looking for parents or other adult temple members who are willing to help with our pre-school class during the year, and we will discuss this opportunity at the first Dharma School session.

Since this newsletter won't be published again until November, just a quick reminder to save **Sunday, October 26** on your calendars for the annual Halloween parade and lunch at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. More information will be announced during our Sunday service when available.

Hope to see all of you at the picnic in Salt Lake and for our first Dharma School class for the new school year on **September 14!**

In Gassho —
LaVerne K.



DHARMA SCHOOL DONATIONS

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LAWN SCHEDULE

Thank you to everybody who pitches in every summer to help keep our temple grounds looking fantastic!

WEEK OF	SCHEDULED PEOPLE
08/31/2025	Kirk Y., Steve Y., Kevin H., Bart H.
09/07/2025	Steve K., Blaine Y., Bruce F., Tom F.



RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS ARE BACK AT DHARMA SCHOOL!

Support Dharma School Programs with Scrip Orders Starting September 14



RaiseRight gift cards are making their return to Dharma School, with scrip orders beginning on September 14th. This cherished fundraising initiative allows families, friends, and supporters to make everyday purchases while benefiting the school's programs. By choosing RaiseRight gift cards, you can turn routine shopping into meaningful contributions for Dharma School.

Last year, several gift cards proved especially popular among participants, offering generous returns to support Dharma School. Among these, Amazon offered a 1.5% return, Visa gift cards provided a 1.25% return with no activation fee, Home Depot contributed a substantial 4% return, Bath and Body Works boasted an impressive 12%, and Chipotle delivered a flavorful 9%. Every percentage, no matter how small, added up to make a difference for Dharma School. No return is too small when it comes to supporting Dharma School's mission. Thanks to the collective effort of families and friends, Dharma School received \$319 from RaiseRight last year alone.

The RaiseRight gift card program isn't limited to local shopping. If you're looking to purchase cards for out-of-state family or friends, simply go to **www.raiseright.com**, and special brands can be added to your order with ease. This flexibility ensures that no matter where your loved ones are, you can help them support Dharma School while shopping at their favorite stores.

Order Placed

September 14 (Sun)
October 5 (Sun)
November 2 (Sun)
November 9 (Sun)
November 16 (Sun)
November 23 (Sun)
November 30 (Sun)
December 7 (Sun)
December 14 (Sun)

Order Received

September 21 (Sun) **OBC Bazaar Oct 18**
October 12 (Sun)
November 9 (Sun) **Black Friday Shopping**
November 16 (Sun)
November 23 (Sun)
November 30 (Sun)
December 7 (Sun)
December 14 (Sun)
December 21 (Sun) **Last order for 2025**

The form is available on the church website, under Donations: <https://www.ogdenbuddhistchurch.org/>

If you have any questions, please contact Suzan Y. <omitted>.

In Memory

The Buddhist Church of Ogden Sangha extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following member who recently passed away.

*May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.
Namo Amida Butsu*

Marian Emiko Hirasuna - July 12, 2025

OBON FOOD COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Ogden Temple, we want to thank everyone for their generous donations to help defray our Obon food expenses for preparing the spam musubi, "Cucumber on a Stick" and the tofu salad. We want to acknowledge the following generous donations:

Tomoko S.
Annette K.
Maya Koga C.
Karen D.
Candace F.
Christy F.
Julia F.

Fran H.
Brenda K.
Mike & Annette K.
LaVerne K.
Tena M.
Valerie O.
Jeannie P.
Rachel P.

Geoff & Linda E. R.
Ruth S.
Roland & Janice S.
Craig & Geniel S.
Steve & Kris Y.
Kirk & Betty Y.
Blaine & Suzan Y.

We also want to thank the following volunteers who selflessly donated their time to help with the food preparation and sales:

Becky B.
Joyce C.
Maya Koga C.
Samantha C.
Christy F.
Julia F.
Fran H.

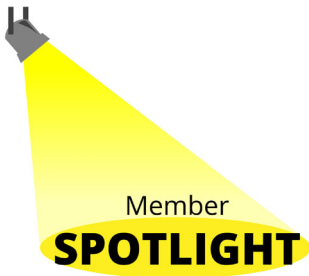
Alex H.
McKenzie H.
Stan H.
Tami H.
Robyn H.
Justine H.
Brenda K.

Aimee K.
Ernie K.
Darlene M.
Valerie O.
Lorraine S.
Marie S.
Sandra W.



In advance, my apologies if anyone's name was missed who volunteered to help. We had a great crew who generously donated their time to get the food prepared in a short window. Thank you to all!
- LaVerne K.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ray L. was born in Northern California near San Francisco. He moved around a lot and attended many different schools. When he was 30 he moved to Stockton where he attended the Stockton School for Adults.

Ray met his wife Amy in California and amazingly Amy was from Ogden, Utah! Which is how he ended up moving to Utah, where he has been living for the last 21 years. Ray and Amy have two boys - Liam, age 15 and Morgan, age 18. When Ray lost his job in 2014, they decided that Ray would be a stay-at-home dad and take care of his boys which turned out to be a good decision for their family. Ray currently works at a shop that sells high-fi equipment.

Ray has several interests. He is a big Godzilla fan and enjoys learning about Japanese culture, which led him to our church. He saw a YouTube video on Buddhism and started looking around and saw two choices: the Thai Buddhist Temple and ours. Last September Ray came to his first meditation session where he met Geoff. He came back the next week, and met Annette. Ray insists that coming to the Buddhist Church of Ogden saved his life. He was in a dark time in his life and coming to the temple helped him feel like he belonged. Ray would like everyone to know that he is sincere in that belief.

Meditation has helped Ray deal with some of his health issues. He recommends it to others to recharge their batteries and deal with the rest of the week. Ray stepped in and led meditation and helped lead the discussion while Geoff was off on vacation for a couple of weeks.

Ray enjoys music of all sorts, jazz and classic rock in particular. He loves movies, going on walks and spending time with friends and family.

If you came to our New Year's Eve service last year, you were able to taste his tacos - Ray's philosophy is if it's good, it's good and you can't help but be happy when eating tacos. He isn't passionate about cooking, per se, but about people. He wants everyone to feel good after eating his food, which you can try at this Year's New Eve service and potluck as he has promised to cook his tacos for us.

Buddhism has helped Ray deal with everyday life. He is trying to make himself a better person. Ray firmly believes we should all focus on making the world suffer less. His final words to us: Thank you to everyone.



We extend a big thank you to **Nathan V. D. S.** for selflessly volunteering his time and Bonsai expertise for three long days in the summer heat, trimming and shaping our trees and bushes on the north side of the temple. We appreciate all of Nathan's efforts to help maintain our temple yard. Domo arigato!



BAZAAR INFORMATION

BAZAAR DESSERT & DRY GOODS - VERY IMPORTANT !

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community and your willingness to support the Dessert and Dry Goods booths at the OBC Annual Bazaar. To ensure the health and safety of everyone, and in accordance with Weber Morgan Health Department regulations, **all donated food items must be store-bought and in their original packaging.**

Unfortunately, homemade food items are not permitted unless they are prepared in a certified and approved kitchen. This process requires you applying for a permit and completing a home inspection, which you can learn more about on the Weber Morgan Health Department website. If you decide to do this, please bring all approved required documentation for your kitchen.

Thank you for your kindness, cooperation, and continued support - we could not do this without you!

RAFFLE & BINGO - WE NEED YOUR HELP !

With our upcoming bazaar on October 18 we will be needing prizes for the general raffle and our Bingo games. Please help out by donating some prizes or if you have a relationship with a business that may donate, please contact them to acquire prizes. There is a letter you can use to solicit from businesses in the community. Please contact Ruth S. if you need a copy of the letter. If you have any questions or need further details, please contact Brenda K. or Maya C..



BAZAAR DONATIONS NEEDED

Once again, we are asking our members and friends if there is anything they can donate to help us offset some of the costs of Bazaar. **Donation deadline: Sunday, September 28, 2025.**

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| 2 - 5 gallon soy sauce | 2 - large boxes salt |
| 4 - 25 pound bags sugar | 6 - 20 lb. bags Botan rice |
| 2 - large bottles mirin | Cases of soda - Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite |
| 1 - 56 oz. can toasted sesame oil | 4 - cases bottled water (16 oz) |
| 6 - Costco size vegetable or canola oil | 1 - case gallon ziplock freezer bags |
| 1 - case quart ziplock bags | 2 - boxes of 100 zipper sandwich bags |
| 6 - Costco size Better Than Bouillon paste (chicken) | |
| 1 - Costco case toilet paper (individually wrapped) | |

If you can help us, to prevent duplication, please let Ruth S. know what you can donate **BEFORE YOU PURCHASE** and when you can bring it to the church. Ruth can be reached at <omitted>

BAZAAR PREP TIMES

Please come help us prep for Bazaar! There's a lot to do. There's a job for everyone, so come join the fun!

Wednesday, October 15 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday, October 17 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 16 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 18 - 8:00 am



August Shotsuki Hoyo

September 28, 2025 at 1:30 pm

Aug 1 2010 Lily Aoki
 Aug 27 2014 Michiyo Michi Aoki
 Aug 15 1945 Tome Fujita
 Aug 22 2005 Kiyoko M. Hamada
 Aug 8 1983 Kazue Hattori
 Aug 30 1976 Tama I. Kariya
 Aug 28 2022 Akiko Sueoka Kato
 Aug 15 2007 Dick Hideki Kishimoto
 Aug 28 2016 Yoneko Imaizumi Kiyomura
 Aug 15 1969 Matsuichi Kurokawa
 Aug 27 2010 Mildred N. Miya
 Aug 10 1997 Buster Shizuo Miyagishima
 Aug 6 1961 Tomoshichi Mochida
 Aug 3 2020 Tomoaki "Tom" Nagao
 Aug 23 1974 Umataro Nagao
 Aug 12 2017 Yukiko Ryujin
 Aug 28 1973 Yoichi Sakiyama
 Aug 14 1973 Kenzo Shiki
 Aug 11 1970 Tamegoro Shimizu
 Aug 9 1995 Masao Shirazmizu
 Aug 6 1971 Joseph Terumi Suekawa
 Aug 18 1988 Jiro Joe Sumida
 Aug 12 2000 Kenneth Kiyoshi Takamatsu
 Aug 12 2022 Ayako Miyashiro Taketa
 Aug 2 2016 Ferry Hiroko Taniguchi
 Aug 5 2005 Isao Yamaguchi
 Aug 28 1999 Ada Muriko Yonemura
 Aug 23 2015 Sam Osamu Yamamoto
 Aug 2 2016 Tokuo Yoshimura

September Shotsuki Hoyo

September 28, 2025 at 1:30 pm

Sept 3 2020 Yuko Yoshitaka Aoki
 Sept 25 1980 Otoshichi Endow
 Sept 4 1964 Tetsuzo Fujita
 Sept 22 1996 Butch Masakazu Higashiyama
 Sept 19 2018 Max Kunio Hirabayashi
 Sept 20 1989 Fumiko Horiuchi
 Sept 17 2015 Yuriko Inouye
 Sept 8 2011 Terry Tetsuo Kuroiwa
 Sept 2 1966 Tokio Kuroiwa
 Sept 6 2000 Yoshiko Miyagishima
 Sept 6 2017 Masae Nishimoto
 Sept 11 1992 Toshi Oda
 Sept 26 1978 Run Okawa
 Sept 9 1997 Kosuye Okura
 Sept 25 1994 Nobuichi Sato
 Sept 23 2018 Noriko Shimada
 Sept 23 1980 Taeko O. Suekawa
 Sept 15 2020 Ruth Sugimoto
 Sept 22 1980 John Y. Taniguchi
 Sept 17 1961 Taichi Teramoto
 Sept 2 1961 Shime Tokifuji
 Sept 23 2020 Lola Kimiko Yamamoto
 Sept 9 1996 Sachiko Sharon Yamamoto
 Sept 19 1971 Yasaburo Yamane
 Sept 21 1983 Akira William Yokota
 Sept 9 1987 Dick Yoshida

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those member who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attend that monthly service in memory of their loved one. These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services. Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 801-363-4742, Emergency: 801-819-2648.
 For Corrections or additions, please contact Ruth S., <omitted>

2025 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2024 - 1 year	2013 - 13 year	1991 - 33 year
2023 - 3 year	2009 - 17 year	1976 - 50 year
2019 - 7 year	2001 - 25 year	1926 - 100 year

October Shotsuki Hoyo

October 5, 2025 at 1:30 pm

Oct	17	2020	Yoshiro George Aoki
Oct	28	2014	Yusako Obayashi Burke
Oct	8	2022	Harry Isao Endow
Oct	25	2020	Chizuko "Chiz" Fukuda
Oct	15	1964	Jintaro Hano
Oct	11	1991	Masao Eugene Higashiyama
Oct	23	1964	Kuichi Hirabayashi
Oct	15	1984	Mack Susumu Hirai
Oct	4	2016	Harold Edwin Hull
Oct	6	2004	George Imaizumi
Oct	12	1979	Mary S. Imaizumi
Oct	26	1995	Chiyoko Barbara Inouye
Oct	17	2012	Fusaye Nakamura Kano
Oct	5	1991	Tayoko Iriye-Kawaguchi
Oct	11	1999	Tom Tadao Kinomoto
Oct	7	2022	Sharon Michiko Koga
Oct	5	1992	Tatsuo Koga
Oct	13	1974	Moju Kosaiku
Oct	13	1969	Rodney Manji Kuroiwa
Oct	29	1979	Yorimoto Murakami
Oct	10	1986	Omune Nagao
Oct	16	1978	Fumi Nakahara
Oct	11	2017	Masae Nishimoto
Oct	11	1971	Mary Chiyono Nisogi
Oct	22	1959	Sumi Nisogi
Oct	3	2023	Norio E. Ogata
Oct	14	1964	Chujiro Ono
Oct	30	2000	Joanne (Kano) Petersen
Oct	4	1994	Harry Takeo Sato
Oct	4	1983	Mitsuyo Shiki
Oct	15	1975	Royce I. Shiki
Oct	17	2018	Shiz Shizuye Shimizu
Oct	15	2020	Ruth Sugimoto
Oct	2	1962	Tamekichi Takahashi
Oct	23	1977	Kome Tawatari
Oct	31	2004	Shigeto Tokifuji
Oct	14	1965	Yukichi Ukita
Oct	22	1973	Tokutaro Yagi
Oct	28	2008	Masaru "Mas" Yamada
Oct	25	1971	Senai Yamaguchi
Oct	21	1965	Tsuruyo Yamane
Oct	22	1968	Shikazo Yamashita
Oct	10	1998	Mary S. Yonemura
Oct	19	2003	Tatsuo Kay Yonetani
Oct	24	2009	Tokiko Yoshida
Oct	26	2016	George Kaoru Yoshinaga
Oct	27	2003	Valentine Hisako Yoshinaga
Oct	11	1932	Toshi Yoshitaka

**OHIGAN SERVICE**

August / September Shotsuki Hoyo*

Sunday, September 28, 2025**1:30 p.m.**

The word Higan comes from the Sanskrit word Paramita - "Other Shore." The words "other shore" refer to the "world of Nirvana." As the name Higan denotes, this is the time to remind within each and every one of us the Bodhisattva practice of the Six Paramitas of charity, morality, patience, effort, meditation, and wisdom. It is the means by which one crosses over the illusory ocean of birth and death to the other shore of Nirvana.

**OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO****October 5, 2025****1:30 p.m.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 2025 						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Discussion	8	9 7:00 pm - Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 12:00 Meditation 12:30 Discussion 1:00 Dharma School 1:30 Family Service	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 SCRIP Orders Due 11:00 BWA Meeting 12:00 Meditation 12:30 Discussion 1:00 Dharma School 1:30 Family Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 12:00 Meditation 12:30 Discussion 1:00 Dharma School 1:30 Ohigan / Aug & Sept Shotsuki Hoyo*	29	30				

Toban Cleaning Room:

James & Marisa A. (Toban Cleaning Leader)

Charles A.

Max & Georgia Y.

Toby & Mui Y.



*Service with Rev. Hirano

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2025						
			1	2	3	4 9:00 - BWA Manju making Salt Lake Temple Bazaar
5 SCRIP Orders Due 12:00 Meditation 12:30 Discussion 1:00 Dharma School 1:30 Family Service / October Shotsuki Hoyo*	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:00 Church Clean-up 10:00 BWA Meeting 11:00 Dharma School Meeting 12:00 Meditation 12:30 Discussion 1:00 Dharma School 1:30 Family Service	13	14 7:00 pm - Board Meeting	15 6:00 pm - Bazaar Prep	16 9 am - BWA Sushi Prep 6:00 pm - Bazaar Prep	17 8:00 am - BWA Mochi making & Sushi Prep 6:00 pm - Bazaar Prep	18 8:00 am - Bazaar Prep 3:00 Bazaar
19 No Services 10:00 Bazaar Clean-up	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 SLBT Halloween Party 12:00 Meditation 12:30 Discussion 1:30 Family Service	27	28	29	30	31 Mountain States Conference Registration Due	

Toban Cleaning Group:
Bazaar Clean-up

*Service with Rev. Hirano





2025 Mountain States Conference

The Mountain States Conference is an annual gathering that brings together members from the Colorado and Utah Temples. This year, it is being hosted by the Ogden Buddhist Church in beautiful Moab, Utah with its stunning red rock landscapes and serene environment! You can look forward to engaging in Buddhist teachings and practices amidst the natural beauty of the area! Our guest speaker will be Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara. You will also be given several choices for exploring the exquisiteness of Moab. Of course there will be business meetings to make the weekend exciting!

- Date: November 7 – 9, 2025
- Conference Location
Moab Valley Inn
711 S Main St
Moab, UT 84532
- Registration Cost
\$50.00 Adult
\$30.00 Kids under 12
*Please register each person individually by 10/31/2025
*Please pay in Moab at registration
- Contact Annette K.

Hotel Room Block

A room block has been reserved at the Moab Valley Inn. It is reserved under the group name "Ogden Buddhist Church" for our attendees. The rate is \$99.00 plus tax per night. The block is reserved from November 6th to November 10th.

Reservations must be made by 10/07/2025 to get group rate.

Please call (435) 259-4419 or (435) 259-4332 to make your reservations.



Please SCAN the QR code with your phone OR
CLICK the QR code on your computer to register!



Mountain States Activities

Utahraptor State Park

Utahraptor State Park, 14 miles north of Moab, opened May 23, 2025, along with a new visitor's center. The visitor's center not only has exhibits about dinosaurs but also has exhibits about the two historic camps that were located there: The Dalton Wells Civilian Conservation Corp Camp or CCC and the Moab Isolation Center for Japanese American internees during World War II. For those interested in dinosaurs, the Dalton Wells dinosaur quarry is open for exploration.

We have been offered a personal special tour of the cultural exhibits and historic site by Utah State Parks Heritage Interpretation and ADA Resources Manager, Justina Parsons-Bernstein, PhD. Justina spent four years on this project and is excited to share this important history with us.

Auto Tour

Take an automobile tour of Arches or Canyonlands National Park.

We will drive through the park, stopping at various points in the park, and take a short hike.

Geocaching Adventure

Get ready for some real-world treasure hunting! We will hit the streets of beautiful Moab for a fun and adventurous Geocaching experience. Before we head out, we'll create a small token to leave behind in the cache. Then, with our smartphones in hand and curiosity as our guide, we'll set out to discover a hidden Geocache (or two)! Let's explore, connect, and see what surprises Moab has in store for us.

If you would like to join us for one of these special activities, please make your selection in the registration process.