

Over the festive break we attended Limmud Conference in Birmingham and presented a number of human rights talks. We started the conference by chairing a panel with Adam Wagner and Aviva Dautch examining Magna Carta and the Human Rights Act (HRA). Around 100 people heard an historical analysis of Magna Carta and the connections between that document and the debate raging over the HRA today. We ended the session by encouraging the audience to join us at [JW3 on January 21st](#) to listen to Conservative MP and former Attorney General Dominic Grieve QC talk about the importance of the HRA to the Jewish community.



Sam Grant, René Cassin's Campaigns Manager speaks at Limmud Conference 2015

The rest of the conference saw us presenting sessions with Rabbi Natan Levy on the indefinite detention of asylum seekers in the UK. The audience learnt that the UK is the only country in the EU not to have a time limit on detention. Further, we spoke of the financial flatulence and distressing human cost of the system. In another session on this topic we studied Talmudic scripture to see what Jewish textual sources would say about indefinite detention. We ended the session with members of the audience joining our campaign and holding up signs demanding a time limit.



The audience join our 'Put detention on trial' campaign