From our Chair

I am delighted to present the Annual Report of the British Shalom-Salaam Trust (BSST) for March 2016 to February 2017.

2017 is the 50th anniversary of the war leading to the Israeli Occupation of the Palestinian Territories, an Occupation with no end in sight. Daily this last year we have heard about home demolitions, particularly affecting Palestinian families in Occupied East Jerusalem and the Bedouin lands of the South Hebron Hills. Meanwhile, land grabs for Israeli settlement building entrench the Israeli presence within the West Bank including East Jerusalem. This last year has also seen a stream of Knesset legislation, imposing ever tighter restrictions on the operations and funding of Israel-based human rights NGOs.

Despite these difficulties, our friends and grantees are all doing phenomenal work, maintaining a voice and a vision for a just, humane and durable peace, while, on a daily basis making life just that little bit more bearable for oppressed communities.

BSST supported several groups in Gaza who are helping children, traumatised by repeated onslaughts and the ongoing siege of the enclave, to have a taste of normal childhood. One project is delightfully named The Friday of Joy, because, every Friday, it takes clowns, jugglers and games to the densely populated towns of the Gaza strip, to seek out children on the street and give them joy and fun. Yod Bet B’heshvan, a Jewish religious group, through its Tag Meir (Bright Tag) projects, shows solidarity and offers practical help to their Palestinian neighbours who have suffered racist attacks. And in East Jerusalem, the Human Rights Defenders Fund provides speedy legal advice for Palestinian children arrested by the IDF.

BSST would not be able to help these and the other inspirational groups reported here were it not for the generosity of all our supporters, both individuals and charitable trusts. We thank you all and ask that you share this report as widely as you can – with friends, family and colleagues.

Dr Gill Yudkin
Chair, BSST

May 2017

Front Cover: What house demolition looks like: Photo by ‘Amer ‘Aruri, Courtesy of B’Tselem
Back Cover: Image of Jerusalem: taken from film about award-winning play supported by BSST, ‘Peacock of Silwan’
Who we are

The *British Shalom-Salaam Trust* is a Jewish initiative established in 2004. We have supporters from all faiths and none. We are the only British Jewish grant-giving charity whose sole role is to work within Israel’s 1967 borders (the ‘Green Line’) and in the Occupied Territories (the West Bank including East Jerusalem, Golan and Gaza).

*BSST* has three ways of delivering public benefit under British charity law. We make our own small grants to applicant groups in Israel/Palestine; via our 'Post Box' service, we manage charitable donations secured in Britain by Israeli/Palestinian groups with no British charitable arm; and we make emergency appeals in times of urgent need (as in the bombing of Gaza).

Our grants policy: challenging oppression

Working closely with grassroots projects in Israel/Palestine, *BSST* is always aware of the injustices, disparities in power and destruction of democracy caused or exacerbated by the Occupation. We therefore seek to focus on groups that make it central to their purpose to *challenge oppression, injustice and disadvantage*, and that are committed to a *just resolution of the conflict in Israel/Palestine based on equality and mutual respect between all communities there*.

The groups we fund range through human rights, education, health, social care, anti-poverty, inter-communal cooperation, the environment, culture and sport.

*BSST* assists regardless of ethnicity or religion, giving grants both to Palestinians and Jews and also to African refugees and migrant workers from around the world who now live in Israel.

We are particularly keen to work with groups tackling difficult and contentious issues and new projects that may be overlooked by major funders.
Maximising access

*BSST* grant recipients may have paid staff and Israeli or Palestinian legal status analogous to a British charity. However, we are equally keen to help groups with minimal infrastructure who may be entirely volunteer-run and are likely to struggle for mainstream funding. Thus, our application process is simple: grant criteria posted on our website; an online user-friendly application form; requests accepted year-round; and report-back procedures tailored to the circumstances of each project.

Amounts given by *BSST*

Grants start from £1,000 and rarely exceed £5,000, and we continue to hope that, as recipient organisations grow and become more established, our role can shrink. However, we realise it may be impossible for these projects to achieve long term sustainability, so we often provide repeat funding.

Income Generation

As we do not have an endowment, grants and personal donations are our lifeblood. Since *BSST*’s formation, thousands of individuals have made gifts: Jews, Christians, Muslims, and those who assert no religious belief or identity. We have now initiated a proactive grant-seeking programme, applying to charitable trusts. We are truly grateful to all our donors, large and small, individuals and organisations, whose support enables us to contribute to building a just peace in Israel/Palestine. Our larger donations in 2016-2017, ranging from £1000 to many thousands of pounds, were:

Centre for Innovation, Eagle Trust, The Funding Network, Humanitarian Trust, Just Trust, Adah Kay, Emily Ryan, Shine No 1 and No 2 Trusts, Taylor Trust, and two donors that prefer to remain anonymous.

