



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Monthly Newsletter



JSB Programming

Shaking the Foundations of Meaning

The logic and illogic of Zen chant and thought

with Professor Steven Nuss

October 17th, 6 PM

Pucker Gallery



Monday, October 17th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT
Hybrid Program

Join Professor Steven Nuss of Colby College on a journey through the musical and meditative practices of Rinzai Zen Buddhism. After an introduction to some basics of Zen meditation practice with its heavy emphasis on sutra chanting and its often non-linear approaches to language, Professor Nuss will encourage us to discuss and think through the logic/anti-logic of Zen's complicated uses of music and language.

The session will end with a session of seated meditation and chanting led by Professor Nuss and student practitioners from Colby College. Participants will have the chance to practice the discipline of Zen chanting and meditation as a group. All this chanting and discussion will help us formulate creative answers to a deceptively simple nest of

questions – How do we use spoken language? What happens when music meets language? Why do many religious traditions insist that their texts be sung? What is lost? What is gained?

Register Here



Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English Virtual Language Exchange

 JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON

Sponsored by:

 Temple University Japan Campus

Friday, November 18th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

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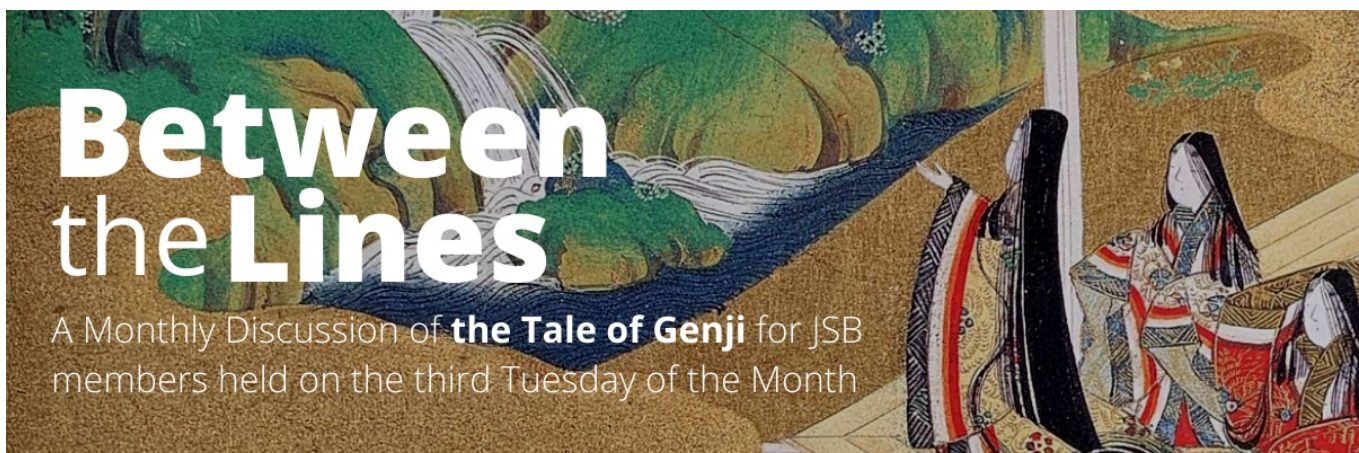
Online Program

Practice your Japanese (or your English) at our next online Japanese / English language exchange. Our theme for this session is: **Souvenir** (□□□)

Our monthly language room is sponsored by **Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ)**. TUJ is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug>

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Programs for JSB Members



Between the Lines

A Monthly Discussion of **the Tale of Genji** for JSB members held on the third Tuesday of the Month

