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“Morning Bell - Let us Awaken”



WAIPAHU SOTO ZEN TEMPLE TAIYOJI

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JUNE 2026

by Rev. Ryohei Ishii

Baikaryu Eisanka: Preserving and Sharing the Dharma Through Song

Last month, we were honored to welcome a Baika teacher, Rev. Yamaguchi from Japan for our annual Baikaryu Eisanka workshop. Each year, this workshop gives us a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of Baika, improve our chanting skills, and reconnect with the spirit and traditions of Soto Zen.

Baikaryu Eisanka is more than singing. Through these beautiful verses and melodies, we learn the teachings of the Buddha, cultivate mindfulness, and express our gratitude to all those who came before us. Our teacher not only guided us in technique, but also reminded us of the importance of proper etiquette, sincere practice, and the compassionate heart of a Buddhist practitioner.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunity to participate in the Baika Conference in Tokyo next May. Gatherings such as these allow practitioners from around the world to come together, learn from one another, and strengthen the bonds of our international Soto Zen community.

On a personal note, I have decided to challenge myself by taking the next-level Baika examination. Continuous learning and self-improvement are important aspects of our practice, and I look forward to this opportunity for growth.

One concern we face in Hawaii is the small number of Baika instructors. At present, my wife Ikuko and I are among the few certified Baika teachers on Oahu. While we are grateful to continue this tradition, we hope to inspire more people to learn and eventually become future leaders of Baika in Hawaii.
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Sensei's Message continued:

Baika welcomes everyone, regardless of musical experience. The purpose is not to perform perfectly, but to practice together, learn the Dharma, and cultivate a peaceful heart. We warmly invite anyone who is interested to join us. By practicing together, we can help preserve this precious tradition for future generations.

We are also pleased that our Baika group has gradually grown in recent years, and we are grateful for the dedication of our members. Our next opportunity to hear Baikaryu Eisanka will be during our Father's Day and Kannon-ko Service on Sunday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. We invite everyone to attend and experience the beauty and spirit of Baika chanting.

In Gassho,

Rev. Ishii



Keizan Zen Master



Taiyoji Buddha



Dogen Zen Master

“もともと ものに 差別はない”

MotoMoto Momoni Sabetsuwanai

Essentially there can be no discrimination against anything.

By The Teaching of Buddha

2026 Memorial Day Service

May 24, 2026

By Rev. Ryokei Ishii

Aloha everyone, and thank you all for gathering here today for this Memorial Day Service.

Today, as we come together here in Hawai'i, we pause from our busy lives to remember and honor those who came before us — those who served, sacrificed, protected their families and communities, and helped build the world in which we live today.

Memorial Day is often seen as the beginning of summer, a long weekend, or a holiday for gathering with family and friends. But beneath all of that, this day carries a much deeper meaning. It is a day of remembrance, gratitude, and reflection.

Here in Hawai'i, that meaning feels especially important.

Hawai'i is a unique place in the world. These islands have become home to people from many cultures, backgrounds, and religions. Native Hawaiian traditions, along with immigrants from Japan, Okinawa, China, the Philippines, Korea, Portugal, and many other places, have shaped the spirit of these islands.

Many of our ancestors arrived here with very little. They worked long hours in the plantations, faced hardship and discrimination, and struggled to support their families. Yet through perseverance, mutual support, and faith, they built strong communities rooted in compassion and respect.

At the same time, Hawai'i also carries the memory of war.

During World War II, many young men from Hawai'i volunteered to serve in the United States military, even while their own families faced suspicion and discrimination simply because of their ancestry. Among them were the soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, many of whom were Japanese Americans from Hawai'i.

With the spirit of "Go for Broke," they fought bravely and became one of the most highly decorated military units in American history. Many sacrificed their lives so that future generations could live in freedom and peace.

Today, we remember not only their sacrifice, but the sacrifices of all who served and all who gave their lives for others.

In Buddhism, there is a teaching called "On," meaning gratitude for the countless people and conditions that support our lives. We often think we live independently, but in truth, none of us exists alone.

The food we eat, the homes we live in, the freedoms we enjoy, and the peace we experience today are all connected to the efforts and sacrifices of those who came before us.

