

JIKOJI ZEN CENTER



DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

FROM SARATOGA: FOLLOW BIG BASIN WAY (HWY 9) THROUGH TOWN AND UP TO THE INTERSECTION WITH HWY 35/SKYLINE. TURN RIGHT. AT ABOUT 1.8 MILES, ON THE LEFT SIDE, LOOK FOR A MAILBOX WITH "12100" ON IT AND IMMEDIATELY TURN LEFT ONTO WARD RD BEFORE THE SMALL WOOD JIKOJI SIGN. FOLLOW THE SINGLE-LANE GRAVEL ROAD DOWN TO A Y; THERE, CONTINUE RIGHT TO PARKING AREA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO: TAKE 280 SOUTH AND GO VIA 85 TO SARATOGA AS ABOVE; OR EXIT AT WOODSIDE ROAD. FOLLOW HWY 84 THROUGH WOODSIDE UP TO SKY LONDA INTERSECTION WITH HWY 35. TURN LEFT/SOUTH ON 35 (SKYLINE) AND CONTINUE PAST PAGE MILL RD. ABOUT 4.5 MILES. LOOK FOR A SMALL WOOD JIKOJI SIGN AND TURN IMMEDIATELY ONTO WARD RD ON THE RIGHT JUST PAST THE SIGN AND BEFORE THE MAILBOX.

FROM SANTA CRUZ: TAKE HWY 17 TO LOS GATOS – SARATOGA RD TO SARATOGA AS DESCRIBED ABOVE; OR TAKE HWY 9 THROUGH BOULDER CREEK TO HWY 35; TURN LEFT ONTO 35 THEN AS ABOVE FROM SARATOGA.



JIKOJI IS A SOTO ZEN TEMPLE AND RETREAT CENTER LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR'S DRIVE SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS. WE OFFER PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND SESSHINS (MEDITATION RETREATS), AND PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP RETREATS. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI, 9 AM-2 PM.

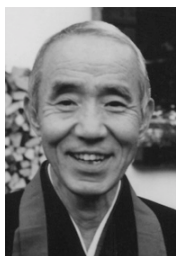
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ABOUT JIKOJI**

JIKOJI, "COMPASSION LIGHT TEMPLE", IS A RUSTIC MOUNTAIN RETREAT OF 13 ACRES, ESTABLISHED IN 1983 BY KOBUN CHINO OTOGAWA ROSHI AND HIS STUDENTS. IT IS A SOTO ZEN BUDDHIST TEMPLE ASSOCIATED WITH HOKOJI IN TAOS, NM, JOKOJI IN JAPAN, PUREGG IN AUSTRIA, AND FELSENTOR IN SWITZERLAND. AT 2,350 FEET ELEVATION IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS, THE

GROUNDS HAVE MANY UNIQUE FEATURES, SUCH AS A LARGE POND, RUNNING CREEK, BREATHTAKING RIDGE VIEWS, AND MILES OF HIKING TRAILS IN THE SURROUNDING MID-PENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

THE PRACTICE AT JIKOJI IS BASED ON THE SOTO ZEN TRADITION AS TAUGHT BY ITS FOUNDER KOBUN CHINO OTOGAWA ROSHI. ITS CORE IS SILENT MEDITATION, "ZAZEN," OR MORE SPECIFICALLY "SHIKANTAZA." KOBUN STATED, "THE GREAT PLEASURE, THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF YOUR WAY-SEEKING IS IN THE REALIZATION OF SITTING. THIS FORM OF SITTING, THIS PLACE TO SIT ON THIS EARTH, THIS TIME TO SIT, THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, ALL HAVE LOTS OF PROBLEMS. THE SHIKANTAZA WAY IS GIVING BIRTH TO THE BUDDHA SEED. IT IS NOT A PERSON BECOMING A BETTER PERSON, IT IS THE ACTUALIZATION OF WHAT WE ARE."