We wish to record our thanks to John Sharp, former Independent Examiner of our accounts, who donated his services for many years. We now welcome, and thank, new Independent Examiner, Ruth Naftalin, for her donated services.

Image from short film made by *BSST* grantee Israel Social TV about Israel’s home demolition campaign aimed at forcing the Negev Bedouin from their rural homes into townships.
The projects BSST supported in 2016 – 17

**ALHUQUQ** is the first legal advice and advocacy project founded specifically to serve the Negev Bedouin. Based in Beersheva, it is currently a 'shoestring' operation on a tiny budget, renting space with a local law firm and making do with a staff member's mobile as it has no office phone of its own. **BSST** supplied six months core funding to help Alhuquq's legal service get established.

**BSST Grant £3.8k**  alhuquq.org

**AL KARMEL CULTURAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**, a community group from Al-Nuseirat refugee camp, was the first of several small Gaza-based therapeutic organisations to seek **BSST**'s help to tackle mental health damage caused by the bombing of Gaza in 2014.

This new **BSST** grant has enabled **Al Karmel** join with the internationally renowned **Gaza Community Mental Health Programme** to use psychotherapy, art, drama and other enjoyable activities such as day trips, to support 200 children badly traumatised during the IDF’s destruction of their homes, and who now live in **UNWRA** shelters.

Al Karmel’s Director wrote to BSST......

‘many thanks for your organisation support in previous years after the war on Gaza in 2014. We do not forget the smile painted on the children traumatised by the war. A thousand thanks to you. ‘

**BSST Grant £4k**  facebook.com/elkarmel.org
**AL NOUR ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** is a Gaza-based community group providing many health and care services. These include psychosocial support and counselling for children and an advice and education programme for marginalised women.

As well as relieving the emotional and behavioural problems of the children generally, *Al Nour* aims to integrate those with disabilities into mainstream activities. *BSST* funded a summer camp for 100 eight-to-twelve-year-olds, thirty of them with disabilities, plus their mothers.

*BSST* Grant £5k

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**AROUS ELBAHAR** (*Bride of the Sea*) is a Jaffa-based Palestinian women's organisation which aims to improve women's status and employability. *BSST* funded *'Empowerment from a Young Age,'* a project providing a hundred Palestinian teenage girls from deprived parts of Jaffa with training in financial management, so they are able to take responsibility for their personal and professional futures.

*BSST* Grant £3.5k

arous-elbahar.org
**B'TSELEM (Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories)** is one of Israel's leading human rights organisations. Set up nearly thirty years ago by prominent academics, lawyers, journalists, and Knesset members, it seeks to document and educate the Israeli public and policymakers about human rights violations in the Occupied Territories and help create a human rights culture in Israel. 'B'Tselem' is the Hebrew for 'in the image of' and is also a synonym for human dignity.

After the **B'Tselem** offices were totally destroyed in an accidental fire, **BSST** contributed to those refurbishment costs not covered by insurance.

![Home demolition in the Occupied Territories. Taken by B'Tselem photographer Aref Daraghmeh](image)

**BSST Grant £1k**  btselem.org

**CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS** supports Palestinian-led, nonviolent, grassroots opposition to the Israeli occupation. **CPT** says:

> ‘By our collaborating with local Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers and educating people in its members’ home communities, we create a space for justice and peace’

![Christian Peacemaker Team members observing a confrontation with IDF soldiers](image)

**POST BOX TRANSFER £3.3k**  cpt.org
CITIZENS BUILD A COMMUNITY runs services for deprived young people in the impoverished Israeli city of Lod, where all municipal provision has been closed down for lack of money. Via its 'Succeeding in Higher Education Together Programme', CBC is tackling educational under-performance among young Palestinians.

This programme has three elements: supporting thirty Palestinian high school leavers get into university, ensuring fifty existing university students complete their courses (so bucking the national 30% Palestinian dropout rate) and involving all these older students in community work among school pupils.

