

# British Shalom-Salaam Trust

Crossing Borders for Peace



## Annual Report & Accounts

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## From Our Chair

We are increasingly sad and angry at the worsening situation in Israel-Palestine-Golan, with the Israeli Government and the IDF intensifying their attacks on the Palestinian people, with no international sanctions. The contrast with the Western response to the assault on Ukraine by Russia is startling. It underlines for BSST how much we are needed, to give practical as well as moral support to Palestinians and other oppressed communities, and to those Israelis who do stand up for them.



The devastating COVID pandemic is now in retreat, and partners in Israel-Palestine-Golan are returning to their usual activities. They have impressed us greatly with their swift adaptability; thus, Sunbula, a successful fair-trade cooperative selling the work of independent artisans, recognised that without immediate emergency finance, many of its members would go under, as the pandemic destroyed their market. BSST stepped in to cover short-term living costs to enable the worst hit artisans to weather the crisis.

This year, BSST supported 42 projects across Israel-Palestine-Golan through grants and via our post box scheme. The activities funded are as diverse as their geographic locations. Here's just a sample: physical healthcare and psychological trauma support in Gaza; pre-school education and sports projects in the South Hebron Hills; asylum seekers' education in Israel; women's rights in a tiny Palestinian village – and in a major Israeli city; repairing a precious community arts centre in Jenin; investigative and educational journalism in Israel; defending Palestinian children's rights against repressive detention.

Happily, with news of our work spreading, at the time of writing, BSST finds itself with the rare experience of some financial security! But we are not complacent: we know this will be fleeting, as ever more grant applicants approach us, while donors are under severe pressure supporting causes around the world.

In December 2021 Sir Antony Sher, a BSST patron since our foundation sadly died. Our thoughts were with his husband, Greg Doran, as well as Antony's other family members, friends and colleagues, and the innumerable admirers of his talents around the world.

Thank you once again to all our supporters. Please spread the word about us – forward this report to friends and family so they can enjoy it too and maybe even send us a donation!

*Gill Yudkin*

Dr Gill Yudkin  
Chair, BSST

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Images: Front cover: A Palestinian girl plays with her hair in the water on the shores of Gaza City (Mohammed Zaanoun/Activestills). This page: Kotof Elkhair. Back cover: A Palestinian woman washes her children in her destroyed house in Gaza (Mohammed Zaanoun/Activestills).





## Who we are

The British Shalom-Salaam Trust is the only British Jewish grant-giving charity established specifically to work across 'Israel-Palestine-Golan'. This is the name BSST uses for the area that we cover: the state of Israel since 1948, and the land occupied by Israel since 1967 (Gaza and the West Bank including East Jerusalem, and Golan).



*Afaq Jadeeda  
Scout Carnival*

## Our grants policy: challenging oppression – bringing justice and hope

BSST supports groups in Israel-Palestine-Golan that seek creative and practical solutions to the needs of their communities. We see ourselves as enablers not prescribers. We do not impose our own programmes: we respond to needs that the groups we work with identify.

BSST favours small grassroots groups but does not seek out possible beneficiaries: they find us, mostly through word of mouth and personal contacts, occasionally by internet searches. The result is BSST's eclectic portfolio of supported projects. Since we were founded in 2004, some 600 grants have been made to around 200 different organisations.

Most of BSST's grants go to Palestinian, Jewish and joint organisations, but we also donate to a Syrian group in Golan, and to projects working with African asylum seekers and migrant workers from around the world who now live in Israel. We are specially willing to help groups tackling difficult and contentious issues and those that may be overlooked by major funders.

Our Jewish identity defines our work and purpose in three ways. We seek:

- ✿ to make a positive and practical Jewish statement of opposition to the oppression of the Palestinian people across Israel-Palestine, and of the Syrian population of Golan.
- ✿ to oppose all discrimination against other minorities or sections of the communities within Israel-Palestine-Golan. Amongst others, these include women and LGBTQ+ people within the entire area; asylum seekers and migrant workers in Israel; gypsies in East Jerusalem; Ethiopian and Mizrahi Jews in Israel.
- ✿ to support the achievement of a just, democratic and sustainable peace based on equality, human rights and mutual respect between all communities within Israel-Palestine-Golan.

We also recognise that the rights of Palestinian refugees must be a key part of any just peace settlement. Sadly, with our limited resources, BSST is unable to include those living outside Israel-Palestine-Golan within our grant-giving.



## How we work

We carry out our charitable work, delivering 'public benefit,' in these ways:

- ✿ mostly by providing grants to groups in Israel-Palestine-Golan that have applied to BSST for support and fall within BSST's guidelines.
- ✿ occasionally by making small grants in response to a general appeal.
- ✿ through our Post Box service, whereby BSST receives and manages charitable donations secured in Britain by approved groups in Israel-Palestine-Golan which do not have their own British charitable arm.
- ✿ by organising our own emergency appeals in times of urgent need.

BSST employs no staff and has no office. Its volunteer trustees carry out all functions, working mostly online. As a result, in a normal year, 98% of our expenditure goes on charitable grants. Unavoidable administrative overheads – bank charges, minimal postage and printing – usually make up just 1-2% of BSST's costs.

Many BSST grant recipients have paid employees and possess Israeli or Palestinian legal status similar to that of a British charity. However, we also support relatively informal, entirely volunteer-run groups with minimal infrastructure, that are the most likely to struggle for mainstream funding. We do need applicants to have email access, but as we have been contacted successfully by tented desert communities without mains electricity or wi-fi, we are confident our online reliance is not an insuperable obstacle, even to very deprived groups.

Our application process is very simple: we post our grant criteria on our website, provide an online, user-friendly application form, take requests year-round and make decisions in weeks.

BSST necessarily operates at arm's length, so we have developed evaluation policies and guidelines to review our beneficiary groups. As well as measuring applications against our own criteria, we check other sources: internet presence, newspaper reports, briefings from other groups and individuals in Israel-Palestine-Golan. We have also designed report-back procedures for the end of each funding period, using a brief standard form adjusted individually for each project. And we consult our Advisory Group whose members have specialist knowledge and close ties with Israel-Palestine.

Finally, where possible, we meet grant and post box recipient groups. Trustees visiting Israel-Palestine-Golan include trips (at our own expense) to monitor projects that we support.



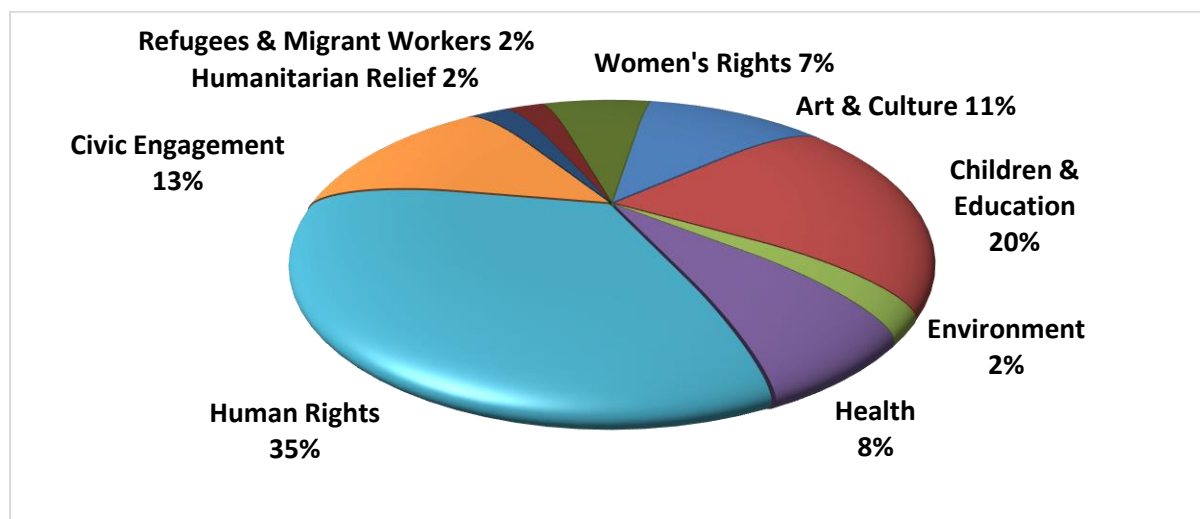
*Settlers, protected by armed soldiers and dogs, invade playground in Susya*



## What we give

Groups that have applied successfully to BSST receive a maximum grant of £5,000 per year, while donations to general appeals are limited to £1,000. With BSST's own emergency appeals, there is no grant cap.