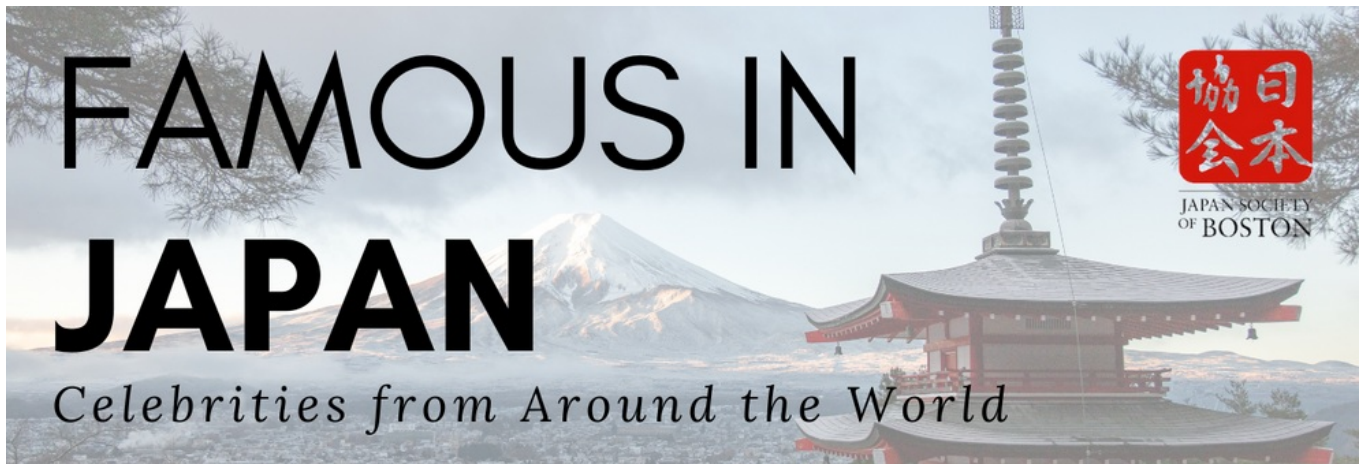
Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Online

Join us to discuss *The Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing chapters thirty-six through forty-one.

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More Content from JSB



Famous in Japan: Celebrities from Around the World

We are excited to announce a **new series from JSB!** Introducing “**Famous in Japan**” where we look at people who are famous in Japan from around the world and share our knowledge of them with you on our social media and website.

This week we feature **Edwin O. Reischauer**, a diplomat and life-long scholar of Japan. In the following weeks, we will explore Hirokazu Kore-eda, Tadao Ando, Chiaki Mukai, and many more people who are "Famous in Japan"! Follow us on our social media platforms and look forward to our posts to see if you know all the "Famous in Japan" celebrities!



Read about Edwin O. Reischauer

JSB MEETS JET ALUMNI

An interview series on alumni experiences in Japan



JSB Meets JET Alumni:

As part of our partnership with the [United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association](#) (USJETAA), the Japan Society of Boston features a new JET Alumni in our monthly blog!

This month:

Carlton Fischer, ALT for Nakijin Village in Northern Okinawa from 2015-2019.



[Read the Blog](#)

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



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Introducing: Member Highlights

The Japan Society of Boston is pleased to introduce you to the wonderful members of our community through this new blog series.

Each month, we will feature a JSB Member and ask them to share with us

their Japan Story.

This Month: **Michael Kerpan**



[View the Member Highlight](#)

Other Japan Related Programs

JB Line Fundraising Week: Piano Lessons, Financial Seminar, Cooking Classes, and More
[JB Line](#)

Online during October 14th-30th
(many programs in Japanese)

The Timeless Allure of Washi - Free Talk with Nancy Jacobi
[Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre](#)