Memorial Day reminds us not to forget that truth.

Buddhism also teaches "Shogyo Mujo" — the impermanence of all things. Life constantly changes. People come into this world and eventually leave it. Because life is impermanent, every moment becomes precious.

Sometimes we become so busy with daily life that we forget to appreciate the people around us. We assume there will always be more time to say thank you, more time to express love, more time to reconnect.

But Memorial Day gently reminds us that life is fragile and precious.

So today is not only about mourning those who passed away. It is also about asking ourselves:
How shall we live?

How can we honor their memory through our actions?

Perhaps we honor them by showing more kindness.

By caring for one another.

By creating peace within our families and communities.

By living with gratitude instead of taking life for granted.

Here in Hawai'i, we often speak of the spirit of Aloha. Aloha is not simply a word of greeting. It is a way of living with compassion, humility, patience, and respect for all life.

In many ways, the spirit of Aloha and the Buddhist teaching of compassion are deeply connected.

When we live with aloha, we honor those who came before us.

When we help one another, we continue their legacy.

When we work for peace, we become part of the healing of this world.

Today, as we place our hands together in gassho, let us offer our deepest gratitude and prayers for all who have departed.

May they rest peacefully.

May their sacrifices never be forgotten.

And may we continue to live with wisdom, compassion, and aloha for the benefit of future generations.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



While on a recent family trip to California, I met with Reverend Koshi Kurotaki on May 5, of the Soto Mission of San Francisco Sokoji Temple. I met him during last year's U.S. Soto Zen Conference in Honolulu. Reverend Kurotaki has been the resident minister for 11 years and loves serving and working with his members and visitors. It was interesting and exciting being informed of a few of their many activities the temple does with their 80 individual/family members. Many of the church members who are Caucasian participate in their meditation Zazen classes and Japanese cultural events planned by their board. Over the first three days of this year, over 1,000 visitors visited the temple to purchase prayer tablets, Amulets, fortune slips, Zenzai and participated in the different prayer service.

During two weekends in April, the temple is invited to the Cherry Blossom Festival's Food Bazaar in Japantown and they sold beef balls, in which they made over \$10,000 per weekend working from 10 am – 5 pm. Prior to this year, they sold takoyaki, and the Boy Scouts who use their church helped provide the manpower. In July, they built their own Toro nagashi in their parking lot, and the public was able to purchase lanterns, decorate and float them.

On the last Sunday in December, they pounded mochi, pre-orders are taken and their martial arts class provided the manpower for that event. In the basement of the temple is the office of the Soto Zen International Center.

What was innovative about the temple is having a Fundraising Committee made up of people from the community. The volunteers on this committee are not temple members, but friends/associates of members who brainstorm to fundraise for the temple. Their quarterly newsletter is written in Japanese and English.

Returning our attention to the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji (WSZTT) many objectives were reached. The vital records preservation management was completed and important temple files are now stored in fireproof cabinets. Hooray, thanks to Avis Connolly, Marjorie Muraki, Koren Wakatsuki, and yours truly, the records are safely kept. The WSZTT website is up and running thanks to Mrs. Ikuko Ishii. As part of the temple's compliance with the ADA ramp, two ADA parking stalls will be painted by Reverend Ishii and his neighbor Rudy. The paint and other materials needed to have the stalls available has been made possible through the generous donation of our Kyodan advisor, Walter Ozawa.

Board Director, Ivan Endo, was appointed as our Building and Maintenance Chairperson. He will be responsible for the buildings and maintenance of the temple, halls and grounds with the assistance from the board.

Every month, Reverend Ishii attends the Interfaith Group meeting at the Waipahu United Church of Christ. This is a gathering of the various religious leaders in the Waipahu community to discuss topics that are critical to the churches in the community. The current hot topic is the homeless population in and around Waipahu.

I hope to see you at the Temple for services and events.

