

# 2026

# JAPANESE *New Year* CELEBRATION

## OSHOGATSU in LITTLE TOKYO



Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California  
Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation presents



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### Thursday, January 1, 2026

**Weller Court: 10:50 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.**

123 Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Japanese Village Plaza: 12:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.**

335 E. 2nd St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

## Thursday, January 1 Weller Court

**10:50 a.m. Kick-off Taiko Drums**  
太鼓演奏 / Taiko Center of L.A.

**11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony with Greetings and Sake Barrel Breaking**  
開会式

**11:15 a.m. Taiko Drum Performance**  
太鼓演奏 / Taiko Center of L.A.

**11:25 a.m. Lion Dance "Shishimai"**  
獅子舞 / Taiko Center of L.A.

**11:35 a.m. Mochi-maki #1**  
もちまき / Nisei Week Queen & Court

**11:40 a.m. Calligraphy Demonstration**  
書き初め / Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai

**12:00 p.m. Aikido**  
合気道 / Sanbukai

**12:25 p.m. Minyo & Odori**  
民謡と踊り / Matsutoyo Kai

**1:00 p.m. Shorinji Kempo**  
少林寺拳法 / Shorinji Kempo

**1:30 p.m. Kimono Contest & Fashion Show**  
着物コンテスト & ファッションショー / LA Kimono Club

**1:55 p.m. Kendo Dojo**  
剣道 / LA Kendo Dojo

**2:25 p.m. Kimono Contest Results Announcement**  
着物コンテスト結果発表 / LA Kimono Club

**2:35 p.m. Team Kawachi Ondo**  
日本の音楽と踊り

**3:10 p.m. Mochi-maki JCCF/JCCSC Officers/Board**  
もちまき

**3:20 p.m. Awa Odori Dance**  
Awa Odori members to lead Weller Court crowd to JVP for finale there  
阿波踊り

**3:40 p.m. Closing**  
閉会

## Thursday, January 1 Japanese Village Plaza

**12:30 p.m. Kick-off Taiko Drums**  
太鼓演奏 / Taiko Center of L.A.

**12:40 p.m. Opening Ceremony with Greetings**  
開会式 / MC, JCCSC Pres. & CG

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**4:15 p.m. Closing**  
閉会



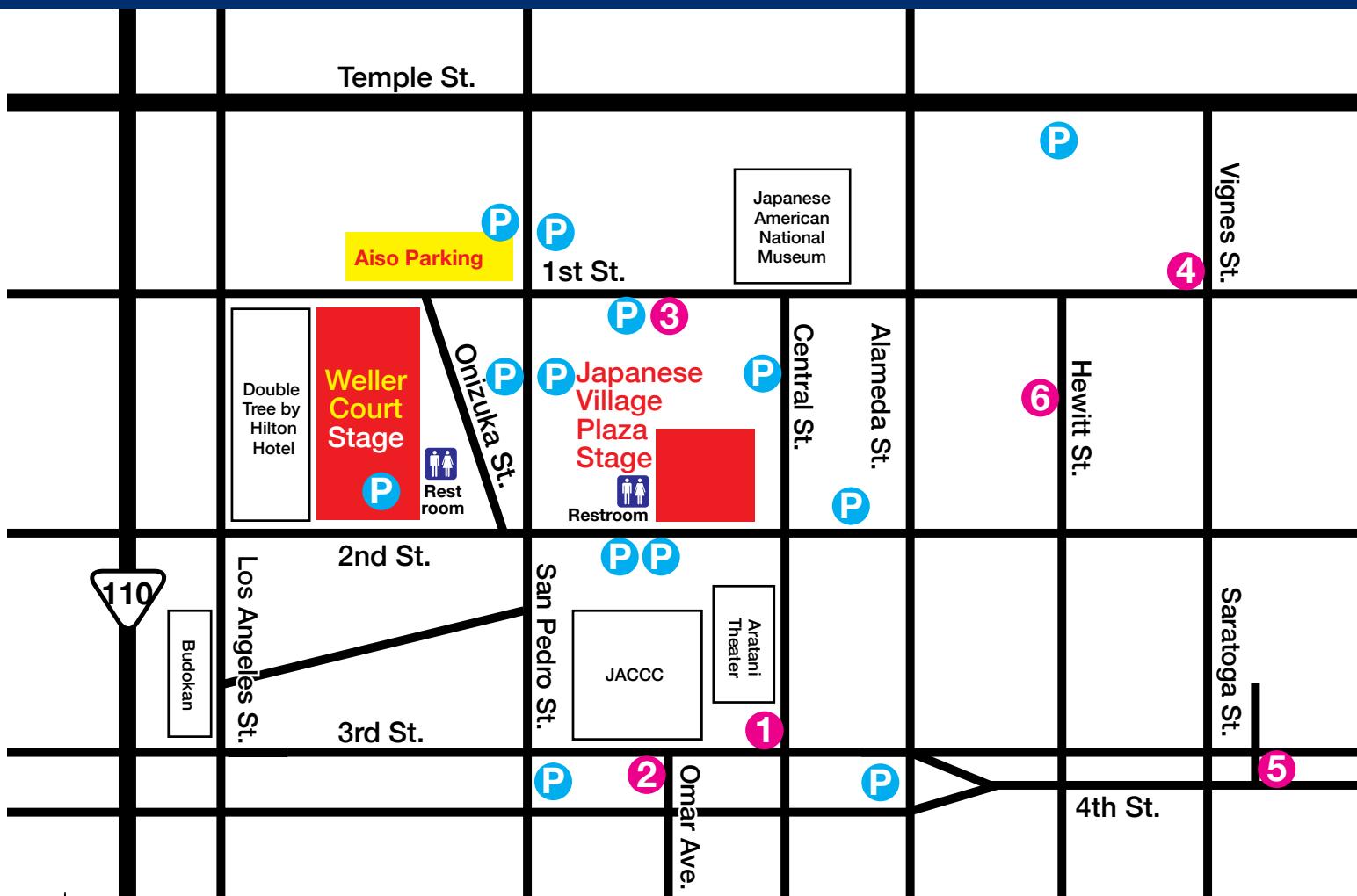
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**10:00 a.m. Saitan-sai 歳旦祭 (at the booth)**