As many organisations never find it possible to replace our funding, BSST often provides repeat grants year after year. By contrast, for some groups BSST's early support delivers crucial pump-priming eventually enabling them to build a strong enough funding base to outgrow their need for our assistance.



BSST Expenditure 2021-22

## How we raise funds

BSST has funders and beneficiaries of many backgrounds. Thousands of individuals have donated to us: Jews, Christians, Muslims, and those asserting no religious belief or identity. Faith organisations and peace groups also support us, and we raise significant sums from other charitable trusts.

As we have no endowment, every penny we donate we must first raise, so BSST's lifeblood is donations. We are immensely grateful to all our supporters, large and small, whose generosity enables us to contribute to building a just peace in Israel-Palestine-Golan. This year, major donations to our general funds came from many individuals and the following organisations:

“ I'm delighted to tell you that the trustees have decided to give BSST another grant for 2022. Our current policy is to support charities for three or four years ... we should be dropping you now. But we are so impressed with your work and feel you are very much 'our' kind of charity ... that we are breaking our own policy! ”

— A charitable trust advising BSST that it will fund us again!

Balcombe Trust, Barham Charitable Trust, Blue Moon Trust, Fleming Charitable Foundation, Founders for Good, IHL Trust, John & Susan Bowers Fund, Open Gate Trust, Pat Newman Memorial Trust, MSN Fund, Ripple Fund, Southall Trust, Stonehage Tempest Trust, and two trusts that asked not to be publicly identified.





## Why we matter



While we do not promote any specific 'solution' to current inequalities and injustices – that is for the parties involved to negotiate – BSST sees its role as helping people on the ground create the building blocks for a more humane society and a fair and **lasting peace** between the communities of Israel-Palestine-Golan



BSST has much evidence that we make **a real difference** to the groups we support and to their communities – from the project reports we receive, discussions with groups we fund, photographs, films, personal stories, news reports and visits that we make.



At a purely practical level, if donors wish to reach local campaigners and activists who are trying to strengthen their own communities, then giving to BSST is **simple and effective**. Our trustees have built up much specialist knowledge and an extensive network of contacts and are skilled in making informed judgments about groups that other donors might find difficult to evaluate. We have strong relationships with many of the groups we fund, supporting them through the toughest of times, and we know that, overwhelmingly, they deliver on the work they have promised.



Our Jewish identity and commitment to a better future for all the people of Israel-Palestine-Golan is important to BSST, but not only to us. Often the groups we work with make it clear that, as much they value our grants, they equally **value who we are** and our aspirations for their lives in the years to come.



*"They uproot – we plant, They chop down – we sow seeds" (Photo Tag Meir/Facebook).*





## Projects BSST supported in 2021-22

**AFAQ JADEEDA ASSOCIATION (New Horizons)** is a small community group in Gaza's Nuseirat refugee camp, providing education, social welfare and health support, plus fun activities for the most deprived mothers and children. BSST has funded this group for several years, this time giving a COVID emergency grant.



—facebook.com/afaq.jadeeda.association

**AROUS EL BAHAR (Bride of the Sea)** is a Jaffa-based Palestinian women's organisation, tackling the huge social problems – unemployment, deprivation, domestic violence, low educational achievement, crime and drugs – hidden behind the touristy glitz of the city's redeveloped port area. Indeed, nearly 60% of Palestinian families in Jaffa live in poverty, with Palestinian women especially suffering 'double discrimination' as women and members of a national minority.



This year AROUS EL BAHAR continued to run *JaffaDolls*, its sewing business employing women aged 50+, and its free legal aid clinic, tackling work problems, family issues, gender- based violence and sexual abuse. It also expanded its financial literacy courses and its training for entry into work and education and opened a second-hand shop which has immediately brought in significant profits.

BSST's grant contributed to core costs.

—facebook.com/arous.elbahar.jaffa



**ARTEAM: THE GARDEN LIBRARY** is a welcoming Tel Aviv community centre located in Levinski Park in south Tel Aviv. Formerly home to a very poor and largely ignored Jewish population, nowadays some 80% of local residents are African asylum-seekers and migrant workers. In an area scarred by decades of deprivation, ARTEAM's Garden Library is an oasis of hope. For adults it provides evening classes and family support, while children love its open-air multilingual library and homework space and its after-school and holiday activities.



Though discrimination in education is supposedly illegal in Israel, asylum-seeker children have long been excluded from mainstream schools. Instead, they are confined to second-rate provision where they soon fall behind their Israeli peers. This year BSST repeated its funding for ARTEAM's Educational Rights Project, supporting asylum seeker children to transfer into the mainstream state education sector.

“ Thank you so much for your solidarity and for believing in us for such a long time. ... the Garden Library has grown so much and you have a big part in this growth.

— ARTEAM Director

—[thegardenlibrary.com](http://thegardenlibrary.com)



**DESERT EMBROIDERY: THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WOMEN'S STATUS**

is based in Lakia, a very poor township created by the Israeli state to force Bedouin families from a rural to an urban life. Founded by Bedouin women, DESERT EMBROIDERY is now a thriving business, teaching embroidery to fifty women in the Lakia area, selling their products and generating income from its Visitors Centre.

DESERT EMBROIDERY also sponsors projects which confront the widespread violence in Bedouin homes, schools, and more widely. Many pressures induce frustration and anger, especially among men and boys: rapid and imposed change in a patriarchal society, girls outstripping boys in education and work options, severe poverty, endemic unemployment, continuing house demolitions, and overcrowded schools.

This year DESERT EMBROIDERY supported a youth leadership community theatre project for thirteen to fifteen year-olds, *Breaking the Cycle of Violence in Bedouin Society*. The teenagers learned why violence happens and how to resolve conflict peacefully, at the end sharing their new understanding using a play they created for their community. BSST funded a youth and theatre worker to lead the project.