In Gassho,
Susan Sasaki Goya

Thank You For Your Donations

General Donation

Arlene Ayakawa, Claude Ayakawa, Chinagu Eisa, Linda Nakasone: Sewing Club, Rev. Shunken Yokoyama, Yomen Misaka: Yoga Class, Ikuko Ishii: Nihon-Go Circle, Derrick Iwate: Bon Dance Class, Sean Sadaoka: Sanshin Class

Derek & Linda Suzuki - In Memory of the Late Alice Suzuki
Diane Edwards - In Memory of the Late Calvin Sato
Terry Oyama - In Memory of the Late Carol Oyama
Ardrienne Sato - In Memory of the Late Dale Sato
Robert Fujioka - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai
Aileen China - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai
Noreen Hayamizu - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai
Paul Sakai - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai
Glenn and Elaine Muira - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai
Noreen Hayamizu - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai
Alan & Wini Sakai - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai
Roy Mishina - In Memory of the Late Rin Mishina & the Late Haruko Yamashiro
Frances Imamura - In Memory of the Late Mae Nakayama Services
Kenneth Sugawa - Funeral Services
Clifton Imai - Inurnment and Funeral Services for the Late Sandra Imai
Noreen Hayamizu - Donation to Baika-ko: Funeral Services for the Late Joyce Sakai
Terry Oyama - Donation to Baika-ko : Funeral Services for Late Carol Oyama
Marjorie Muraki - Car Blessing Service
Walter Ozawa - Donation for Accessible stalls renovation

Memorial Service

Shelly Buckley, Avis Connolly, Gail Funai, Margaret Ginoza, Susan Goya, Noreen Hayamizu, Julie Hikichi, Genevieve Imai, Janet Kawaguchi, Erin & Gwen Kawamoto, Mildred Kihara, Kenneth Kimura, Margy Kodama, Kathryn Koshi, Marjorie Muraki, Eleanor Nakada, Victoria Nugent, Gordon Ozawa, Helen Shiraishi, Dennis Sugimoto, Koren Wakatsuki, Nancy Takiguchi, June & Wallace Tamashiro, Shizue Watanabe, Carolyn Yoshioka, Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai.

Mother's Day Service

Florence Abe, Shelley Buckley June & Wallace Tamashiro, Linda Nakasone, Deanna Kato, Carolyn Yoshioka, Margy Kodama, Koren Wakatsuki, Margaret Ginoza, Colleen Nakatsu

Taiyoji Taiko

Junko Jiang, Sharon Kawaramori, Mililani Presbyterian Church, Norene Ajimine, Marjorie Muraki

Zazen

Kathryn Koshi

Announcements & News

June 2026

Join Us, Get Involved, Meet New People, Reconnect



Baika-ko Workshop

Rev. Yamaguchi came from Fukuoka for the Baika Koshu workshop on May 12 at Ryusenji and May 13 Taiyoji. He conducted an instructor workshop for Rev. Ishii and Mrs. Ishii, as well as workshops for the Ryusenji and Waipahu Baika-ko groups.

We all had a wonderful time with him and learned many valuable things through his teaching. Through Baika, Sensei also taught us the importance of having the heart and mind of a Buddhist. In addition to vocal techniques for singing Goeika, he taught us many meaningful lessons, including the importance of proper etiquette and Buddhist manners. His teachings were truly meaningful and enriching for all of us. **Comments by workshop attendees.**

I would like to continue encouraging more people to join the Baika Group. Baika is very meaningful for Buddhists, and through Baika, our hearts and minds become one.
~Ikuko Ishii

I find singing of the Baika songs soothing and the lyrics very meaningful. I learned a lot in the workshop, especially on the proper etiquette of handling the Baika Hogu, and also the little "spices" that make the "Gowasan" and "Goeika" sound more beautiful. -Kathy Fujii

I really enjoyed Rev. Yamaguchi. He was very encouraging and made the lessons fun! -Carolyn Yoshioka

I learned the importance of the necessary precision required when preparing and performing Goeika. Yamaguchi sensei was both informative and entertaining in his instruction. Ikuko sensei was instrumental in preparing us for the Baika workshop. I am eager to learn more through practice and training.
~Shelly Buckley

For me, this workshop was an opportunity to learn the proper etiquette of the instruments used in singing Baika. Learning to sing the various songs for certain occasions. Sensei Yamaguchi was a wonderful teacher and made the class very enjoyable. He was very personable and has a wonderful singing voice. -Lissa Ishiguro