Online October 15th, 2:00 PM EDT

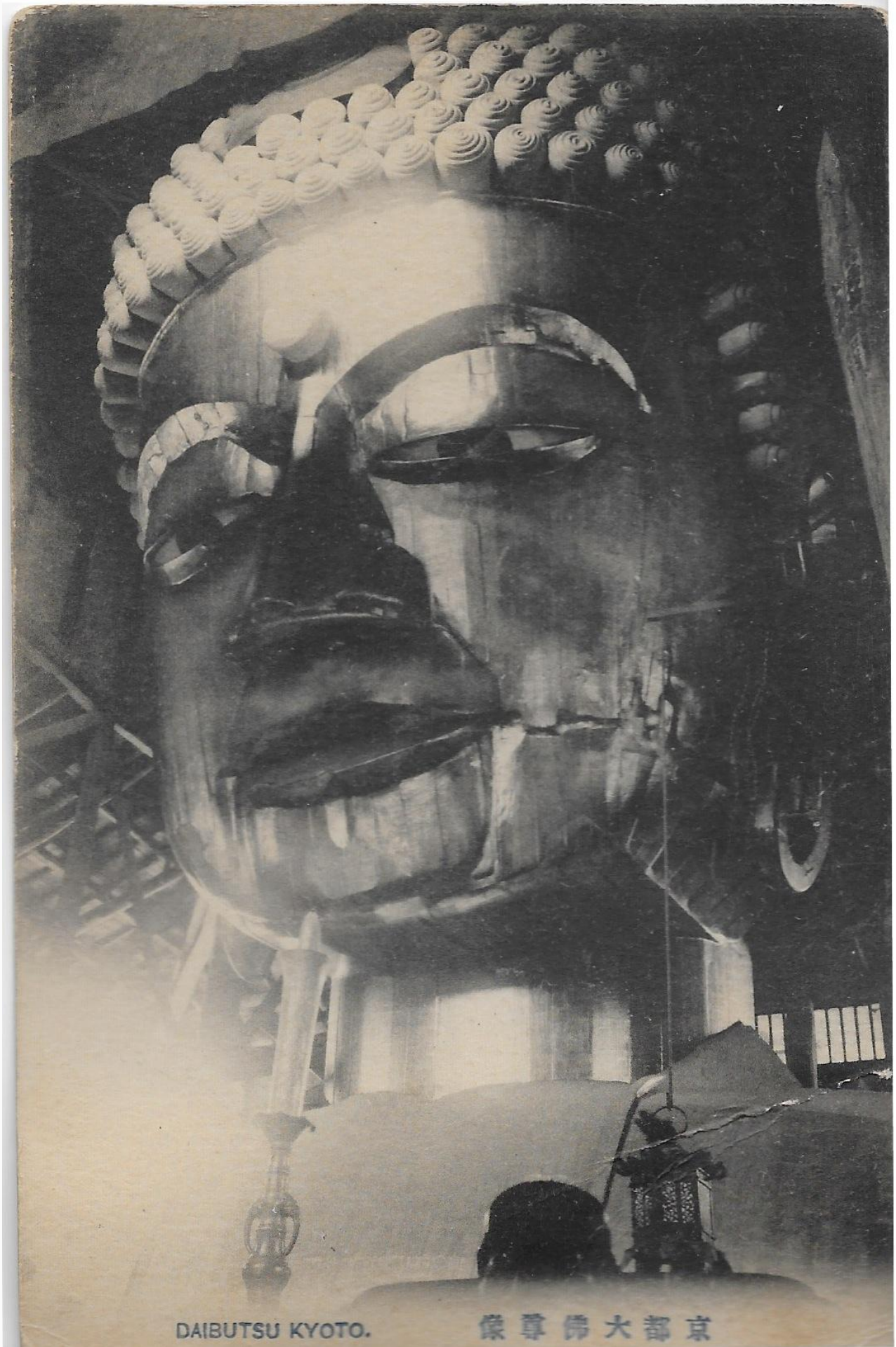
Keila Wakao's Violin Recital
[Church of the Redeemer](#)

In-Person at the Church of the Redeemer
November 4th, 7:00 PM EDT
Buy tickets [here](#)

2022 Boston Consul General's Cup Kendo Training Tournament
[Consulate-General of Japan in Boston](#)

Save the date!
November 6th, 9:00 AM EDT
Venue TBD

From the Archive



Every month the Japan Society of Boston reaches into our archives to pull out a postcard that was sent back to us in the early years of our organization. This one was mailed to JSB in 1914 and depicts a rebuilt Daibutsu.

The back of the postcard says:

"Daibutsu' - a gigantic wooden bust of Buddha built recently to replace one of bronze destroyed by fire and earthquake. It's covered with gold leaf."



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