
ZazenKai Event

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The Rinzai Zen Sangha will host the OBON Zazen-Kai at Kips Bay Community Center on August 3rd., 2014, with Ven Eido Shimano as our honored guest.

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THE RINZAI ZEN SANGHA



ALL-DAY O-BON ZAZEN-KAI

Kips Bay Community Center

On Sunday, August 3rd, 2014, there will be an O-BON ZAZEN-KAI from 9am to 6pm at Kips Bay Community Center, New York. Ven. Eido Shimano will be our honored guest to lead this special Sangha event.

Some of you may think that Obon and Segaki are equivalent. Segaki is the event when we commemorate our ancestors and Dharma brothers and sisters which can be done in any month. Obon on the other hand is the abbreviation of URABON, which literally means “being hung upside down”. Adding honorific “O” before “BON”, it becomes “OBON”.

During Shakyamuni Buddha’s time, one of his students, ANAN SONJA came to see him to get his advice, saying that through his extra sensory perception, he knew that his deceased mother was in “hell” and she was tortured by being hung upside down. Shakyamuni Buddha told him “Ask your Dharma brothers to get together to do Kuyō (offering) for her as well as for participants and non-participants as there isn’t anyone who

is not undergoing the torture of being hung upside down emotionally and psychologically if not physically.” ANAN SONJA did so and his mother was emancipated from upside down suffering.

The reason why the best season for Obon is chosen near August 15 according to the lunar calendar (July 15 according to the Gregorian calendar) is because it is summer. For this reason, most temples in Japan observe Dai Segaki either on July 15 or August 15.

On August 3rd, Eido Roshi will give a Dharma talk concerning Obon and Dai Segaki for the participants with the hope that we all become emancipated from an upside down vista and condition. Not only for human beings, but for all living beings, who have passed this way and died unknown.

The O-Bon Zazen-Kai Schedule:

09:00 – 09:30 am	Doors open (Registration and Changing into Robes)
09:30 – 12:00	Morning Service / Zazen
12:00 – 01:30 pm	Lunch Break (Individual Vegetarian Meals Served)
01:30 - 04:15	Zazen
04:15 – 05:15	Dharma Talk by Ven. Eido Shimano Roshi
05:15 – 06:00	Informal Sarei and Departure

The suggested contribution for this All-DAY ZAZEN-KAI including lunch will be **\$40 per person** which will be collected as you register at the door. RSVPs are required and will be confirmed by email with further details.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or request. Thank you

**Gassho,
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