**1:30 p.m. Tsukinami-sai 月次祭 (at the booth)**

**Food Booths: Mochi, Karaage, Yakisoba, Yakitori, Takoyaki, Sweets, etc.**  
**Sake Booth: Beer, Sake, Shochu, etc.**

*\*All programs listed in this brochure may be subject to change without notice.*



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- ② Jodoshu North America Buddhist Missions
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**Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year to all gathered for the 2026 Oshogatsu in Little Tokyo. This festive occasion is a beloved annual event where the community celebrates the New Year together while enjoying longstanding cultural traditions in the heart of Little Tokyo.

Since assuming my duties in August, I have had the opportunity to meet many Japanese Americans and have come to deeply appreciate their tremendous contributions to the development of American society in the postwar era. These achievements are the result of the longstanding efforts of nisei, sansei, and the generation known as shin-issei. I would like to express my sincere respect. At the same time, in order to strengthen and develop the Japanese American community further, I hope to see greater leadership from younger generations: yonsei, gosei, and the shin-nisei. The Japanese Consulate will continue to support the activities of younger generation Japanese Americans.

I offer my deep appreciation to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and its Foundation for providing support and services for the Japanese American community and striving to preserve and pass on Japanese oshogatsu culture to future generations, including those outside of the Japanese American Community.

I congratulate the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and its Foundation on a successful Oshogatsu event in Little Tokyo. Please accept my best wishes to all for good health and prosperity throughout the Year 2026!

Sincerely,

**Murota Kosei**

Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles



JAPANESE CHAMBER OF  
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**Happy New Year!**

In Japan, on January 1st, families, and friends, many dressed in traditional kimono, gather at temples to pray for a healthy and prosperous year while setting resolutions during this season, striving for growth, harmony, and personal fulfillment.

Today we will be celebrating the 28th Annual Oshogatsu in Little Tokyo Event. You will have the opportunity to share in the Japanese festivities that make the start of the New Year so special. Just as many others do around the world, the Japanese believe that January 1st is the time to start anew. As we reflect on the past year, we take this time to resolve to become better in the New Year. However, unlike Japan where many businesses are closed on Oshogatsu, you will be able to shop and eat in many locations throughout Little Tokyo.

We hope that you will designate Little Tokyo as your destination of choice and return again and again to visit our shops, restaurants, hotel, and cultural venues. We look forward to seeing you soon!

May 2026 bring you joy, health, and success!

Sincerely,

**Jeff Yamazaki**

President

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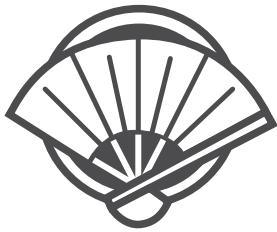


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TEMPLE/CHURCH	LOCATION	YEAR END SERVICES (12/31/25)	NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES
<b>Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple</b> *Temple will be closed for members and friends	505 E. 3rd St. L.A., CA 90013	5:00 p.m. 除夜会 Year-end service	10:00 a.m. 修正会 New year service
<b>Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin of Los Angeles</b>	342 E. 1st St. L.A., CA 90012	4:00 p.m. 大晦日・報恩謝徳法会 Year-end service	New Year Temple Open Hours 1/1-3, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily 1/1 New Year's Day Goma Service 10:00 a.m. 修正会・護摩法会 2:00 p.m. 大晦日 1/2 New Year's Day Goma Service 10:00 a.m. 護摩法会 2:00 p.m. 護摩法会
<b>Nishi Hongwanji L.A. Betsuin</b>	815 1st St. L.A., CA 90012	6:00 p.m. 除夜会 Year-end service	10:00 a.m. 修正会 New year service
<b>Senshin Buddhist Temple</b>	1311 W. 37th St. L.A., CA 90007	5:00 p.m. 除夜会 Year-end service	10:00 a.m. 元旦会 New year service
<b>Zenshuji Soto Mission</b>	123 S. Hewitt St. L.A., CA 90012	4:00 p.m. 歳末諷経 Year-end service	10:00 a.m. 修正会 New year service



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Awards Luncheon**

Sunday, January 25, 2026 @ 11 a.m.  
Quiet Cannon in Montebello, CA

Please join the JCCSC as President Jeff Yamazaki  
and his officers are installed.  
Community awards will also be presented.  
For information, please email: [office@jccsc.com](mailto:office@jccsc.com)

**Save the Date!**  
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**Monday, August 24, 2026**  
*More details to follow.  
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