



*British Shalom-Salaam Trust*

**Year Ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

**WELCOME** to the British Shalom-Salaam Trust's seventh annual report

Earlier this year I was in Israel and the West Bank and I was privileged to be able to visit some of the projects BSST has supported and meet the inspirational people involved.

We are still a small charity, but our reputation is growing and we are extremely heartened by the good use to which our modest grants are put. We favour small organisations, particularly those which are working hard to improve understanding between Palestinians and Jews. We have supported many projects which encourage empowerment of women, and others which endeavour to encourage dialogue and reduce conflict. BSST has responded to pressing needs from Bedouin communities, who find themselves both neglected by the Palestinian Authority and harassed by the Israeli administration. This continues to be a pressing need as evidenced by the social and political protest in the summer of 2011. We have also supported summer camps for children who have had their childhood taken from them and whose lives are blighted from living in conflict zones. The joy on the faces of these children during their camps is an affirmation that we are doing something good.

The demographics and social situation in Israel/Palestine are changing and we are beginning to receive requests for support of refugee and other immigrant groups. We really want to do more and hope that with your help – perhaps by signing a standing order to BSST – we can reach out further to encourage those who are working to find a common path to peace with their neighbours.

**Dr Gill Yudkin**  
Chair

## **Who we are**

THE BRITISH SHALOM-SALAAM TRUST was established in 2004 by a group of Jews in response to the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East caused by the Israeli Occupation. We welcome supporters of all faiths and none.

The Trust aims to foster positive relations between Jews, Palestinians and other communities living within Israel's 1967 borders, in the West Bank, Gaza and Golan, and as refugees in other parts of the Middle East.

We work closely with Jewish and Palestinian Israelis committed to a just resolution of the conflict in Israel-Palestine based on equality and mutual respect.

## **Our grants policy**

The Trust is keen to include beneficiaries both within Israel's 1967 borders and in the Occupied Territories. We also help Palestinians living as refugees and British-based projects that aim to provide information and build understanding about the situation in Israel-Palestine.

The Trust supports projects that promote inter-communal contact, cooperation and understanding and/or help to overcome severe disadvantage. We have helped with cross- or inter-community collaboration, education, health and anti-poverty programmes and human or civil rights activities.

BSST prioritises relatively small-scale and grassroots groups, in particular activities that may be overlooked by major donors, offering non-monetary as well as financial aid. We actively seek out projects to work with, and we maintain on-going contact with them. Where possible, we visit, to gather information and offer further advice and support.

Many groups assisted by BSST have Israeli or Palestinian legal status similar to a British registered charity. However, BSST is equally accessible to informal associations of like-minded volunteers, whose work is enormously important, but whose organisational arrangements mean it can be difficult or impossible for them to secure support from more mainstream funders.

As the Villages Group, the handful of Jewish-Israeli volunteers, supporting Palestinian families in the South Hebron Hills and in villages near Nablus, wrote

‘We are unable to contact large funding organizations due to the fact that we are not an organization that has yearly administrative and financial reports that are required by funding agencies to get any donations from them. ....(However) we are ready to offer the needed receipts and other measures of financial transparency as needed by the donors.’

All the projects that we support are listed on our website, along with those which we assist via our Post Box service, by receiving and passing on to them independent donations.

## **Projects Supported in 2010-11**

This year we assisted 15 organizations, most of which provided support for severely disadvantaged women and children, plus 6 Post Box projects (See Appendix 2).

### **Itach-Maaki: Bedouin Center for Women's Rights**

This legal project works with marginalised women within Israel (in particular, immigrant women, single mothers, Arab women generally and Bedouin women in the Negev), focusing on welfare and income support, employment rights and public housing. **Amount Given £3k.** [www.itach.org.il](http://www.itach.org.il)

### **Oxford Ramallah Friendship Group**

This group supported a media training project for Palestinians living in Al Amari camp near Ramallah. BSST's grant bought equipment (laptop, projector and ceiling casing, screen and fitting) to be used to facilitate English teaching to young women and also film shows for children as well as development of film and documentary skills. **Amount Given £1.5k.** [www.oxford-ramallah.org](http://www.oxford-ramallah.org).