My takeaway for our Baika session:

- Sensei made learning Goeika fun!
- I finally understood the reasoning behind the rituals of singing Goeika. If you don't go through the steps in preparation for singing Goeika, you will not sing well.
- Sensei's voice was beautiful!!! A comforting voice you'd want to hear when you're near the great change called Death.
- He taught us some basic principles of Buddhism through learning Goeika.
- He was so "down to earth" you felt you could confide in him. -Marj Muraki

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Service & Lantern Ceremony - June 6 @ Plantation Village

**Father's Day Service
Kannon-Ko Service
June 7 @ 9:30am**

Zippy's Fundraiser - We have more tickets available. Stop by and pick up more tickets. You can freeze the chili or purchase a nice breakfast for your entire family.

Make sure to use your tickets by June 14.

**TEMPLE CLEAN UP
Sunday, June 28 @ 8:30am**

O-Toba Services on July 16 at 7pm, July 18 & 19 at 9:30am. Deadline to submit form & payment by July 11.

Bon Dance on July 31 & August 1.

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2026 Waipahu Taiyoji June Memorial Services

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1st Year (2025)

3rd Year (2024)

7th Year (2020)

13th Year (2014)

Akio Tokita	6/2/2014
Shoichi Suzuki	6/14/2014
Bessie Ichiye Fujioka	6/20/2014
Harry Tamotsu Oshiro	6/20/2014

17th Year (2010)

Walter Isamu Komatsubara 6/15/2010

23rd Year (2004)

Harriet Miyoko Nakama 6/9/2004

25th Year (2002)

Asako Sato	6/9/2002
Hiroko Nakayama	6/11/2002

27th Year (2000)

Ethel Fujiko Kato	6/11/2000
Atsuko Watanabe	6/14/2000

33rd Year (1994)

Haruno Tazawa	6/7/1994
Reid Satoru Kamihara	6/17/1994
Shigeo Morita	6/21/1994
Morinaga Gibo	6/25/1994

37th Year (1990)

isao Enomoto 6/12/1990

50th Year (1977)

Mune Maeda	6/3/1977
Toku Okabe	6/3/1977
Uhei Yamada	6/25/1977

100th Year (1926)

Please contact Rev. Ishii to make a Memorial service appointment.

Please bring Ihai (Memorial tablet), picture, offering of flowers and food.

If you have any question, please let Sensei know.

In Gassho



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Craft Workday & Lei Making Workshop on May 23

Left Photo: Candace Takahashi, Sensei Carolyn Yoshioka, Lorene Ginoza, Colleen Nakatsu. Right Photo: Seated- Jeanette Monma, Linda Nakasone, Mary Ann Kobayashi. Others attended not in photo: Susan Goya, Margy Kodama, Margaret Ginoza, Carol Okuma, June Tamashiro, Genevieve Imai, Koren Wakatsuki.

Cookie Corner Sales

The Taiyoji Fujinkai is taking orders for delicious cookies from the Cookie Corner. The funds raised will be used for the upcoming O-Toba Services and Bon Dance.

Each bag contains freshly baked batch of delicious bite size delicious cookies. Purchase some for your grandkids snacks, potlucks, or nice way to say thank you to someone special.

Submit your order form and payment by July 6, 2026. Cookies will be available for pick up July 20 - 27. Order form is located on page 14. Thank you for your support.

USHWAA CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

As Waipahu prepares to host the next UHSSWA Conference in April 2027, we are looking for anyone interested in being a part of the Conference Planning Committee. Please contact Ikuko Ishii.

Craft Workday - June 27 12:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

We had our first workday on May 23. Thank you to all who came out to help with making items for the Craft Sale in October.

Join us and help make crafts for the Fujinkai event in October. If you are able to crochet, and know how to sew, handy at doing crafts, please contact the temple and let us know you are available to help with sewing rice bags, patchwork throw rugs or crocheting the wash cloth (bring crochet hook and scissors). Make sure to let us know if you are coming by contacting Margaret Ginoza. Please leave a message at (808)671-3103.

Thank you for your continued support!

