Jews to donate organs on register after death

communities.

"Despite all of this, there is a critical need for more organ donors.

"There are almost 8,000 people in the UK on the waiting list, including over 200 children, and that is the highest demand and length of waiting list we have seen in the UK in almost a decade.

"We need to work together to encourage more people to record their decision on the register."

Baroness Merron, a former chief executive at the Board of Deputies, was joined in Parliament by Jess Harris, who is Jewish and who received a double kidney and pancreas transplant in 2018 after suffering kidney failure due to type 1 diabetes.

Londoner Jess, who went on to have a miracle baby, Ezra, said: "My organs and I have just celebrated our sixth birthday.

"They are the reason I am here and is the reason I am living my best life.

"But it's more about my donor and his selfless decision to save a stranger. I only have my life because of him, and I think of them every day.

"No one wants to think about death or talk about it round a dinner table, but until you're personally affected by it you don't fully understand or appreciate how vital these conversations are."

Research shows that the main barrier to organ donation among various religious or ethnically diverse communities is the belief that it is against a person's culture or religion – despite the fact that organ donation is supported by all major religions and belief systems.

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LOUISE HAGER

STEVE MORRISON

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Shortly before its liberation in April, 1945, they were sent on a train east until they were finally rescued by Soviet troops.

Made an OBE are Professor Gillian Clare Carr, professor of conflict archaeology and Holocaust heritage, for services to Holocaust research and education, Michael Livingston, for services to Holocaust education and to public service, and Wiener Holocaust Library director Tobias Simpson for services to Holocaust memorial.

Also honoured with an OBE are Elizabeth Harris-Sawczenko, Jewish interfaith adviser, for services to interfaith engagement, and former Society of Authors' chief executive Nicola Solomon, for services to literature and to the creative industries.

Lady Wolfson is named OBE for services to medical research and the arts, as is Stephen Allan for his work as a founder and trustee of the charity Rays of Sunshine, which aims to help seriously-ill young people and their families.

Also made an OBE, for charitable and public service is Ian Karet, who was previously interim chairman of the Charity Commission. Jewish Labour Movement national chairman Mike Katz is made an MBE for political and public service, as is Leslie Lipert for services to the Jewish community in Cornwall and Harvey Rosenblatt, for services to Jewish community social care.

Professor Geoffrey Crossick, for services to the arts and to education, Alison Durban, for services to children and young people with special educational needs,

Interfaith relations

Edwina Sassoon, for services to the visual arts, museums and gardens, and Julian Margolin — chief executive of the charity Kids in Mind — are all awarded MBEs.

Chai Cancer Care chairman Louise Hager is honoured with an MBE, too, for services to people with cancer, as is Lucien Gubbay, for services to interfaith relations, Sarah Sultman for services to children and young people with special education needs, and Evelyn Blumenthal for services to hospital volunteering and to caring for people with dementia.

James Gurd, the former executive director of the Conservative Friends of Israel, is made an MBE for political and public service.

Professor Richard Susskind, formerly the technology adviser to the Lord Chief Justice is awarded a CBE for services to information technology and to the law.

Television and film veteran, Glasgow-born Steve Morrison, has also been made a CBE for services to the media and creative industries.

Michelle Dyson, director general of adult social care at the Department of Health and Social Care, is made a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

She is daughter of the former Master of the Rolls, Lord Dyson and Lady Dyson.

Pro-Israeli chants are condemned

LEEDS United Football Club has condemned fans for a chant supporting its Israeli player, Manor Solomon.

The statement from the club follows a video circulating online showing supporters' chants, which were audible in the stadium.

In showing support for the Israeli player, fans chanted "Manor Solomon's on my mind and he hates Palestine" to the tune of the 1960s Manfred Mann song *Do Wah Diddy* during the Boxing Day game at Stoke City, which Leeds won 2-0.

The video has gone viral on social media with one clip having more than five million views.

A spokesman for Leeds United said: "The club condemns this behaviour and has a zero-tolerance policy towards discrimination abuse of all kinds and this could be breaking the law.

"Tough measures and sanctions are in place across all English football leagues to tackle illegal behaviours within football grounds and this involves, but is not limited, to discriminatory behaviour and tragedy chanting."

Solomon is on loan at Elland Road from Tottenham and the 25-year-old winger has scored three goals in 16 league appearances.

Last year, Solomon had his Instagram account temporarily suspended following a number of pro-Israel posts. At the time a representative of Solomon said: "It's ridiculous. He didn't make any anti-Palestine posts, just support for his own country."

Meta acknowledged that the account was removed by mistake and it was quickly restored.

The recently-formed Leeds United Jewish Supporters Group said it had been set-up as a non-political group so would not comment on the controversy.

Nurse hoped for Netanyahu op death

THE Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals Trust will look into the social media posts of a senior nurse endoscopist who wished death on Jewish people and expressed her support for terrorists.

Sarah El-Salamani, who is also clinical endoscopist lead for East of England Endoscopy Training Academy, commented on an X/Twitter post about Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu undergoing prostate surgery.

She wrote: "Can't be heart surgery because he hasn't got one. Hopefully they'll be a few mistakes in the drugs calculation by his anaesthetist."

Another post in October on the social media website stated that Netanyahu's home in Caesaria was hit by a drone from Lebanon, to which El-Salamani replied: "Please please please let him be dead."

And, on October 10, El-Salamani appeared to praise former Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar and wrote: "Not hiding in any underground tunnels, not hiding in any bunker, not hiding among his people, not hiding behind hostages. Yahya Sinwar was above ground, on the frontlines & killed in direct combat. Not a bomb. "

She also posted that every justification by Israel for its war on Hamas has been "peddled by the US media & government".

The tweets were uncovered by X account GnasherJew.

A spokesman for the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals Trust told the *Jewish Telegraph*: "We expect all staff to adhere with our trust's social media policy, which includes responsibilities when using social media for personal use.

"We are looking into the social media posts that have been brought to our attention."

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