### **Friendship Village: Women Educators for Peace**

In cooperation with the Emeq Yizre'el Academic College, the Oranim Academic College and the Gordon College for Education – this group aims to build a core of young Israeli Jewish and Arab women students and teachers, who will spread ideas of human rights and democracy through the Israeli education system. 100 participants (50 Jews, 50 Arabs) are expected to help develop mutual understanding about identity, racism and the meaning of democracy and human rights. How to incorporate these into the Israeli education system is specifically addressed. The project focuses also on women's self-awareness, and on coping with growing racism, anti-democratic attitudes and violence in the Israeli society. The emphasis is on peaceful conflict resolution, on the search for common ground and mutual respect from which we can cooperate on the basis of real equality, and on methods to educate young people in these skills. **Amount Given £5k.**

### **Bustan Qaraaqa**

This agricultural project on the West Bank supports Palestinian farmers in resisting land confiscation through tree planting. It is building a permaculture farm in Beit Sahour, which serves as a centre for experimentation as well as an educational and youth development facility, teaching sustainable food production methods. **Amount Given £5K.** [www.greenintifada.blogspot.com](http://www.greenintifada.blogspot.com).

### **Jenin Creative Cultural Centre**

The Centre trained 20 women in embroidery, mosaic-making and cake –making. It also ran a free course for university students in computer skills, to facilitate their studies, and enable them to learn online. **Amount Given NIS 40k.**

### **The Shiraa Association for Development**

This Bethlehem group provides a wide range of highly creative services, including an embroidery finishing project (£950), a computer centre (\$2500), and, most innovative of all, a circus skills summer camp involving disaffected young refugees and teaching, as well, health education and conflict resolution skills (\$3700). One of our major donors, the Barham Charitable Trust, chose Shiraa as an organisation to receive its funding. [www.shiraa.org](http://www.shiraa.org).

### **Social Development Committee of Haifa**

This project works with Jewish and Arab school students, encouraging dialogue, respect, cultural understanding and engagement in social action in the community. BSST's funds paid for field trips and trip security. **Given NIS8k.** [www.sdc-haifa.org/eng](http://www.sdc-haifa.org/eng).

### **Villages Group**

*School transport:* BSST provided emergency funding for a replacement car to transport school children living in the cave dwellers area of South Hebron, after damage was caused to their previous vehicle by the Israeli Defence Forces. **Amount Given £1k**

*Huda's Kindergarten:* When the salary paid by UNRWA to a Bedouin pre-school teacher in the South Hebron village of Khashem-Al-Daraj ceased, teacher Huda continued to work unpaid for two years. After an approach through the Villages Group made by the women's organisation Machsom (Checkpoint) Watch, BSST made a grant to provide a salary, buy educational materials and do maintenance work on Huda's one room school which serves thirty local four and five year olds **Amount Given NIS15k.**

*Umm-al Kheir* This learning support project giving village children help with maths and during examination periods, was assisted by BSST again for another year. **Amount Given £2k.**  
[villagesgroup.wordpress.com/](http://villagesgroup.wordpress.com/)

BSST is pleased to acknowledge another generous £3k donation from Stonehage Charitable Trust which went towards the nursery and school transport projects.

### **Hope Flowers School**

BSST made two grants to this Bethlehem school. Eight scholarships were funded for children with learning disabilities from the refugee camps, to cover their school fees, salaries and maintenance, plus books and uniforms, and a contribution to transport costs **Amount Given £5k**.

A second grant of £3k, funded by the Barham Charitable Trust, paid for medical consultations and treatment for some of the children, including occupational therapy. [www.hopeflowersschool.org](http://www.hopeflowersschool.org).

### **Alrifaha Association.**

BSST provided a small grant to this large Muslim faith-based Israeli organisation to help it run workshops combating violence within Arab Israeli communities. **Amount Given £500**.

### **Gaza Football - Rachel Corrie**

Isolated and under attack, the children of Gaza desperately need access to leisure and sporting activities. BSST responded to an appeal from the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice based in Washington, USA, to support a community football tournament at the Unity Youth field in the Yebnah neighbourhood of Rafah, **Amount Given £1.5k** [www.rachelcorriefoundation.org](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org).

### **Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality - Dukium**

In August 2010 the Jewish/Arab Negev Coexistence Forum requested emergency relief for the Bedouin unrecognised village of Al Arakib which had been razed to the ground by the IDF leaving 300 people homeless. BSST's grant was used to supply mobile water tankers. **Amount Given £2700**

BSST also helped the Forum extend its Visual Literacy Project, purchasing cameras, rolls of film, and covering printing expenses. The aim of the project was to help Bedouin children document their experiences and cope with the trauma of repeatedly seeing their homes bulldozed. They would learn about photography guided by professional cameramen and women, and mount two exhibitions telling their stories. Since the funding was provided, there have been two exhibitions in London, at Spiro Ark and at Amnesty. **Amount Given £2022**. [www.dukium.org](http://www.dukium.org).