BSST GRANT £3.5k

ELHAWAKEER (Association for Community Development, Agriculture & the Environment) used their second BSST grant to teach farming and business skills to women from three Palestinian villages in the Galilee. Elhawakeer was blunt about the difficulties the project faced in Eilot, the poorest village and with the worst rates of unemployment in Israel:

'... women did not recognize their rights and needs because they are put second to the priorities of their families; they were absent on many occasions because their families had visitors … or they had to look after their mother in law. What's worse, some of them could not show up because they found it inappropriate to leave their husbands alone at home.'

But Elhawakeer 'didn't give up on anyone' and the eighteen Eilot women achieved spectacularly. Nine now use their new expertise in olive cultivation and oil production, and revel in their new status as the village’s farming experts, one is training in hydroponics, one is helping build the family business, one opened a print shop, three sisters started a bakery and three women signed up to a degree at Israel’s Open University.

BSST Grant £3k
**FUTURE ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT** is a community group in Al Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza. *BSST* funded a psychotherapy project supporting sixty traumatised children and their mothers over an intensive three-month period, building participants' self-confidence and coping skills. Mothers were also taught how to work and learn together, so they could pass on their new skills to other families suffering from severe trauma.

*BSST* Grant £4.8k

**GUN FREE KITCHEN TABLES** is a partnership of thirteen women’s and civil liberties organisations campaigning to limit civilian gun ownership, and stop work weapons being kept at home. The growth in home-stored small arms in Israel has hugely increased domestic violence, including murder of women. This phenomenon is particularly associated with family members working in armed private security, a burgeoning industry in Israel which now provides most Occupation-related guard duties.

*BSST* funded workshops in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Nazareth, examining the impact of home-storing weapons. *GFKT* is also exploring joint work with Palestinian women’s organisations to tackle organised crime gun violence rife in the largely unpoliced Palestinian towns.

isha2isha.com/-/组织开展-על-שולחן/-/关于禁止枪支暴力

*BSST* GRANT £3.5k
**HAOKETS** (*The Sting*), which describes itself as 'a virtual home for deprived communities and activists', is an Israeli web journal hosting original professional discussion on socioeconomic, cultural and philosophical issues, human rights activism, feminism and Mizrahi politics.

It aims 'to penetrate the wall of silence and alienation between Arabs and Jews in Israel' and is the only Hebrew-based website with translated *and* unique content in Arabic. It also hosts details of activist events: conferences, demonstrations and petitions.

*BSST* contributed funds for developing its Arabic platform, to increase Arabic readers in Israel/Palestine, the wider Middle East and North Africa

**BSST Grant £5k**  
Haokets.org

**HILA: COMMITTEE FOR EQUALITY IN EDUCATION** helps deprived families across Israel enforce their children’s education rights. But service take-up varies greatly, with families from some communities rarely making even a first phone call. Of Palestinian parents, *HILA* said:

'Although HILA provides services to all, some communities are less inclined to contact us - from lack of trust, familiarity, language skills or technological difficulty. Although we have seen an increase (in Arab parents’ contacts) … the numbers are still disproportionately low. It is often necessary to connect on a personal level with minority groups …'

*BSST* has now funded dedicated Arabic provision: outreach work by a specialist Palestinian worker, advertising on Arabic websites, translating *HILA* website and Facebook pages into Arabic, producing Arabic leaflets.

**BSST Grant £5k**  
hila-equal-edu.org.il
HEBRON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE NETWORK is an all-volunteer group running projects serving the most disadvantaged Palestinians in the West Bank city where the Israeli Occupation is experienced particularly harshly. Its projects include kindergartens, school improvements (especially girls' schools), an agricultural scheme, and facilities for foreign visitors. HIRN has built an impressive overseas support network and is currently exploring setting up its own British-based charity to take over from BSST's post box service.

**POST BOX TRANSFER £52.1k**  
facebook.com/HIRN-388180624554795

![Pupils in the yard of a girls’ school alongside new classrooms built by HIRN](image)

**HIRN: EMERGENCY WATER:**

*BSST* bought ten days fuel supply for the generators for the village of Jubb Al Deib, which has no other electricity source and no running water.

This ensured residents could refrigerate bottled water for the end of each day's fasting during a very hot Ramadan.

**HUDA'S KINDERGARTEN:**

*BSST* again funded the preschool in Khashem el-Daraj, an isolated south Hebron Bedouin village, paying for two staff salaries, school materials, etc.

**BSST GRANT £3.3k**

![BSST Grant £0.6k](image)
**HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FUND.** Every year, hundreds of East Jerusalem children, some only ten years old, are arrested for stone throwing at Israeli soldiers. Usually there is minimal evidence that they actually threw stones, much less that anyone was hurt or damage done.