KOBUN CHINO OTAGAWA ROSHI (1938-2002)



KOBUN CHINO ROSHI WAS BORN INTO AN ANCIENT AND ESTEEMED TEMPLE FAMILY IN THE NORTHWEST SNOW COUNTRY OF JAPAN. HE PRACTICED AT EIHEJI MONASTERY AND ALSO WITH KODO SAWAKI. IN 1967, HE WAS INVITED BY SUZUKI ROSHI TO HELP ESTABLISH TASSAJARA MONASTERY IN CALIFORNIA. HE WAS LATER THE TEACHER AT HAIKU ZENDO (NOW KANNON-DO) AND SANTA CRUZ ZEN CENTER. THE JIKOJI SANGHA BEGAN FROM THESE TWO SANGHAS.

KOBUN ALSO ESTABLISHED HOKOJI ZEN CENTER IN NEW MEXICO, AND HELPED ESTABLISH TWO CENTERS IN EUROPE WITH DHARMA HEIR, VANJA PALMERS. HE WAS AN IMPORTANT TEACHER TO THE SANGHA OF CHOGYUM TRUNGPA RINPOCHE AND HELD THE WORLD WISDOM CHAIR AT NAROPA UNIVERSITY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. IN 2002, KOBUN CHINO ROSHI DIED IN A DROWNING ACCIDENT IN SWITZERLAND.

JIKOJI'S RESIDENTS & RESIDENT TEACHER

A SMALL GROUP OF RESIDENT PRACTITIONERS AND ITS RESIDENT TEACHER, SHÓHÓ MICHAEL NEWHALL, LIVE AND PRACTICE AT JIKOJI YEAR-ROUND. JIKOJI IS MAINTAINED BY ITS RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS SANGHA MEMBERS.

SHÓHÓ MICHAEL NEWHALL IS A ZEN BUDDHIST PRIEST AND RECEIVED TRANSMISSION IN THE LINEAGE OF KOBUN CHINO ROSHI. HE HAS PRACTICED AND TRAINED IN BOTH JAPAN AND AMERICA, INCLUDING TASSAJARA MONASTERY. SHÓHÓ HAS STUDENTS PRACTICING AND TEACHING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.



ITS FACILITIES

THERE ARE FOUR LARGE BUILDINGS: THE ZENDO; A DORMITORY BUILDING WHICH INCLUDES PRIVATE ROOMS (MOST WITH BATHROOMS); THE COMMUNITY BUILDING; AND THE RESIDENTS' BUILDING. THE COMMUNITY BUILDING INCLUDES AN INSTITUTIONAL KITCHEN, LIVING/DINING ROOM WITH LIBRARY, AND BATHROOMS. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A TEA HUT AND ENCLOSED ORGANIC GARDEN.

ALL OR PART OF THE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL RETREATS. THE ZENDO CAN COMFORTABLY SEAT 30+ PEOPLE. THE DORMITORY BUILDING CAN ACCOMMODATE 25+. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE MANY TENT SITES.

SUGGESTED READING

ZEN MIND, BEGINNER'S MIND BY SHUNRYU SUZUKI

OPEN THE HAND OF THOUGHT BY KOSHO UCHIYAMA

MOON IN A DEWDROP: WRITINGS OF ZEN MASTER DOGEN ED. BY KAZ TANAHASHI

THE ART OF JUST SITTING EDITED BY JOHN DAIDIO LOORI

DANA & SERVICE

ALL PROGRAMS, PRACTICE, AND SESSHINS ARE ALWAYS FREELY OFFERED AND OPEN TO EVERYONE. JIKOJI'S RESOURCES INCLUDE DANA OR CONTRIBUTIONS, SO IF YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE, IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THERE ARE ALSO SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH MANY SMALL AND LARGE PROJECTS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT JIKOJI.

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM

10:00 AM ZAZEN & KINHIN (SITTING & WALKING MEDITATION)

11:30 SERVICE FOLLOWED BY DHARMA TALK

12:30 SOCIAL LUNCH

2:00 PM AFTERNOON PROGRAMS (SEE WEBSITE OR CALL FOR DETAILS)

PRACTICE

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6:00 AM ZAZEN & SERVICE

MONDAY-THURSDAY 7:30 PM ZAZEN

SESSHINS

OFFERED FOUR TIMES A YEAR: FEBRUARY, APRIL, AUTUMN, AND DECEMBER.

SEE WEBSITE OR CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.