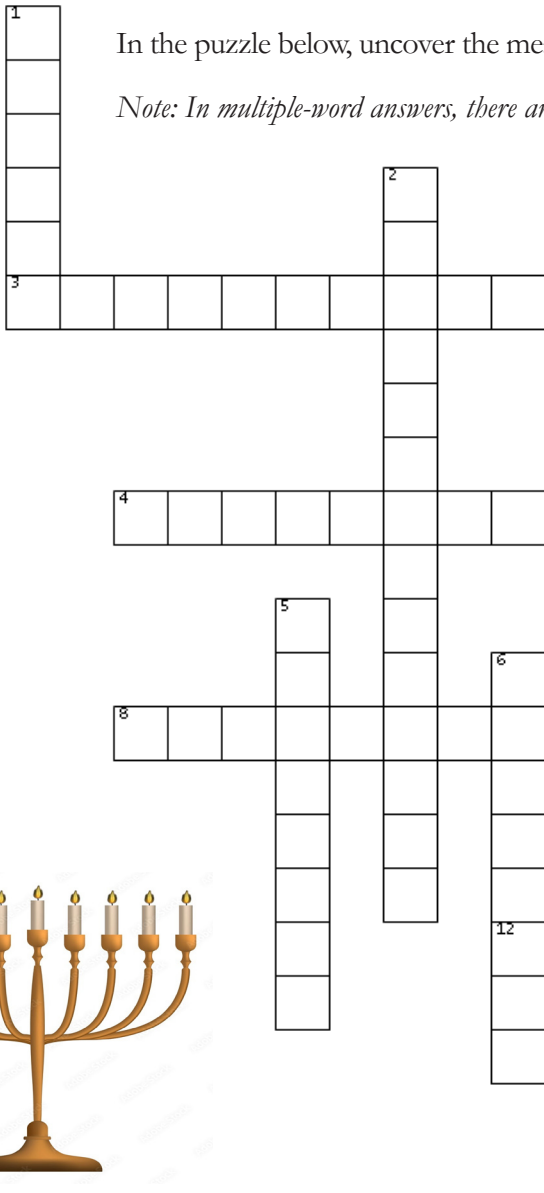


From Candles to Kinara: Traditions of Hope and Resilience

The December holidays are a time for reflection, unity, and celebration across cultures. From Kwanzaa's principles of community and self-determination to Hanukkah's story of perseverance, these traditions shine a light on justice and resilience.



In the puzzle below, uncover the meaning, symbols, and values behind December holidays.

Note: In multiple-word answers, there are no spaces between the words. Example: BOXINGDAY



ACROSS

3. Key figures from the nativity, often linked to themes of diversity and unity.
4. A Mexican tradition reenacting Mary and Joseph's journey, emphasizing hospitality and inclusion.
8. Rooted in Christian tradition and celebrated worldwide, the holiday often symbolizes hope, generosity, and renewal.
9. Historically, a day associated with giving and helping those in need, rooted in anti-classism.
10. The Swahili word for "unity," the first principle of Kwanzaa.
12. December celebration of African heritage, culture, and unity.

DOWN

1. A Christian season of preparation leading up to Christmas.
2. Observed by many cultures, celebrating light and renewal amid darkness.
5. A Christian holiday commemorating equality and the arrival of wise men to honor a child born in humility.
6. Jewish Festival of Lights, often connected with the theme of hope.
7. The candleholder used during Kwanzaa to symbolize African values.
11. The nine-branched candelabra central to Hanukkah celebrations.