—[desert-embroidery.org](http://desert-embroidery.org)

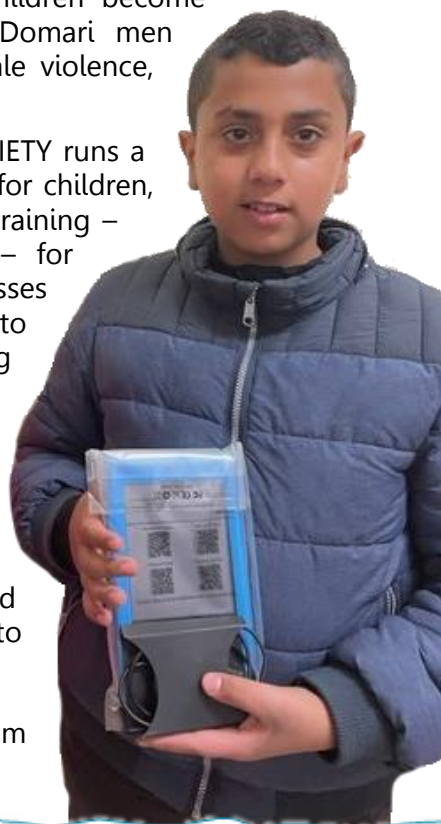




**DOMARI SOCIETY OF GYPSIES IN JERUSALEM** serves one of Israel's smallest minority communities. Originally from India, but for centuries an intrinsic part of East Jerusalem, the three thousand Domari are very traditional, nearly invisible to outsiders, extremely poor and subject to much discrimination. Very early on, their children become alienated from the education system. In adulthood Domari men struggle to find work, while women are trapped by male violence, economic dependency and domesticity.

To break these cycles of disadvantage, the DOMARI SOCIETY runs a Centre providing after-school tutoring for children, plus literacy courses and vocational training – hairdressing, catering and sewing – for adult women. With face-to-face classes impossible during COVID, a way had to be found to deliver distance learning to children whose families are too poor to own computers or pay for broadband. While the DOMARI SOCIETY developed its e-learning curriculum, BSST provided funds to purchase 20 tablets and wireless sticks to distribute to the Centre's child users.

—domarisociety.com



**FRAGMENTS THEATRE** is a tiny community arts project in the heart of Jenin City. Housed in a restored ancient Turkish building, it introduces local children and young people to theatre, film and circus. Equally important, it provides its users with a refuge, a rare and precious safe space, desperately needed in a city where Israeli army incursions can happen almost daily, traumatising the residents and helping to produce Jenin's high levels of family stress and domestic violence.



*The theatre's storm-damaged roof*

Unsurprisingly, there was consternation when an unexpected and extreme storm damaged the building and rendered it unusable. BSST's grant helped fund the repairs.

—facebook.com/Fragments-Theatre-105680450999776



**FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE** is an ambitious project confronting the failure of Israel's education system in teaching Israel-Palestine history. Tight state control creates school environments and curricula with a dominant and unchallengeable 'narrative', where critical thought is discouraged. Every new teacher generation then reproduces these weaknesses.



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FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE

FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE provides a platform for thinking, learning and changing attitudes. Together with its partner teacher training institutions, FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE offers degree modules and professional development programmes which examine Jews' and Palestinians' different knowledge and understanding, experience and beliefs. Each course is jointly led by Jewish and Palestinian women facilitators and brings together equal numbers of Jewish and Palestinian women participants.

BSST again contributed to core costs.

—friendshipvillage.org.il

**FUTURE ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (FADE)** is a community group in Gaza's Nuseirat refugee camp whose annual summer camp for children and mothers has been supported by BSST. With its summer camps halted by COVID, FADE turned its focus to domestic living conditions.



The constant electricity outages in Gaza have led to fires in poor communities where children have died. For a second year, BSST funded FADE's *Safe Lamps* project – sustainable lighting powered by rechargeable batteries for a hundred of the refugee camp's most deprived families. As well as saving lives, this project improves educational chances, as it delivers increased hours of light for children and young people to study. BSST also gave FADE a COVID emergency grant.

—facebook.com/the.futuer.gaza

**GAZA BOOKSTORE** is a project to rebuild a hugely popular bookshop destroyed when the IDF bombed Gaza in May 2021. The dream of one man, Samir Mansour, the bookshop served as a community library and meeting place for writers and readers, young and old. Created over two decades, it was reduced to dust in minutes by Israel's air force.

BSST responded to an urgent appeal from two human rights lawyers to ensure the bookshop could be reborn. Eight months later, it was – in refurbished premises, just a hundred yards from the site of the old shop, but three times larger – and stocked with 300,000 volumes donated by individuals, publishers and booksellers from around the world.



*Samir Mansour looks at a book in front of the remains of his store*





**GRASSROOTS ACCOMPANIMENT & LANGUAGE EXCHANGE / THIS IS NOT AN ULPAN (GALE/TINAU)** is an ambitious project in the South Hebron Hills, where the Palestinian population risks constant settler and IDF violence. Palestinian non-violent resistance campaigners and villagers along with Jewish anti-Occupation activists have teamed up with TINAU, a unique Jewish/Palestinian Hebrew/Arabic school, to provide a combined human rights and language programme.

TINAU will train local Palestinian teachers in intensive Arabic teaching, while GALE recruits Israeli Jewish 'human rights defenders' (HRDs) to live in the villages, documenting human rights violations, and de-escalating settler and IDF violence. The HRDs will also learn Arabic from the local teachers, while villagers learn Hebrew from GALE.



*Settlers preparing for an attack on the village of Twani*

BSST supported a pilot project last year, when, sadly, appalling weather plus COVID caused endless complications; language skills training took longer than expected; and settler and IDF incursions kept everyone from their studies.

Army and environmental authority chased a flock near Jenba and the green line. We arrived while they were still chasing them and had some altercation (environment authority tried to crash into local Palestinians). The authorities 'arrested' the flock but they were later released. The shepherd was arrested for crossing illegally into '48 and threatening an authority.

We accompanied local Palestinian to file a complaint at the police station after he was brutally beaten by settlers on his land the previous Saturday. Also accompanied a father and his two sons to file a complaint against a settler who shot in the air to scare the boys while they were herding. Accompanied a family to a hearing in connection to the shepherd who was arrested and whose flock was taken for entering into '48. Called to a tent confiscation near Khalet al-Daba.

*An extract of two typical days from GALE's daily log*

BSST was grateful for the reflection and copious information – including a horrifying day-by-day chronicle of settler and IDF hostilities – provided by the project leaders. We are happy to fund a second pilot year. We were also delighted to find the project's imagination and optimism had made it into the pages of the Guardian.

“ Before we had to wait to report settler problems, now our Israeli allies can get very close and document everything. The Israelis are learning what it is like to live here. And our children are learning that Jews are not just settlers and soldiers. ”

*— Nasser Nawaja, Palestinian local activist*

“ Long term, we are just plugging holes in a boat. If what drives you is anger and shame, then this would be exhausting. But if you come from a position of accepting that this brings benefits for both us and them, it's a different perspective. ”

*— Matan Brenner-Kadish, Israeli activist*

*—thisisnotanulpan.com*



*Car windows broken by settler violence in South Hebron*

**GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTIVE (GSC)** is a group based in the South Hebron Hills, opposing home demolition, supporting villages under attack, planting olive trees, running a guesthouse, beekeeping, and holding workshops on Bedouin history and culture. BSST provides GSC with its Post Box service.

—goodshepherdcollective.org

**HAIFA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DIABETES (HACD)** is a Gaza-based project, supporting children with Type 1 (insulin dependent) diabetes who live outside the refugee camps, so are the responsibility of the Palestinian Ministry of Health rather than UNWRA.

As the Ministry's support is nowhere near sufficient, volunteer-run HACD fills the gap, supplying children with insulin injection pens, plus testing strips and glucometers for monitoring blood glucose. It also teaches families how to manage insulin-dependent diabetes and provides psychological support. BSST helped pay for clinical supplies.

