President’s Message

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2020 is here already! Happy New Year to you all!  
2019 was a busy year. Yes, another year has barreled by. They seem to go by faster each year.  
I hope you were able to attend the holiday luncheon.  
I heard it went well. A special thanks goes out to: Sue Huttig, Sue Harmon, Merrilyn and Carl Crosson for their work at making it a special event. 

Thank you for your generosity to Beth El mission and Oasis. Many Food and other items have been donated by our membership.

The innovative grant program was earlier this year. Dale Sena reports that here were 5 Innovative Grant winners chosen this year out of 21 applicants. They are:

- Kassandra Montgomery/ Lopez,  
- Alicia Valdez/ Ben Hill,  
- Jill Germain/ Woodbridge,  
- Mary Fowler/ Barrington,  
- Kellie Rogers/ Eastside (Pasco.)

Thanks to the reader/judges for their time and efforts: Sue Huttig, Barb Toepke, Norma Goff, Gail Hutton, Jackie Cross, and Russ Patterson.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 15th at the CTA building.

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Our January meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the HCTA Building**, which is located at 3102 N. Habana Avenue, Tampa, FL 33603. Coffee and snacks will be available by 9:45. Come early to socialize before the meeting.

Our speaker will be Steve Ove from MacDill Air Force Base. He will be sharing military history and historical tales about Tampa. This should prove to be a fascinating meeting.

**February 19** – Guardian ad Litem

**March 18** – Meeting and Tour USF Botanical Gardens

**April 15** - Meeting at CTA – Dr. Laymon Hicks – Motivational Speaker

**May 20** - Meeting at CTA - Elections- Annual Staff Luncheon with Laugh training.

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**Please bring items to the meeting to assist the many families that Beth El helps each month.**

**Food Items:** (Please note underlined items are a priority. They are asking for 1 lb. bags of rice and beans, and the 14 oz size of fruits and vegetables.)

- Spaghetti sauce w/meat
- Canned Sloppy Joe
- Peanut butter
- Non-fat dry milk
- Pasta/Macaroni
- Instant grits
- Graham Crackers
- Mayonnaise
- Rice
- Canned vegetables
- Evaporated milk
- Canned Chili
- Canned meats
- Juices
- Jelly
- Cereals
- Instant oatmeal
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Canned fruits
- Pinto beans
- Meseca flour

**Personal Items:**
Priority needs are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, linens, and towels.

**School Supplies:**
Due to the transient population that they serve, they are always in need of replenishing their supplies: Notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, washable markers, and folders are always appreciated.

We also donate to Oasis; a charity that supplies clothing for school social workers to give to students in need. Any gently used children or adult’s clothing can be given to Rich Lucas, who will deliver it. For more information: [http://www.oasis-network.org/](http://www.oasis-network.org/).