These arrests, especially where they involve the children of well-known activists, are seen locally as a way of intimidating the wider population. BSST supported HRDF’s Protecting East Jerusalem Minors project, which provides child arrestees with representation by experienced criminal lawyers.

**BSST GRANT £3.5k**

hrdf.org.il

**ISRAEL SOCIAL TV: MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT THE BEDOUIN.** ISTV is a web-based media organisation reporting human rights stories largely ignored by Israel's mainstream media. It reaches around 100,000 viewers monthly, and, during the 2014 Gaza war, attracted 500,000 individuals on Facebook.

As one of the most vocal and challenging groups in Israel, during 2016 ISTV came under major attack: a serious hacking assault on its website; unlawful government threats to stop reimbursing ISTV’s expenses for broadcasting on the Community Channel, and cancelling its right to give internships to young people excused going into the Israeli Defence Forces.

BSST has a longstanding relationship with ISTV. In this very challenging year, we were pleased to work with them on a GlobalGiving fundraising appeal, which enabled them to make a series of films about the Bedouin.

**BSST GRANT: £11.4k**
tv.social.org.il

Bedouin women demonstrating against home demolitions and forced resettlement
**JAMA'AH (Leadership Development & Community Empowerment)** is based in the Triangle region of Israel, home to many impoverished and neglected Palestinian towns and villages. **BSST** provided repeat support for *Jama'ah's Cactus Children* project. This delivers supplementary education for children who suffer under the Israeli Citizenship Law, under which West Bank born fathers must stay in Palestine while their Israeli born children and wives live in Israel. Most of these 'cactus children' are severely lacking in confidence and self-esteem and have very poor levels of achievement at school.

**BSST Grant £3k**

**LADA'AT (Choose Well)** is a small Jerusalem-based centre promoting healthy sexuality, sexual health and reproductive rights, by combining community-based education and specialised medical services. Its clients reflect the diversity of Jerusalem’s population, including religious and secular Jews, Palestinians, foreign workers, and tourists. It provides educational workshops, one-on-one counselling, and low-cost, discreet gynaecological clinic services. Among its most vulnerable client groups are African asylum seekers, who struggle to access public health care. **BSST** funded a project targeted at this group. *Lada’at* told us:

'the (Jerusalem) asylum-seeking community, unlike that in Tel Aviv and other cities, is made up primarily of families, (so) the need for thorough, preventative family planning education and maternal health services is uniquely urgent'.

**BSST GRANT £3.5k** ladaat.org.il

**LAWYERS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE** was founded in 2014 by a group of young Palestinian lawyers to bring 'professionalism, integrity and transparency' to Palestinian local government. It is the first Palestinian legal organisation to confront the traditional and clan-based nature of many Arab local councils: corruption, nepotism and favouritism in filling public posts, unjustified salaries, maladministration and abuse of power. To date **LGG** has received complaints about 75% of Arab councils. In the face of threats and actual violence, it uses public education, plus legal action where necessary. So far it has secured positive results for nearly 40% of the complaints it has taken up.

**BSST GRANT £3k**
MA'AN (Forum of Arab Bedouin Women Organizations in the Negev) challenges legal and social barriers facing Bedouin women through legal advocacy and rights awareness.

BSST paid for Ma’an’s Arabic-speaking crisis hotline, the only such service in southern Israel providing support to women victims of physical violence and sexual harassment.

BSST GRANT £3k  maanegev.org

MADAA SILWAN CENTRE, located close to hotly contested archaeological sites in East Jerusalem, is in an area under constant harassment from the Israeli Defence Forces and settler groups. Its year-round educational, cultural and sports activities create a little normality for hundreds of local young Palestinians.

Highlight of the year is its Summer Games, bringing joy to hundreds of six-to-twelve year olds. BSST was a major funder for the tenth successive year.

BSST GRANT £4k  madaasilwan.org
MIN EL BAHAR (Sea Holidays for Palestinian Children): Israeli checkpoints prevent West Bank Palestinian families reaching the Mediterranean under their own steam, even though it is only a few miles away. So, each summer, a mammoth feat of joint Jewish/Palestinian organisation, ensures 1,500 Palestinian children and mothers enjoy a day at the sea.

Four Tel Aviv grandmothers who founded Min el Bahar, together with Palestinian organisers across the West Bank, recruit participants, arrange transport, entertainment and meals for thirty day trips to the coast, and, crucially, negotiate with the IDF so everyone is allowed through the checkpoints.