### **Gaza Drama Long Term**

This is a remarkable partnership between British-based *Az Theatre* and the *Gazan Theatre for Everybody* aimed at improving the lives of young people in Gaza through a ten year theatre skills programme exploring the intergenerational impact of organised violence. The Gaza Community Mental Health Programme, to whom BSST has donated several times in the past, selects the young participants in Gaza and provides ongoing psychological advice to the project. Though operating on a shoe string, Gaza Drama Long Term is hugely ambitious. As well as its core work in Gaza, it is a vehicle for cultural exchange, drawing on the expertise of British university drama and drama therapy

departments, and with associated events in Britain, including a playwriting project supported by the Soho Theatre involving eleven year olds in London and Gaza. **Amount Given £2k.**  
[www.aztheatre.org.uk](http://www.aztheatre.org.uk).

### **Madaa Silwan Centre**

This East Jerusalem community centre provides art, music, drama, sports, books and computers for around 400 young people year-round. In addition, the Centre runs an annual Summer Games for 250 six to twelve year olds who live in one of the most contested parts of Jerusalem, where there is constant conflict with settlers and the Israeli Defence Forces. Silwan teenagers who have previously been participants return each year to lead activities alongside Palestinian, Israeli and international volunteers. **Amount given: £4k.** [www.madaasilwan.org](http://www.madaasilwan.org)

### **Alkhaimah (Association for Education & Development)**

This project helps Bedouin girls to continue their education in spite of pressure from their parents to leave school, and works simultaneously with parents so they understand the importance of educating daughters. Around 250 pupils and some three quarters of their parents in half a dozen Bedouin villages in the Negev are reached. Alkhaimah also provides crucial job opportunities to qualified Bedouin women teachers who would otherwise be unemployed, by using them as the project tutors. **Amount given £3k** [www.alkhaimah.org](http://www.alkhaimah.org).

**TRUSTEES & PATRONS**

BSST's trustees have extensive voluntary sector experience and in-depth expertise on the situation in Israel and Palestine. Its Patrons include eminent human rights specialists, rabbis, actors and directors, authors, academics, philanthropists and leaders in the voluntary sector. (see Appendix 1).

**FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & VOLUNTEERING**

In 2010-11, the Trust's income was almost £95k, nearly all from individual donations and Gift Aid. This enabled charitable expenditure of over £89k to be made.

Administration and other non-charitable costs amounted to £3k.

All labour was provided on a voluntary basis, including that of our auditor, John Sharp, to whom, as ever, we express our gratitude.

**British Shalom-Salaam Trust**  
**Accounts for the year ending 28 February 2011****Income and Expenditure**

	Note	2010-11 £	2009-10 £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations received	(1)	94,850	150,197
Bank interest		13	16
<b>Total income</b>		<u><u>94,863</u></u>	<u><u>150,213</u></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Charitable Activities	(2)	89,078	113,312
Publicity/fundraising	(3)	1,012	337
Governance	(4)	0	0
Administration	(5)	2,037	111
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u><u>92,127</u></u>	<u><u>113,760</u></u>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>		<u><u>2,736</u></u>	<u><u>36,453</u></u>



**Balance Sheet**

	Note	28.2.11 £	28.2.10 £
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		54,158	57,757
Debtors	(8)	14,064	7,729
		<u>68,222</u>	<u>65,486</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Reserves b/fwd	(9)	65,486	29,033
Current year surplus / deficit		2,736	36,453
Reserves c/fwd		<u>68,222</u>	<u>65,486</u>

**Notes to the accounts**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities SORP 2005 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005 issued under the Charities Act 1993

<b>(1) Donations received</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Donations for unrestricted funds	58,342	102,681
Gift Aid on donations for unrestricted funds	1,201	1,298
Donations for restricted funds	30,252	42,670
Gift Aid on donations for restricted funds	5,055	3,548
	<b>94,850</b>	<b>150,197</b>
<b>(2) Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Grants given	66,199	60,158
Donations from restricted funds	22,879	52,034
Bank charges	0	1,120
	<b>89,078</b>	<b>113,312</b>
<b>(3) Publicity/fundraising</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Events	0	0
Printing, postage & stationery	1,012	76
Website and leaflets	0	261
Miscellaneous	0	0
	<b>1,012</b>	<b>337</b>

<b>(4) Governance</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>		
Travel	0	0		
Miscellaneous	0	0		
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>(5) Administration</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>		
Bank charges	829	36		
Printing, postage & stationery	135	75		
Travel	0	0		
Miscellaneous	1,073	0		
	<b>2,037</b>	<b>111</b>		
<b>(6) Trustee expenses</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>		
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		0		
Travel		0		
<b>(7) Fees for examination or audit of the accounts</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>		
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0		
Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	0	0		
<b>(8) Debtors</b>	<b>Amount falling due within 1 year</b>		<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Charities Aid Foundation	0	0	0	0
HMRC (Gift Aid)	14,064	7,729	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,064</b>	<b>7,729</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(9) Reserves</b>	<b>b/fwd</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>c/fwd</b>	
Unrestricted funds	55,264	-9,841	45,423	
Restricted funds	10,222	12,497	22,719	
	<b>65,486</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>68,142</b>	

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **PATRONS**

- Sir Geoffrey Bindman
- Moris Farhi MBE
- Baroness Sally Greengross
- Dr Evan Harris MP
- Sir Nicholas Hytner
- Lord Joel Joffe CBE
- Miriam Karlin OBE
- Professor Francesca Klug OBE
- Lord Anthony Lester
- Miriam Margolyes OBE
- Rabbi Jeffrey Newman
- Professor Susie Orbach
- Rabbi Danny Rich
- Rabbi Elizabeth Tikvah Sarah
- Alexei Sayle
- Professor Avi Shlaim
- Sir Antony Sher
- Dame Janet Suzman
- Rabbi Jackie Tabick
- Zoë Wanamaker CBE
- Michelene Wandor

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Trust's Board members have extensive charitable/voluntary experience, in-depth knowledge of the situation in Israel and Palestine and a wide range of professional expertise.

- Izzi Azgad is a retired homeopath and psychiatric social worker.
- Professor Rebecca Boden (Treasurer) is an academic social scientist specialising in accountancy and management.
- Sylvia Cohen (minutes secretary) is a retired psychotherapist
- Professor Miriam David, (deputy chair) is a feminist social scientist with interests in family, education and policy
- Dr Simon Sandberg is a health care management consultant
- Naomi Wayne (Secretary) is the Chief Officer of a small British health charity
- Dr Gill Yudkin (chair) is a retired GP

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **BSST guidelines for applicants**

BSST is a small grant-giving charity which focuses on projects which:

- are relatively small scale
- are often community-based and informal
- involve practical collaboration between the various communities living in Israel/Palestine
- address human rights, educational, cultural, health, social care and anti-poverty issues

In particular, we are keen to help new and developing projects that may be overlooked by major funders.

For the most part, we help projects which are directed towards Palestinians, Jews and others living in Israel, and Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories. However, we do sometimes assist educational activities within Britain which are designed to build understanding here of the situation in Israel and the Occupied Territories.

For groups that seek a grant from BSST, it is essential to read and comply with its guidelines

### **BSST PROGRAMMES**

#### **GRANTS**

Mostly we donate between £1000 and £3000. However grants very rarely go above £5000.

Large organisations or those that need more than £5000 are unlikely to succeed with an application.

#### **EMERGENCIES**

Where extreme need arises suddenly, we may make an emergency appeal. Then we do not apply our normal rules about the size of donations or organisations that we help.

#### **POST BOX**

As well as direct financial support, we offer a 'Post Box' service to groups and organisations that do their own fundraising in Britain, but which do not have charitable status here. We can receive donations and collect Gift Aid on their or their support group's behalf. Gift Aid increases the value of donations.

#### **APPLICATION FORM**

To obtain a form, email [bsst@bsst.org.uk](mailto:bsst@bsst.org.uk) or download from [www.bsst.org.uk](http://www.bsst.org.uk). As it is a Word document, each section can be adjusted to suit circumstances. The form can be completed and returned by email.

## APPENDIX 3

### How to help BSST

- Make a **Single Donation**. You can specify that it go to a specified project or make a general donation for the Trust to allocate.
- Take out a **Standing Order** so we can build up our funds and increase the amounts we give.
- Sign a **Gift Aid Declaration** along with your single donation or standing order. This enables us to reclaim tax on your donation, and substantially increases its value. Once you have signed a Gift Aid declaration, we can reclaim tax on any later donation you may choose to make.
- **Spread the message** - tell your friends and colleagues about the Trust and encourage them to support us. To help with this, we can supply you with leaflets about our work.
- Include the *Trust* as a beneficiary in your **Will**
- Help us organise **fundraising activities** – all ideas and active support are very welcome
- Tell us about **projects** we might assist. We need:
  - the name and postal address of the project
  - its phone and fax numbers
  - its email and website addresses if it has these
  - the name of a contact person
  - some information about the work the project undertakes.

**British Shalom-Salaam Trust**

**Donation / Standing Order form & Gift Aid declaration**

**ALL DONATIONS – Please fill in your details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**SINGLE DONATION**

Please find enclosed my personal/trust/charity cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_

**STANDING ORDER FORM – Please fill in your details**

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Account Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Sort Code \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay £ \_\_\_\_ per month/quarter/year (delete as needed) starting on \_\_\_\_\_  
to the British Shalom-Salaam Trust - Account 11576585 - Sort Code 40-04-15

Signature \_\_\_\_\_