Announcements

**July 27, 28 & 29
7:00pm-9:00pm
BON DANCE PRACTICE**

**July 31, & August 1
BON DANCE**

COOKIE CORNER

FUNDRAISER - Send it your order form & payment by July 6. Pick up July 20-27.

Omamori for Purchase

Omamori are traditional lucky charms, designed to offer protection.

Omamori for the family:
Grandpa, Grandma, Father, Mother, Boy
Also available for the car, your pets (Cat & Dog), House Ofuda, Laminate Wallet, Victory (Red & Blue), Car Sticker, Horse Omukuji. Stop by during temple hours to purchase them.

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	1 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	2	3 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	4 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	5 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	6 6:30pm Lantern Ceremony @ Plantation Village
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21 Father's Day 9:30am-11:30am Taiko Practice 3:00pm Taikoza Concert Tickets @ Taikoza.com	22 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	23 6:00pm-9:00pm Sewing Club	24 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	25 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	26 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	27 12:00pm-7:00pm Craft Workday 7:00pm-8:00pm Zazen
28 8:30am Temple Clean Up Taiko Practice	29 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	30				
2026 July Schedule (Subject to Change)						
			July 16,18 & 19	7:00pm, 9:30am	O-Toba Service (July 16 @ 7:00pm, 18 & 19 @9:30am)	
			Jul 6,13,20,27	9:30am-12:00pm	Crafts & Coffee	
			July 7 & 21	6:00pm-9:00pm	Sewing Club	
			July 3,10,17,24	6:30pm-8:00pm	Nihon-Go Circle	
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			July 26	8:30am-12:00pm	Temple Clean-up	
			July 31	6:00pm	Waipahu Taiyoji BON DANCE	
			Aug 1	7:00pm	Waipahu Taiyoji BON DANCE	
			Thursdays	6:00pm-9:30pm	Okinawan Sanshin Practice	
			Fridays	8:30am-until done	Nokotsudo Clean Up	
			Sunday	TBD	Taiko Practice	



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Dear Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends,

We are inviting you, your family and friends for 2026 Annual Bon O-Toba services. This year's services will be held on:

Evening Service: Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 pm

Morning Services: Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 am and Sunday, July 19 at 10:00am

Bon O-Toba Services may be dedicated to:

Senzo Daidai (for deceased members of your family)

Deceased individual member of your family (in remembrance of any family member)

New Toba (for all deceased member of family ancestors dedications)

Hatsu-Bon (First Bon) for your loved one who passed away since our 2025. Bon Service.

Depending on the circumstances, a limited number of immediate family members may attend a service. We will keep you informed regarding this matter.

We will receive your flower and food offerings at the reception desk for your loved one or family on the day of the service.

We will also be hanging chochin in the temple and around the Bon Dance YAGURA. The donation per Chochin is \$10.00.

Please submit your Bon O-Toba Request Form with your donation using the enclosed self-addressed envelope by July 12, 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Rev. Ishii at 671-3103.

In Gassho



“2026 HATSUBON” First Bon Service for Families

Date & Time: July, 16th 7:00 P.M. ~ / July, 18th, 19th 10:00 A.M.

The following are the names of departed for whom this will be Hatsubon.

Carol Fusako Oyama

Sandra Tokie Imai

George Hideo Suyumoto

Joyce Chizuko Sakai

Mae Midori Nakayama

Harold Haruo Okamura

Misue Amano

Sumire Kawamura

Theodore Tadashi Sakauye

Jeanette Eiko Sakauye

Fred Terutoshi Nagasawa

Tsuneo Watanabe

Nancy Terumi Kazama

George Michio Watanabe

Please contact Rev. Ishii at 671-3103 to arrange a service appointment.

O-Toba Kuyo 大塔婆供養

Originally, the stupas were built to enshrine the Buddha's remains. However, the religious significance of erecting a stupa changed in the long history of Buddhism in India, China, Korea, and Japan. The stupa became the symbol of Buddha's glorious teachings and the center of Buddhist gathering which brought about the start of Buddhist temples. The Royal family of Japan in the Heian Period started to build stupas in memory of the deceased emperor and empress. Later, many nobles and district rulers took it as a model and spread it all over Japan.