Thanks to the generosity of members of The Funding Network, we are able to guarantee support to Min El Bahar for 2016-18.

BSST GRANT £5K minelbahar.com

NISAA WA AAFAQ (Women and Horizons) is an Arab feminist and human rights project based in Israel's Triangle region. In Palestinian communities, religion has an enormous influence on all women’s lives, regardless of their specific faith or the extent of their religious practice. Nisaa wa Aafaq uses modern feminist and progressive interpretations of Islamic religious texts to help advance the status of Palestinian Arab women in Israeli society.

BSST funded ten women's workshops which presented this modern Islamic approach to women's rights. The local women participants were trained and supported so they could transfer their new knowledge back to their own communities.

BSST GRANT £4.8k nisaa-waafaq.org
PEACOCK OF SILWAN: BSST was very proud to support the original production of this play which portrayed the implications, both for Jews and for Palestinians, of Israel’s land and house seizures in Silwan, East Jerusalem. Performed in an old house in the Arab/Jewish city of Acco, the play received hugely enthusiastic reviews and won best actress and best (co) Directors awards at the Acco Alternative Israeli Theatre Festival.

As the play has appeared more widely, BSST has supported performances in Jaffa and Jerusalem. Short films about ‘Peacock’ can now be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=OO_4AJPAROE & www.youtube.com/watch?v=MR1M7ZNLDK8. The first film was made by ISTV, another recipient of BSST support.

BSST GRANT £4.8k

Scene from ‘Peacock’ performed in Old City of Acco

PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS-ISRAEL is a medical and human rights organisation. It provides free weekly clinics in the West Bank, a Tel Aviv clinic for asylum seekers and foreign workers who do not have access to mainstream services, and it maintains close links to Palestinian health providers, bringing essential medical supplies into the Occupied Territories in times of crisis. phr.org.il
RURAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: In the villages in the South Hebron Hills, residents’ lives are dominated by resistance to IDF demolition of their homes. During the last decade, BSST-funded projects have included a kindergarten; a transport service for older school children; a toilet; a wind and solar powered electricity scheme for the residents’ tents.

For many years, requests to BSST came via supportive Palestinian and Jewish outsiders. Now local group, the Women’s Association, approaches us directly to fund its annual summer camps, which ensure children in this remote desert area have some fun during the long summer break. Fatma, the main camp organizer, wrote to BSST:

‘… there were educational activities such as basic skills in mathematics, classes about good manners and lessons about Cleanliness. Moreover, Psychological counselling classes were important to help children get rid of their fear … we used to do sports and games. Furthermore, we taught them respect, provided them with healthy sandwiches and juice, taught them how to brush their teeth and reviewed some videos about teeth brushing (each kid got a toothbrush and toothpaste) … we also had a trip to one of the parks … I cannot tell you how happy they were because they visit other places far away from the place they live in.’

BSST GRANT £5k

SADAKA REUT (Arab-Jewish Partnership) brings together Palestinian and Jewish young people in peacebuilding work, emphasising marginalised communities (Bedouin Palestinians, Ethiopian, Russian and Mizrachi Jews), and universities, with little Jewish/Palestinian student interaction.

While campus Palestinian-Jewish projects usually prioritise learning about the other’s culture, Sadaka Reut focuses on the conflict and existing unequal power relations.

The project BSST funded, 'Partners in Shaping Reality,' is based at Tel Aviv University and a new Negev institution, Achva College.

BSST GRANT £4.6k
POST BOX TRANSFER £7k
reutsadaka.org
SCHOOLHOUSE delivers adult education for refugees, asylum seekers and migrant workers in South Tel Aviv. Some students have never been to school while others are university graduates. Most come from Sudan, Eritrea, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Bolivia and Venezuela, with many deeply traumatised by experiences in their home countries, which are often exacerbated by their treatment since they arrived in Israel. 

Schoolhouse provides computer skills and English language teaching, from basic to university level, and pioneered asylum seeker education at the Negev Holot Detention Facility. BSST funded its English Language coordinator to develop teaching methods, curricula and teacher support.

BSST GRANT £3k schoolhouse.org.il

Class for asylum seekers in the Holot Detention Facility

TENT OF NATIONS is a Palestinian Christian project uniting young people of different cultures and religions. Its core is Daher’s Vineyard, an organic farm near Bethlehem, whose family owners maintain constant personal presence to avoid its seizure by the Israeli state. Young people from across the world come to work on the farm and support its owners.

