

Charity dilemmas debated at shul

MORAL and ethical issues around accepting charity donations from questionable sources were some of the issues discussed at a recent Princes Road Synagogue Heritage Season meeting.

Speakers Professor Debra Morris, of Liverpool University, and United Synagogue director of education Rabbi Michael Laitner led the discussions, which featured modern charity dilemmas, including some charities associated with Princes Road Synagogue.

The audience, which included Liverpool University students,



DISCUSSIONS: Rabbi Michael Laitner

with their Chabad chaplain Rabbi Shmuli Brown, also heard how Toxteth-born and Princes Road member Viscount Herbert Samuel, who later led the British Liberal Party and became the first High Commissioner for Palestine, played a key role in the development of the modern legal regime governing charities in

England and Wales.

At an earlier Heritage Season meeting on marriage and mourning at the shul, member Naomi Hoyland spoke about how she came to write ketubot and displayed some of her creations.

Heritage Season organiser Robin Makin showed 1,874 documents from the synagogue archives.

On Monday (2.15pm) former synagogue minister Rabbi Zvi Solomons will give an illustrated presentation on 'Building Institutions — Freemasonry, Philanthropy and Philanthropy'.

Dr Lee Kendall, of Liverpool University, will speak on 'The Rathbones — Health, Disease and philanthropy in Liverpool 1749-1926'.

Former Liverpool Jewish archivist Arnold Lewis will talk about the legacy of Lewis's founder and Princes Road warden and treasurer, David Lewis.

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