Thus "Toba-Kuyo", offering stupa, became a Buddhist tradition to pay tribute to the deceased. People who were not able to erect a stupa, used a stupa shaped wood, which is called "Toba" to extend their wishes. What truly matters is not the size and shape of the stupa but offering one's sincerity through this tradition. The Toba-Kuyo has been the most essential Buddhist practice throughout the ages. Hokekyo Sutra says:

"Be it in a garden or in a forest or under a tree or in a monastery or in the house of a person in white robe (a layman) or in a hall or in a mountain or in a valley or in the wilderness, there should be a stupa erected and offerings made to it because, now this, the place where the stupa is erected the place of enlightenment. Here the Buddha attained supreme wisdom. Here the Buddha turned the Wheel of the Law. Here the Buddha entered into Parinirvana."

Written by retired Bishop Jiho Machida, and published in the Soto Mission of Hawaii Pamphlet, "Our Religion and Tradition."

1. Air, Wind, Fire, Water, Earth : 5 Buddhist elements
2. 為 (ため) --"tame" O-toba dedicated to
3. Name of deceased person or Family name
4. 先祖代々 (せんぞだいだい) "senzo daidai"
dedicated to all family members
5. 追善菩提 (ついぜんぼだい) "Tsuizen bodai"
May you attain lightenment
6. 初盆 (はつぼん) - "First Bon"
7. 供養塔 (くようとう) --"kuyo-to"
8. 施主 (せしゅ) --"seshu" Dedicated by
9. Name of donor



Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji
2026 Bon O-Toba Service Request Form

O-Toba Sponsor Name: _____

(Your name if different from above: _____)

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Please indicate by checking below which O-Toba dedication you would like to request.
Donation per O-Toba is \$50.00. **Please PRINT clearly!**

_____ **O-Toba dedication same as 2025** (Taiyoji has your record on file. You may call to confirm.)

_____ New O-Toba _____ Senzo Daidai (Ancestors)
Your family name. (This is for all departed members of your family.)

_____ New O-Toba _____
Full name of Deceased Person (This is for one departed individual)

_____ Hatsu-Bon O-Toba _____
(First Bon) Name of deceased Person who passed away since the 2025 Bon Service.

Service will be on July 16 @ 7:00pm, July 18, 19 @ 10:00am.

I would like to have a service on July _____

O-Bon Chochin Dedication

The name will be written on the banner that hangs from the chochin and the chochin will be hung inside the Temple and at the parking lot during Bon Dance.

Donation per Chochin is \$ ____ To order lanterns, fill in the information below.

Name of Departed: _____ Donor: _____

Name of Departed: _____ Donor: _____

Same as last Year 2025, Number of Chochin x _____ Donor: _____

Your order:

- Hatsu Bon @ \$60.00 x _____ = \$ _____
- O-Toba @ \$50.00 x _____ = \$ _____
- Chochin @ \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____
- Bon Service Donation (Optional) = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

Please make checks payable to "Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji" by July 12, 2026.

Minister Appreciation should be written to Rev. Ryokei Ishii (Optional) \$ _____



Cookie Corner Sales

The Taiyoji Fujinkai is taking orders for delicious cookies from the Cookie Corner. The funds raised will be used for the upcoming O-Toba Services and Bon Dance.

Each bag contains freshly baked batch of delicious bite size delicious cookies. Purchase some for your grandkids snacks, potlucks, or nice way to say thank you to someone special.

Submit your order form and payment by July 6, 2026.

Cookies will be available for pick up July 20 - 27. Please complete and send the order form along with payment. Thank you for your continued support.



Presented by Taiyoji Fujinkai to support the Temple's O-Toba Service and Bon Dance. Each bag of cookies is \$12 and and we receive \$5.
Submit your order form and payment by July 6, 2026.
Cookies will be available for pick up July 20 - 27.

Cookie Order Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Address _____

Indicate the number of bags below. Each bag is \$12.

Chocolate Chip _____ Oatmeal Raisin _____ Chocolate Chip/nuts _____

Total Bags: _____ x \$12 = _____ Make checks payable to Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai.