

Berkeley JACL Newsletter

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Coming Events

- Feb 25 **Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group** at the
 Mar 11, 25 North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901
 Apr 8, 22 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. This group meets
 May 13, 27 every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.
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- Mar 1 **Freshman and Undergraduate
 Applications due**; contact Ron Tanaka,
**See inside for Day of Remembrance
 Events**

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Oakland Women's March

An energetic crowd of 100,000 gathered for the Oakland Women's March on Sat., Jan. 21, according to Oakland police estimates, and Berkeley JACL members were there to support it. The two-mile march to Frank Ogawa plaza began near the Lake Merritt BART station, with brass bands, children, families and sign-waving protestors. At one point, BART trains were not stopping at the Lake Merritt station and an I-880 ramp was closed temporarily due to crowds.

Among the Nikkei seen that day were Tule Lake Committee member Satsuki Ina, Topaz survivors Toru Saito and Kiyoshi Ina, and Ros Tonai, executive director of the National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco. Berkeley JACL Board members Val Yasukochi, Jim Duff, Tiffany Ikeda and Nancy Ukai also marched.



Boy with Sign on Instagram (location unknown) and Kiyoko Shima, 98, Los Angeles, CA

Day of Remembrance Events

This upcoming Feb. 19 marks the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 that led to the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans. In these trying times, it is especially important to remember the struggles that our parents and grandparents went through to get us to where we are today. As such, please attend these upcoming events to show your support and learn more!

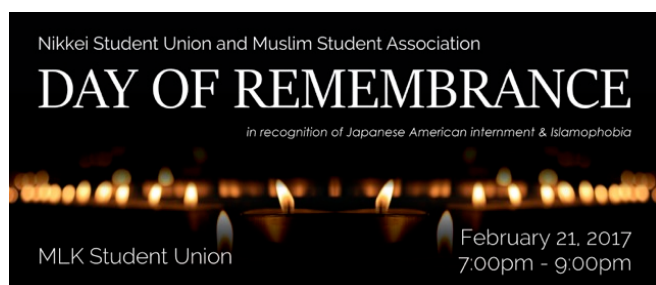
Saturday, February 18: "No Longer Silent," Nancy Ukai (member of Berkeley JACL Board) discusses the Eaton collection of Japanese American camp artifacts. Japanese American Museum of San Jose. <http://www.jamsj.org/jamsj-news-item/2017/2/upcoming/1/uncovering-the-stories-behind-the-eaton-artifacts/>

Saturday, February 18 through Sunday, February 26: SF Asian Art Museum screens "When Rabbit Left the Moon" exhibit, a video poem by filmmaker Emiko Omori. <http://www.asianart.org/exhibitions/emiko-omori>

Sunday, February 19: Speaker Don Tamaki, Candle-lighting ceremony; 2-4PM, SF Japantown (flyer below)

Tuesday, February 21: UC Berkeley's Nikkei Student Union and Muslim Student Association host their annual Day of Remembrance event. Guest speakers, performances, and activities to recall the injustices faced by Japanese Americans and the parallels that Muslim Americans experience today. <https://www.facebook.com/events/403700626643878/>

2495 Bancroft Way; UC Berkeley; Berkeley, CA 94720-4520



Thursday, February 23: The California History Society will be celebrating their landmark 1972 exhibition entitled "Executive Order 9066." More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/204268286690563/>

Thursday, April 27, 2017: California Historical Society's 2nd program for the EO 9066 75th remembrance will be live readings of letters from the CHS collections, including Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Eiko Fujii. This program at the Presidio Officer's Club coincides with the opening of the Presidio Trust's EO 9066 exhibition.

Saturday, May 6, 2017: "Confined, But Not Silent: the Legacy of Topaz Artists and Poets" an event to celebrate and support the opening of the Topaz Museum. 11AM- 3PM, Buchanan YMCA, San Francisco.

75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066

By Berkeley JACL

To honor the memory of the 1,300 Japanese Americans in Berkeley who were uprooted from their homes and businesses 75 years ago, we reprint here an essay by author Yoshiko Uchida, who grew up in Berkeley and was a student at Cal when the war broke

out. Titled "Evacuation: The First Five Months," it was published in November, 1966, in the California Monthly, by the California Alumni Association.

Feb. 19 is the 75th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin Roosevelt. This presidential order led to the unconstitutional mass removal and incarceration of 120,000 innocent men, women, and children of Japanese descent. Two-thirds were U.S. citizens. The immigrant generation, many of whom who had been here for four decades, were unable to become naturalized citizens due to racial restrictions. That changed in 1952, with the McCarran-Walter Act.

Especially because of this history, Japanese Americans have a moral responsibility to work to ensure that Constitutional rights are protected for all.

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