—facebook.com/haifahacd2012



**HEBRON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES NETWORK (HIRN)** is an audacious Palestinian group that BSST has known for many years. HIRN develops projects where the Occupation is most harsh: Hebron City and surrounding villages, and the settlement-dominated Gush Etzion area. This year BSST provided HIRN with its Post Box service and two small grants.

BSST helped HIRN cover the health care and living costs of Harun Abu Aram, a young Palestinian from a cave-dwelling family in the South Hebron Hills. On his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday, as he was desperately holding on to a neighbour's electricity generator to stop it being seized by the Israeli military, Harun was shot in the neck by an IDF soldier. Now permanently paralysed from the neck down and entirely dependent on his family, Harun has received neither an apology nor any compensation from the Israeli state.

BSST also supported the Wadi al-Hussein kindergarten that is cut off from the rest of Hebron City by the adjoining and fiercely hostile Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba. During the COVID pandemic, when the kindergarten couldn't pay its three women teachers, HIRN stepped in with three months' salary, while a BSST grant covered the remaining six months.

—facebook.com/HIRN-388180624554795





**HOPE FLOWERS SCHOOL** serves a very deprived population just outside Bethlehem. Many pupils live in refugee camps and a high proportion have special needs. The school provides extensive social care alongside a regular primary education programme. In normal times the school has a steady funding base, but the COVID pandemic brought a great increase in welfare demands and BSST assisted with an emergency grant.



—hopeflowers.org

**HUMANS WITHOUT BORDERS (HWB)** is an Israeli Jewish volunteer group supporting West Bank and Gazan Palestinian families whose children need advanced medical treatment from hospitals in Israel or in occupied East Jerusalem. Volunteers drive sick Palestinian children between checkpoints and treatment centres, liaise with hospital staff, visit child patients and purchase necessities for accompanying relatives. HWB never lets a child down: if no volunteer driver is available, the group always pays for a taxi.



*HWB hosted children and their families for a summer outing*

Though COVID made a service dependent on ageing retiree drivers impossible, some new young driving volunteers joined, and its retirees switched to fundraising to pay for the extra taxis needed. By 2021 the service was nearly back to normal: 110 children supported, 80 volunteers making 4800 trips, while its now regular taxi drivers did another 1,000 journeys.

HWB also expanded its routine fundraising to make up for the Palestinian Authority's refusal to fund many essential medical needs.

Sometimes the group even pays hospitals for life-saving medical procedures, as well as buying medications and equipment and covering 'ancillary' costs like lodgings for parents while their children are in-patients.

“ In this little piece of God's land ... helping the Palestinians is a clear political act ... consistent with my heart's desires to liberate our two peoples from the Occupation and allow all residents to have personal, social and national freedom. ”

— Judith, former Machsom Watch activist

“ Through volunteering, I offer my grown-up children a better model of co-existence, not to mention the actual encounters with the families and the children that completely capture my heart. ”

— Yael, activist and tour guide

—humans-without-borders.org



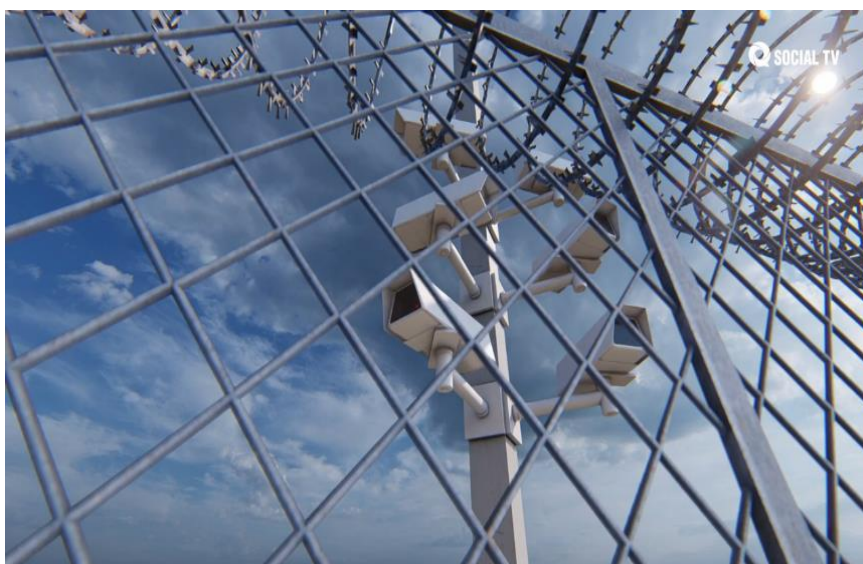
**ISHA L'ISHA – HAIFA FEMINIST CENTRE** is the oldest grassroots feminist organisation in Israel. For a second year, BSST provided core funding for its *Women without Status* project – helping trafficking victims, asylum seekers, undocumented workers and women whose legal or financial status is dependent on their relationship with an Israeli man.

Mostly the project supports East European, Palestinian, African and Asian women. They don't qualify for state health or welfare services, lack employment and other civil rights, and are at high risk of sexual and domestic violence. Fearing deportation or separation from their children, their dealings with police and immigration are often traumatising. The project runs a 24-hour helpline, teaches women their rights, provides emergency finance for food, rent etc, and helps them with skills, especially Hebrew language, to improve their employability.

—facebook.com/IshaLishaHaifaFeministCenter

**ISRAEL SOCIAL TV (ISTV)** is a web-based media group, using the short-film format to cover stories rarely reported by Israel's press and television – the Occupation, asylum seekers, the environment, the Nakba, LGBTQ+ rights, racism and general socio-economic issues. It has made over 5,000 films in Hebrew, with most also translated into English and/or Arabic. It reaches some 100,000 viewers monthly in Israel-Palestine-Golan and abroad.

In recent years, ISTV's finances and activities have been fiercely attacked by the Israeli government. BSST has long supported the group and again made a grant towards core funding



*Using facial recognition, Israel's Blue Wolf surveillance system tracks the whereabouts of a large number of Palestinians, as well as Israeli activists. This is documented in ISTV's film 'Under Surveillance | Israeli Dystopia of Surveillance and Facial Recognition'.*

—tv.social.org.il

**JAHALIN SOLIDARITY (JS)** is a Palestinian project challenging Israel's settler-expansionist policy for East Jerusalem and the surrounding area. This policy includes targeting Palestinian residents for forcible displacement, to enable new housing for Israeli Jewish citizens to be built. JS focuses especially on the Jahalin Bedouin, supporting their struggle against forced transfer from the homes they have lived in for the last sixty years to a site alongside Jerusalem's rubbish dump. BSST provided its Post Box facility.

—jahalin.org





### KAFA ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE NEGEV

supports the people of Rahat, Israel's largest Bedouin city, and home to over 70,000 Bedouin belonging to dozens of clans.

Previously self-contained desert communities, the clans have been forced together into a cramped and crowded urban environment by the Israeli government. Those thousands of Bedouin still holding on to their traditional way of life in their 'unrecognised villages' are at constant risk of similar forcible transfer. Despite unemployment, communal tensions and crime, KAFA has forged a vibrant community organisation, determined to tackle Rahat's endemic poverty, hopelessness and lack of self-esteem. It organises charitable support for the poorest and encourages many residents, especially young people, into social activism. This year BSST helped fund its Bedouin Rights Centre, providing local people with practical advice, advocacy and representation over day-to-day issues such as social welfare entitlements, residency permits, inheritance, debt rescheduling, and travel permits between Israel and Gaza.



**KOTOF ELKHAIR ASSOCIATION** is a community group in the central Gaza city of Deir el-Balah. Its impressive range of services and activities include cultural events, a safe space for children to play and learn, women's rights workshops, disability training for families in supporting their relatives, medical days when local people can access free healthcare, children's summer camps and humanitarian aid.

BSST has funded KOTOF several times and this year we supported an ambitious COVID-inspired project – distance learning for kindergarten children. Sixty teachers were taught how to devise and carry out online teaching, parents were shown how to use electronic media – mostly, mobile phones – for distance learning, and fifteen kindergartens were given laptops for delivering the course material. We also provided a COVID emergency grant to help pay for 'psychological support days' reaching 5,000 children.



—facebook.com/kotofAssociation



**LAWYERS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE (LGG)** was founded in Nazareth by a group of young Palestinian lawyers to challenge the corruption, nepotism, maladministration, abuse of power, inflated salaries and poor service delivery associated with the clan-basis of much Palestinian local government in Israel.

LGG runs a busy Arab-language anti-corruption hotline. Its education service has worked with dozens of secondary schools teaching students principles of good governance and democracy, and has provided practical training to many hundreds of local council personnel. LGG also has a growing role in policy intervention, especially regarding local government transparency, tackling crime and violence, and ensuring environmental protection.

However, the core of its operations is litigation, where LGG has a remarkable 93% success rate in precedent-setting claims against local councils. In its monitoring and enforcement of Palestinian local councils' performance, it has become a significant force to be reckoned with. Once again, BSST provided core funding.

—facebook.com/Lawyers.for.Good.Governance



*As part of LGG's "Youth for Good Governance", students organized a clean-up day in Umm al-Fahm.*

**AL MARSAD – ARAB HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS** is a Syrian community group established in territory occupied by Israel in 1967, then annexed in 1981 and since treated as part of the Israeli state. When 130,000 former residents fled in 1967, the IDF destroyed nearly all their villages and farms. The remaining 27,000 Syrians now live in the far north on 5% of Golan, with the other 95% home to 23,000 Israeli settlers.

To operate legally, AL MARSAD had to register as an Israeli NGO, so cannot access the European financial support available for West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza groups. Yet its determined fundraising still enables it to deliver a wide range of valuable services to Golan's remaining Syrian population:

- ✿ Campaigning against human rights violations in Golan
- ✿ Free legal information, advice and mediation
- ✿ Test cases in the Israeli courts
- ✿ Information and workshops on employment, housing, residency, women's rights, family separation, natural resources, landmines, Syrian Golan history and civil society activism
- ✿ Cultural events

During COVID most work continued remotely. Only cultural events stopped entirely, so when face-to-face life resumed, AL MARSAD promptly ran a week-long Cultural Festival - concerts, poetry readings, films, art exhibitions, debates, creative workshops and alternative tourism. As previously, BSST provided a core grant and its Post Box service

—golan-marsad.org



*Reem Talhami performing at a concert as part of Al Marsad's Jawlan Cultural Days Festival.*





**MASSAFER YATTA SPORT CLUB** is a new sports venture for young people of the Massafer Yatta region in the West Bank. In this desert area dotted with small Palestinian villages there is no access to mains water, grid electricity or social facilities, and with residents under permanent threat of eviction by the Israeli state, life is difficult, stressful and insecure.

The club is the initiative of wrestling enthusiast, Sam, from the Centre for Jewish Non-Violence, who lives in Palestinian village homes in Massafer Yatta as a 'Human Rights Defender' and participates in the GALE/TINAU language project.



“ This sports project will help the children of the Massafer Yatta community by providing them with a constructive hobby and a great stress-reliever. It will also help enrich the relationship between international (human rights) activists and (the village of) Umm el Kheir beyond “just” anti-Occupation work. ”

— Sam, wrestling coach

BSST's grant topped up Sam's own fundraising efforts and helped purchase a wrestling mat. Once the boys' wrestling classes are established, the club hopes to start girls' gymnastics and yoga classes.

**NEGEV COEXISTENCE FORUM (NCF)** is the only grassroots Jewish/Palestinian organisation campaigning for Bedouin communities' human and civil rights in the Negev/Naqab.

Around 250,000 Bedouin live in the huge desert area, with over half already having been forced into government-built towns, thus freeing up their land for Jewish farming and residency. Yet many continue to resist compulsory urbanisation. Despite being denied basic infrastructure – water, electricity, roads, schools, healthcare – tens of thousands of Bedouin still inhabit traditional herding communities in some thirty-five 'unrecognised' and eleven newly recognised villages.

Central to NCF's work is opposing Israel's repeated destruction of the unrecognised villages, some of which have been torn down by the state - then rebuilt by residents – dozens of times. Each demolition means total exposure of old and young, sick and frail, to freezing cold or extreme heat. Demolitions even took place during COVID lockdown, when Bedouin, like all Israeli citizens, were supposed to be staying indoors. BSST provided NCF with core funding.

—dukium.org



Home demolition

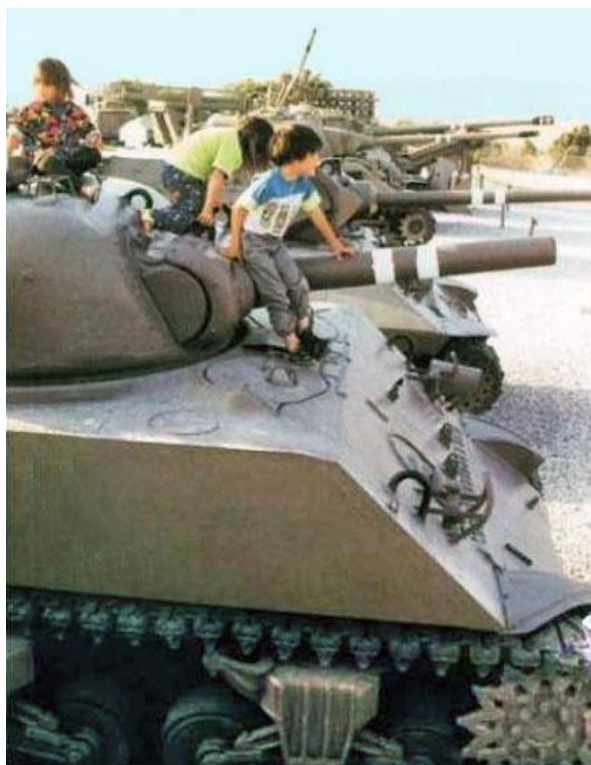


**NEW PROFILE (NP)** is a feminist group opposed to Israel's promotion of military service from kindergarten onward. It believes that "the militarism embedded in all aspects of Israeli society exacerbates violence, racism, and sexism whilst weakening civilian and democratic values."

Not entering the army can blight education and job prospects. Even so, about half of 18-year-olds avoid conscription, while serving soldiers (especially from poor homes) often cut service short, and many reservists refuse recall. Though non-serving school-leavers are still mostly ultra-Orthodox, mental health exemptions and conscientious objections are increasing.

It is claimed that the IDF is Israel's great leveller. Yet NP says widespread sexual harassment reinforces gender inequality, while soldiers from poor families often get the worst postings, ensuring continuing disadvantage when their service ends. NP provides free counselling to around a thousand teenagers facing the draft each year, as well as legal help, and specialist anti-militarism training for those working with young people. It also cooperates with 'refusenik' and other anti-military groups. BSST repeated its core funding grant and provided its Post Box service.

—newprofile.org



**OBJECTOR FILM – ISRAELI IMPACT PROJECT** is inspired by a recent award-winning documentary that follows a young Israeli Jewish woman as she questions her family's military legacy and is then imprisoned for refusing compulsory military service. The *Impact Project* includes film screenings and structured guided conversations that enable young Jews from a variety of Israeli backgrounds to consider how conscientious objection, feminism and youth-led peace movements might produce a viable democratic future for Israel-Palestine. BSST provided its Post Box service.





**PALESTINE TRAUMA CENTRE (PTC)** delivers family therapy, rapid intervention trauma relief, specialist psychotherapy and psychological training across Gaza. Its work includes its BSST-supported FRIDAY OF JOY initiative, which brings drama, games, painting and music into schools, playgrounds and streets throughout Gaza, and enables PTC to identify children needing extra support. This year BSST gave PTC an emergency COVID grant.

—Ptcuk.org



*A family therapy session*

“ Last night - a night from hell. A huge explosion, then a power cut. Another air strike, and another, and another! My four children jumping on me screaming. My 7-year-old was weirdly silent, shivering. I could feel every part of her moving. Then a huge flame of fire entered from the window, all my kids screamed at once: Mummy please make it stop, we're going to die. ”

— A mother in Gaza recorded her experience

**PARENTS AGAINST CHILD DETENTION (PACD)** supported by the **PUBLIC COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE IN ISRAEL (PCATI)** is an Israeli parents group campaigning to end the violations of Palestinian children's rights when they are arrested and detained. While Jewish settler children suspected of a crime receive the extensive protection afforded juveniles by Israel's civil courts and by international law, their Palestinian counterparts, perhaps living only yards away, are tried in military courts, where child protection laws don't apply.



*"First Stage: Night-time Intrusion and Arrest". PACD's "Illustrators Draw Arrests" campaign invited Israeli artists to show the treatment of detained Palestinian children, all of which is contrary to International and Israeli laws on children's rights.*

At any given moment, between 150 and 250 Palestinians aged 12 to 18 are detained or imprisoned by Israeli authorities, many on flimsy stone throwing allegations. Usually, they are locked up for months, without parental contact or legal help. Pleading innocent means lawyers' fees, even longer in jail, and hearings in Hebrew, a language that very few of them know. With a 95% conviction rate, children mostly plead guilty to end the misery.

PACD organises conferences, street rallies, online campaigns, exhibitions, public testimony readings, media articles and publicity, seeking to get the true story of Palestinian child detention out to the Israeli public, and to change the law. BSST provided core funding.

—pacd.org.il

“ They are seized from their beds in the middle of the night. They are blindfolded for hours. To Israelis a child is a child, unless he is Palestinian. ”

— Ha'aretz



**PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS – ISRAEL (PHRI)** is a campaigning and service-providing medico-human rights organisation. It believes that everyone for whom the State is responsible – Israeli citizens of all ethnicities and communities, non-citizen residents, migrant workers, asylum-seekers, Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and Syrians in Golan – are equally entitled to healthcare.

PHRI runs a south Tel Aviv clinic for asylum seekers and foreign workers and free weekly clinics in West Bank Palestinian villages. It has close links to Palestinian health providers, bringing medical supplies into Gaza and the West Bank during crises, and negotiating permits for Palestinians to enter Israel for specialist treatment. BSST provided its Post Box service in addition to an emergency Covid grant.

—phr.org.il



*Demonstration for equality in education*

#### **SADAKA REUT – ARAB JEWISH PARTNERSHIP (SR)**

brings Palestinian and Jewish young people together to create social and political change. Focusing on marginalized groups – Bedouin Palestinians, Ethiopian, Russian and Mizrahi Jews – it works in universities where Jewish/Palestinian student interaction is rare.

For nearly four decades SR has worked with thousands of young people and developed new generations of campaigning activists, promoting 'a shared society based on equality, solidarity, and justice'. Unlike many Palestinian/Jewish projects, which prioritise cultural exchange, SR confronts the tougher issues of conflict and unequal power relations. Many SR 'graduates' have become leading commentators and activists involved in anti-Occupation and anti-oppression politics. Once again, BSST provided its Post Box service.

—reutsadaka.org

**SANAD YOUTH ASSOCIATION** aims to empower the local community in the Palestinian town of Jatt in Israel's deprived Triangle region. It focuses especially on young people as potential leaders of community change, helps them to improve their life skills, tackle gender inequality and racism, combat violence and strengthen their own democratic involvement in local politics and government.

SANAD runs a Learning Centre to encourage lifelong education, including courses in organisational capacity building and personal skills development. It also offers consultancy services, infrastructure support, office space and facilities, and micro-grants for local social initiatives. BSST contributed core funding.

—www.sanadw.org







**SCHOOLHOUSE** provides tailor-made education every year for six hundred asylum seekers aged 18 to 50. Mostly from Sudan and Eritrea, its students include university graduates and those with no schooling at all. Many are traumatised by experiences in their home countries, exacerbated by hostility since reaching Israel. Most find it tough as adults tackling basic literacy, especially through a second language and foreign culture.

SCHOOLHOUSE introduces study techniques to students and provides practical information about living in Israel. It also teaches computer skills, Hebrew and English. This year BSST core funding helped cover classroom rent and supported the salary costs of teaching staff.



—schoolhouse.org.il

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-HAIFA (SDC-HAIFA)** is a community development organisation established four decades ago in one of the poorest Palestinian neighbourhoods in Haifa. It aims to strengthen Palestinian civic engagement, and campaigns for Palestinians to be fully and equally integrated into the life of one of Israel's most 'mixed' cities, including getting an equal slice of the municipal cake when it comes to provision of local services.



With COVID underlining the need for adequate digital communication, BSST funded SDC-HAIFA to upgrade their outdated website to be more user friendly and, for the first time, accessible on mobile phones, and to develop an interactive 'Resilience Pack' to support Palestinian households coping with crisis situations such as cyber-bullying.

—sdc-haifa.org

**SOLIDARITY ARTS, ACTIVISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION** unites art with commitment to social justice via its annual Solidarity Festival held in the Tel Aviv's Cinematheque. Here, Israel's only totally trilingual festival – working in Arabic, Hebrew and English – shows films tackling globalisation, climate change and many human rights issues. The festival includes a competition and debates with film-makers.

Its parallel programme, Solidarity in the Periphery, provides free screenings, workshops and discussions in remote and disadvantaged areas, like the Negev's unrecognised Bedouin villages and Arab/Jewish towns in northern Galilee. BSST again helped fund the Arabic/Hebrew/English branding, marketing, publicity, and subtitling.

—solidaritytlv.org





**SUNBULA FAIR TRADE ORGANISATION** supports marginalised communities in Israel-Palestine through the promotion of traditional handicrafts. Its fair-trade shops in Sheikh Jarrah and on the Nablus Road, East Jerusalem plus its on-line service sell high quality artisan products on behalf of producer groups across the occupied Palestinian territories and from the Palestinian community within Israel. It currently supports 25 groups with over a thousand members via training in craft skills, product development and marketing.



During the COVID pandemic, the combined effect of lockdowns and the tourism collapse meant sales dropped dramatically and producer groups ran into serious cash flow problems threatening their very existence. SUNBULA raised sufficient emergency cash to enable six of the most precarious artisan groups, with a total membership of nearly 500 artisans, to survive the worst of the



*Olive-wood  
spoons and,  
left, Nisf Jubeil  
Ceramics*

pandemic. BSST's grant helped the six groups pay wages and purchase craft materials essential to continuing production of their goods.

—sunbula.org

**TISHREEN** is a Palestinian community group based in Taybeh, an economic and cultural hub city in the mostly Palestinian Triangle region of Israel. TISHREEN focuses especially on women, young people and children and those engaged in the arts. Its passionate promotion of Triangle artists' creative work is aimed at enhancing the community's sense of self-worth and Palestinian cultural identity.

TISHREEN's Cultural Café – an art gallery, coffee shop and work spaces – is central to its ambitious plan to become the go-to Triangle meeting space and resource, for artists to produce and exhibit. It is also somewhere the wider Palestinian community can meet, eat, and enjoy cultural and political discussion, book events, lectures, exhibitions, music, theatre, cinema etc. Via its Cultural Café, TISHREEN hopes to encourage local Palestinian artists to remain in the Triangle rather than flocking to the big cities in Israel and abroad. BSST provided core funding.



*"Dismantling / Rebuilding", a Tishreen exhibition showcasing emerging female artists*

—facebook.com/TishreenAssociation





**TOHU MAGAZINE** is a young arts organisation with an international editorial board of Palestinians and Jews. It organises many film screenings, workshops, and talks, but its core project is a free online magazine. Produced in Arabic, Hebrew and English, it focuses on work from Israel-Palestine while situating itself within the wider Middle East. TOHU encourages young writers and showcases visual content created by Palestinian, Israeli and international artists. BSST continued core funding for further developing the Arabic section of the magazine.

—tohumagazine.com



*An exhibition of Michael Baers's earlier project 'Picasso in Palestine', exhibited in Tohu's online article 'The Invisibility of a Bomb Ship: On Michael Baers's Invisibility Chronicles, Part One' (Photo Michael Baers)*

**TORAT TZEDEK (TORAH OF JUSTICE)** is a Jewish human rights charity based in East Jerusalem that supports Palestinian residents of Silwan, who are confronting forcible



*Jawad Siam enters his home in Silwan (Still from Emek Shaveh/YouTube, "Jawad Siyam")*

attempts by powerful Jewish settler organisations to take over their homes. On behalf of TORAT TZEDEK, the New Israel Fund issued a desperate appeal to help Jawad Siam, social worker and leading Palestinian activist, who had lost a 20-year legal struggle to retain the home belonging to his extended family in Silwan.

Jawad is an iconic figure in the Silwan community's resistance to the settler

groups' plans for 'Judaising' this part of East Jerusalem. When his legal battle ended, he faced bankruptcy and losing the remnants of his property if he didn't meet huge costs: legal bills, charges for police time, and 'rent' for living in the family home. BSST, which formerly funded the Madaa Silwan Community Centre established by Jawad, contributed to the TORAT TZEDEK appeal.

—torat-tzedek.org



**TWANI ACTIVISM CENTRE** is a precious community facility in the beleaguered Massafer Yatta area in the South Hebron Hills. Ten years ago, a mother and son, both leading local Palestinian activists, gave part of their home for a children's psychotherapeutic support facility, a 'museum of resistance,' and accommodation for up to ten visitors. The CENTRE also houses a women's cooperative, producing craft products for sale there and online.

“ Here tourists wishing to learn about non-violent struggle for peace in Israel-Palestine can hear local testimonies, rest and sleep ... I share with them why I believe in non-violent resistance against the Occupation and in cooperation with Jews for justice in our land and equality for all. These ten years, our Centre has hosted over 20,000 people - Israelis, Palestinians and Internationals. ”  
— Basel Adra, co-founder of the Twani Activism Centre



*A settler sprays toxic gas in the face of a Palestinian farmer in Massafer Yatta*

Though Israel has a near-total ban on Palestinian construction, mother and son found an ingenious way of building the CENTRE, donating the cellar and cave beneath their home. The three Palestinian and three Jewish volunteer activists who now oversee the facility are carrying out renovations to make it more comfortable and welcoming. These include a new restaurant run by the women's cooperative to feed visiting activists. BSST paid for kitchenware, restaurant furniture, new doors and floor tiles, and repairs to the CENTRE's electrics.

**VILLAGES GROUP** is a small Jewish-Palestinian group working in villages in the South Hebron Hills and near Nablus. It is deeply involved in the Palestinian villagers' struggles to educate their children, prevent their land being seized and stop their homes being destroyed. This last year, along with HIRN, it has done everything in its power to help Harun Abu Aram who was shot in the neck by an IDF soldier. BSST has supported the VILLAGES GROUP since our charity was founded and this year provided it with our Post Box Service.

—villagesgroup.wordpress.com



*Erella, a founder member of the Villages Group, talks to Jaber, whose Khalat A-Dhaba home has been demolished for the fourth time.*





**YOD BET B'HESHVAN** hosts the project **TAG MEIR** which unites more than 50 groups across Israeli Jewish life, from Orthodox to secular. It describes itself as "the only organisation fighting racism in Jewish society specifically with a Jewish voice, promoting pluralism, respect for the Other and tolerance, as values rooted in Jewish tradition."

TAG MEIR's huge range of activities normally includes visits to (mostly) Palestinian victims of racist attacks; seeking compensation for victims; providing racism awareness training to religious Jewish and Palestinian teachers; election campaigning against racism; and legal action against religious leaders who incite hatred. BSST was pleased to learn that though its work celebrates personal contact, moving online during COVID lockdown didn't stop TAG MEIR from operating very effectively – with video conferencing and letters from the public replacing in-person visits to victims of hate crime, while using Zoom and social media for training, information, and election campaigning. Once again, BSST provided core funding.



—facebook.com/tagmeirisrael

*350 Jewish and Arab activists joined Tag Meir's Flower Parade*

**+972 MAGAZINE** is a free online publication owned by Israeli and Palestinian journalists committed to ending the Occupation, advancing human rights, challenging the Israel-Palestine discourse, including reporting those voices overlooked by mainstream media. It has around a million annual readers and an international impact: the New York Times, CNN, the Guardian, BBC, and Le Monde Diplomatique pick up its carefully researched stories and regularly interview its writers, while embassies often request briefings.

+972's work can be dangerous. Israeli police and soldiers and the Palestinian police often threaten violence and destroy journalists' equipment, and reporters have been wounded and killed. +972 has upgraded staff protection, increasing insurance cover, running extra cyber-security training, and building reserves against possible SLAPP lawsuits ("strategic lawsuits against public participation.") BSST helped pay for legal, insurance and security costs and provided its Post Box service.

–972mag.com



*Children in Jinbeh watch as the Israeli army conducts a drill. Israel has declared the village to be part of a military training zone and threatened the community with demolition of their homes and destruction of their livelihoods. Reported in +972's "Explainer: The threat of mass expulsion in Masafer Yatta". (Photo Oren Ziv/Activestills)*



*From Gaza Dances to 'Jeruselema' (WeAreNotNumbers.org)*

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Gill Yudkin, Chair

Colin Wainwright, Treasurer





## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the British Shalom-Salaam Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Shalom-Salaam Trust for the year ended 28 February 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ruth Naftalin FCA  
14 Park Crescent  
London N3 2NJ

