

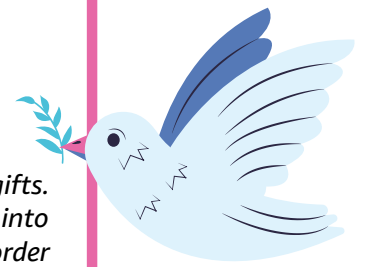
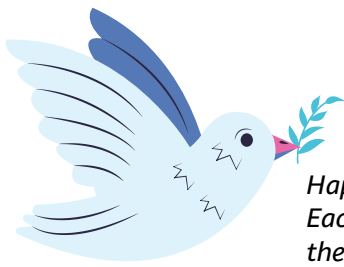
Light Up the Room

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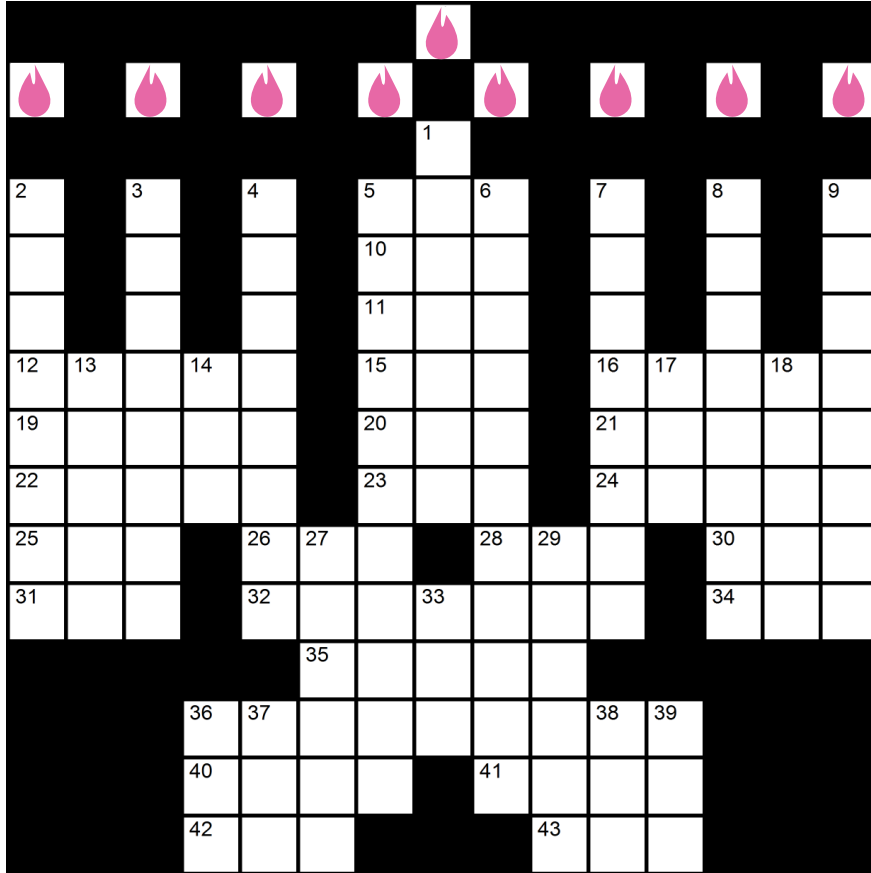
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Happy Hanukkah! This appropriately shaped puzzle contains nine gifts. Each one starts at a flame and reads downward for 3 to 5 squares into the "candle" below it. Nine gift recipients are listed in alphabetical order of the gift each would most like to receive.



GIFT RECIPIENTS

- An NRA member
- A fan of both sci-fi and Westerns
- A kitten stuck in a tree
- A military force facing an invasion
- A president planning to address the nation
- A political commentator hoping for ratings
- An owner of a virus-prone computer
- A moonshine smuggler
- A Fourth of July enthusiast

ACROSS

- 5 Director Anderson or director Craven
- 10 Picnic crasher
- 11 As well
- 12 A nurse may check this for you
- 15 Blow it
- 16 Krispy ____
- 19 "Violence is ____ of the ignorant": Flip Wilson
- 20 Division foe of a Seahawk, Niner, or Cardinal
- 21 Mister, in Madrid
- 22 Cola Wars participant
- 23 Withdrawn
- 24 "Bite the bullet" or "piece of cake," say
- 25 Prior to, poetically
- 26 Snooze
- 28 What a picky fellow might pick

- 30 Org. whose seal appears on toothpaste boxes
- 31 Fisherman's need
- 32 Like scenery-chewing actors
- 34 The Five Boroughs, briefly
- 35 Lump
- 36 Bat from both sides of the plate
- 40 Most people have five right ones
- 41 "Here I am!"
- 42 Fukuoka currency
- 43 Labradoodle or puggle, for example

DOWN

- 1 Item this grid is shaped like
- 2 Sticky way to kill insects
- 3 Thrashed
- 4 Part of a football field

- 5 Offshore tornadoes
- 6 It was also dark, per some classically purple prose
- 7 Hard hat zone
- 8 Person who could travel north to Georgia
- 9 One of a series of Apple computers retired in 2006
- 13 *In ____* (Nirvana's final album)
- 14 Letters of distress
- 17 Top color of a rainbow
- 18 Temperamental
- 27 Brand name for Zolpidem
- 29 "(____) The Time of My Life" (*Dirty Dancing* tune)
- 33 "Unpretty" R&B trio
- 36 Pig's digs
- 37 Tragedy
- 38 Commitment at the altar
- 39 T-shirt size indicator