POST BOX TRANSFER £19.7k tentofnations.org
UNITAF provides desperately needed high quality childcare for African refugees and migrant workers whose communities, concentrated in rundown south Tel Aviv, now comprise at least 10% of the city’s population.

Many refugee and migrant worker children are at risk and have endured great difficulties in their short lives, which produce severe emotional, developmental and cognitive delays. When they enter mainstream education, they struggle from day one to keep up and many drop out long before school leaving age.

BSST supported Unitaf's 'Mind the Gap' project, aimed at reducing the developmental and learning gulf between refugee/migrant worker children and their Israeli counterparts. It provides specialist one-to-one support for children in their last year at a Unitaf kindergarten, plus training for their parents to help them build their children's language and motor skills.

BSST GRANT £3.6k  unitaf.org

VILLAGES GROUP is a Jewish/Palestinian group working in villages in the South Hebron Hills and near Nablus. BSST has supported the Villages Group for more than ten years.

POST BOX TRANSFER £10.2k  villagesgroup.wordpress.com

YOD BET B'HESHVAN is a religious organisation challenging extremism and violence in Jewish Israeli society. It coordinates the Tag Meir coalition which unites more than fifty groups, religious and secular, opposing racist ‘price tag’ attacks by religious Jews on Muslims and Christians. TM visits price tag victims, organises vigils, pushes for prosecutions and seeks to encourage religious toleration.

TAG MEIR AT WORK

'We visited Petach Tikvah so as to meet shopkeepers who hid for their lives after hearing gunshots, brought them flowers and wished them peaceful days ahead.

Then we went to Kafr Qasem where we visited Maed Amer who was injured at the attack scene. Maed saw the terrorist open fire and shouted to warn market traders to take cover. He also shouted at the terrorist, in Arabic, to halt his fire - which only caused the terrorist to directly fire at him. However, Maed then found himself accused of being the terrorist and being beaten by a Jewish mob in the road. Maed, a father of four, suffered injuries to his head and limbs and has to use a cane. He shared with us that fear and humiliation. Tag Meir comforted Maed, wished him a speedy recovery and promised to stay in touch.'

BSST Grant £4k  Facebook.com/tagmeirisrael  tagmeiren.media-sb.co.il
**YOUTH UNION CENTRE SOCIETY** operates from the community centre in Umm Al Khair, a Bedouin village in the South Hebron Hills whose existence is defined by its struggle to prevent home demolitions by the IDF. **BSST** funded the six-week summer Academic Camp organised by **YUCS**, where a qualified teacher from the village provided refresher lessons for the local children who find it otherwise difficult to keep up at school.

**BSST GRANT £2.5k**

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**BSST GOVERNANCE & TRUSTEES**

**BSST** has no paid staff, premises or equipment. Its trustees, all 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. During 2016-17 the Board comprised:

- Dr Gillian Yudkin, retired GP (CHAIR)
- Naomi Wayne, retired charity chief executive (SECRETARY)
- Colin Wainwright, IT specialist (TREASURER)
- Dr David Sperling, retired clinical psychologist (TRUSTEE FOR INCOME GENERATION)
- Prof. Anthony Bale, Professor of European Medieval Literature
- Vavi Hillel, retired special needs teacher

**BSST Advisory Group**

This group of eminent activist experts was established in 2013-14 to support the trustees.

- **Richard Kuper** is a long-standing campaigner for Palestinian human rights, and is a retired university lecturer and the founder of Pluto Press.
- **Tony Lerman** was Director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research and now writes on issues including Israel-Palestine, anti-semitism, Zionism and multiculturalism.
- **Miri Weingarten** formerly worked for Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and as the EU Advocacy Coordinator for a coalition of Israeli human rights groups.
- **Hadas Ziv** is Director of Public Outreach in Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, having previously been Executive Director. She won the 2009 Oak Fellowship for Human Rights.
- **Michael Ellman** is a solicitor and international law consultant who has carried out missions of enquiry, judicial and electoral observation and training to over 25 countries including Israel and Palestine

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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 the 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 that must be 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 to 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 12th July 2017, and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Gill Yudkin, Chair

Colin Wainwright, Treasurer
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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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 2015 and applicable accounting standards.

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6 Restricted Funds

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Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the British Shalom-Salaam Trust

I report on the accounts of British Shalom-Salaam Trust for the year ended 28 February 2017, which are set out in this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)b of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a ‘true and fair view’ and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner’s statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ruth Naftalin FCA
14 Park Crescent
London N3 2NJ
24th July 2017
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