15<sup>th</sup> September 2022



# Accounts for the Year Ending 28 February 2022

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		2021-22			2020-21		
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Income</b>							
Donations received		158,540	72,800	231,340	127,368	57,229	184,597
Gift Aid on donations		2,061	770	2,831	673	495	1,168
Bank interest		2	-	2	11	-	11
<b>Total income</b>		<b>160,603</b>	<b>73,570</b>	<b>234,173</b>	<b>128,052</b>	<b>57,724</b>	<b>185,776</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Charitable Activities	2	145,160	68,657	213,817	103,585	65,660	169,245
Publicity/Fundraising	3	1,019	-	1,019	550	-	550
Administration	4	270	-	270	82	-	82
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>146,449</b>	<b>68,657</b>	<b>215,106</b>	<b>104,217</b>	<b>65,660</b>	<b>169,877</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>14,154</b>	<b>4,913</b>	<b>19,067</b>	<b>23,835</b>	<b>(7,936)</b>	<b>15,899</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Funds brought forward		58,913	11,738	70,651	35,078	19,674	54,752
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<b>73,067</b>	<b>16,651</b>	<b>89,718</b>	<b>58,913</b>	<b>11,738</b>	<b>70,651</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

As at 28 February 2022			
	Note	28/2/2022 £	28/2/2021 £
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		84,011	62,812
HMRC Gift Aid		2,418	7,839
Debtors	5	3,289	-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>89,718</b>	<b>70,651</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		73,067	58,913
Restricted funds		16,651	11,738
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<b>89,718</b>	<b>70,651</b>



**Notes to the Accounts**

- 1** The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019 and applicable accounting standards.

	<b>2021-22</b>			<b>2020-21</b>		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>2 Charitable activities</b>						
Grants made	144,210	68,657	212,867	102,697	65,660	168,357
Direct bank charges	950	-	950	888	-	888
	<b>145,160</b>	<b>68,657</b>	<b>213,817</b>	<b>103,585</b>	<b>65,660</b>	<b>169,245</b>
<b>3 Publicity / Fundraising</b>						
Fundraising	93	-	93	-	-	-
Printing postage stationery	590	-	590	358	-	358
Publicity & Website	336	-	336	192	-	192
	<b>1,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>4 Administration</b>						
Bank charges	78	-	78	72	-	72
Sundry expenses	192	-	192	10	-	10
	<b>270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82</b>

**5 Debtors**

One payment could not be processed by a foreign intermediary bank. It was returned in 2022/23.

**6 Trustee expenses**

There were no expenses paid to trustees in either 2021/22 or 2020/21.

**7 Restricted Funds (including Post Boxes)**

	1/3/21	Income	Expenditure	28/2/22
Children's Fund	95	225	301	19
Gaza Fund	0	7,935	7,935	0
Olive Grove Fund	3,289	0	0	3,289
+972 Magazine	389	4,188	4,385	192
Christian Peacemaker Teams - CPT	725	0	0	725
Good Shepherd Collective	1,601	3,681	4,170	1,112
Hebron International Resource Network - HIRN	25	346	371	0
Israel Social TV	0	128	128	0
Jahalin Solidarity	0	3,812	3,250	562
Al Marsad – Arab Human Rights Centre in Golan Heights	0	20,000	20,000	0
New Profile	0	10,000	10,000	0
Objector Film	0	5,029	5,029	0
Physicians for Human Rights, PHR-I	1,125	1,375	2,500	0
Sadaka Reut	0	8,000	8,000	0
St. John's Eye Hospital	0	375	0	375
Tent Of Nations	2,152	6,850	0	9,002
Tent Of Nations UK Friends - FOTON	1,000	0	0	1,000
Villages Group	1,338	1,625	2,588	375
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>73,569</b>	<b>68,657</b>	<b>16,651</b>



## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

### 8 Grants and Post Box Transfers Made

Organisation	£000s	Organisation	£000s
Afaq Jadeeda	2	Al Marsad	25
Arous el Bahar	5	Massafer Yatta Sport Club	1
Arteam Garden Library	5	Negev Coexistence Forum - NCF	5
Association for the Improvement of Women's Status Lakia	5	New Profile	15
Domari Society	5	Objector Film	5
Fragments Theatre	1	Palestine Trauma Centre	2
Friendship Village	5	PCATI/PACD Parents Against Child Detention	5
Future Association for Development and Environment	7	Physicians for Human Rights - Israel	3
GALE / This is not an Ulpan	4	Sadaka Reut Youth Partnership	8
Gaza Bookshop	1	Sanad Youth Association	5
Good Shepherd Collective	4	Schoolhouse	5
Haifa Association For Children With Diabetes	5	Social Development Committee Haifa	4
HIRN	4	Solidarity Arts, Activism and Human Rights Association	5
Hope Flowers School	1	Sunbula Fair Trade Organisation	5
Humans without Borders	6	Tishreen	5
Isha L'Isha	5	Tohu Magazine	4
Israel Social TV	5	Torat Tzedek's Silwan Campaign / New Israel Fund	1
Jahalin Solidarity	3	Twani Activism Centre	3
Kafa Association for Social Change in the Negev	5	Villages Group	3
Kotof Elkhair Association	7	Yod Bet B Heshvan - Tag Meir	5
Lawyers for Good Governance	5	+972 Magazine	9



Separation wall with graffiti image of autistic Palestinian Lyad Al Halaq, killed by Israeli police.  
(Photo Heather Sharona Weiss/Activestills)



## BSST Governance

### Staff

BSST has no paid staff, premises or equipment. The trustees, each with extensive voluntary sector experience and in-depth expertise on Israel-Palestine, carry out all functions including appointing and training new Board members. New trustees are recruited by personal contact and by advertisement.

Trustee meetings are held every four to six weeks, where general policy, income generation and grant decisions are made.

### Administrative Details

<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	The British Shalom-Salaam Trust
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1103211
<b>Registered Address</b>	28 Huddleston Road, London N7 0AG
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC, 85 Lewisham High Street, London SE13 6BE
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Ruth Naftalin FCA, 14 Park Crescent, London N3 2NJ
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<b>Website</b>	bsst.org.uk

### BSST Trustees

- ✿ **Dr David Sperlinger** retired Clinical Psychologist (Trustee for Income Generation)
- ✿ **Annabelle Sreberny** Emeritus Professor of Media and Communication (appointed July 2021)
- ✿ **Colin Wainwright** IT specialist (Treasurer)
- ✿ **Clare Ungerson** Emeritus Professor of Social Policy
- ✿ **Naomi Wayne** retired charity chief executive (Secretary)
- ✿ **Dr Gillian Yudkin** retired GP (Chair)

### BSST Patrons

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ✿ Sir Geoffrey Bindman         | ✿ Claudia Roden                |
| ✿ Sir Nicholas Hytner          | ✿ Rabbi Elizabeth Tikvah Sarah |
| ✿ Professor Francesca Klug OBE | ✿ Alexei Sayle                 |
| ✿ Miriam Margolyes OBE         | ✿ Sir Antony Sher              |
| ✿ Rabbi Jeffrey Newman         | ✿ Professor Avi Shlaim         |
| ✿ Professor Susie Orbach       | ✿ Dame Janet Suzman            |
| ✿ Rabbi Danny Rich             | ✿ Zoë Wanamaker CBE            |

### BSST Advisory Group

- ✿ **Michael Ellman**, solicitor, has carried out missions of enquiry, judicial and electoral observation and training to over 25 countries including Israel and Palestine.
- ✿ **Richard Kuper**, long-standing campaigner for Palestinian human rights, retired university lecturer and founder of Pluto Press.
- ✿ **Tony Lerman**, Senior Fellow, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna, and former Director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research.
- ✿ **Miri Weingarten**, solicitor, formerly of Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and EU Advocacy Coordinator for a coalition of Israeli human rights groups.
- ✿ **Hadas Ziv**, Director of Public Outreach in Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, previously Executive Director and winner of the 2009 Oak Fellowship for Human Rights.



