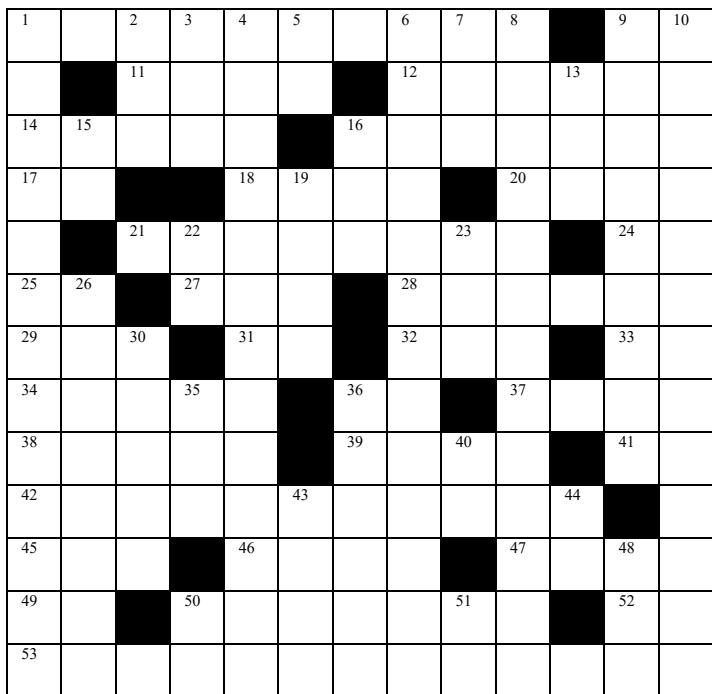


No. 6



Across

1 Antisemitic trope of Medieval Europe about blood of Christian children used in making Passover matzos resulting in historic trials and popular veneration of child martyrs such as Simon the Immaculate of Trent and Little Saint Hugh of Lincoln invoked recently to counter concern about child deaths in Gaza by accusations of perpetuating an antisemitic canard (!!!) (5, 5)

9 James Dean role (initials) (not JS or JR)

11 Premier tavern in Springfield

12 Retreat, withdraw, move backwards (to an earlier state) (**WARNING** Cryptic)

14 *21 IS YOUNG TO BECOME A ...!* Full-page ad in *Washington Post* taken out by America's rabbi Shmuley Boteach smearing courageous New Zealand popstar Lorde as an anti-Semite working for economic destruction of Israel by cancelling concerts in Tel Aviv in support of Palestinian rights

16 US movie actress (*I Passed for White, Sex Kittens Go to College*, ("You never saw a student body like this!"), *Plan 9 from Outer Space* etc.) also pioneering TV show presenter (in 50s)

17 Initials shared by celebrated authors of confronting texts *Leviathan* and *Song of a Rat*

18 Emanate, radiate, broadcast, give off

20 Terrible, mixed up Russian leader

21 A long, mournful complaint; a litany of woes; a moralistic diatribe denouncing a society for its wickedness and prophesying its downfall after Biblical author of *Lamentations* bewailing the fall of Judah in 586BC ("The ways of Zion do mourn, she weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest, her gates are desolate, her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted and she is in bitterness etc.")

24 Abraham Stern or Anna Schwartz (initials)

25 Initials shared by celebrated authors of disparate texts *Fear of Flying* and *Rocket Man*

27 International Military Tribunal or *In Melbourne Tonight* (initials)

28 Constant movement back and forth (with toing)

29 Name assumed by Mahdi claimant Sayyed 'Alí Muhammad Shírází (likened to John the Baptist preparing the way for Bahá'í founder prophet Bahá'u'lláh) with elaborate tomb for remains in Haifa, so-called Israel (Arabic for "gate")

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31 Ivan Albright (initials)

32 *Insane Clown President* (initials)

33 Third Reich or Tony Rome initials

34 One year (French) (3, 2)

36 Prince concert or Phil Collins (initials)

37 Megan ... Stallion

38 *Shoko* ... Laidback, nonchalant alumna of Tokyo Jujutsu High (with classmates Satoru Gojo and Suguru Geto) appointed school's primary doctor on graduation as full-fledged jujutsu sorceress

39 American actors known for iconic roles of Little John and the Skipper

41 Shlomo Sand or Sophie Scholl (initials)

42 Deliberative assembly with legal authority to make law and exercise political oversight within a state, city or nation

45 French dreampop artist known for 2016 hit *Fantasy* with disturbing Manga video about teenagers sneaking into swimming pool and transforming into Lovecraftian aliens killing shy friend by making her eyes explode (sic)

46 T. Eliot, South Islington (initials)

47 Mm, something is missing from celebrated architect of inverted pyramid with secret chamber for remains of Mary Magdalene under Louvre **WARNING** Cryptic (1, 3)

49 Ethel Rosenberg or *Easy Rider* (initials)

50 Ubiquitous American bible

52 Carl Orff (initials)

53 Migration on bodily death of nonphysical essence into another form higher or lower depending on previous actions undertaking spiritual growth through successive lives until final liberation (Moksha)

Down

1 Affable Northerner in hugely popular UK animated children's franchise (3, 3, 7)

2 Exclamation of amazement, excitement or disbelief (esp. in texting)

3 Emergency phone number (in Australia) (also opening song from space-themed, K-pop competition reality show *Girls Planet 999*)

4 Pertaining to philosophical doctrine which claims that all facts and events are created by external causes following natural laws and that there is no such thing as free will

5 Luke Skywalker or Larry Storch (initials)

6 First stage on track to sainthood involving acknowledgement that candidate is in Heaven and able to intercede if prayed to (one miracle required) (except in cases of martyrdom)

7 Music genre associated with David Guetta, Calvin Harris and *Deadmau5* (1.1.1)

8 Person who collects and studies butterflies (and moths)

9 Coastal town in Western Australia 198 km north of Perth pop. 480 (2021 census) (down from 527 in 2016) named after local shipwreck named after famous Spanish author of *Don Quixote* (with most streets named after cities, regions and rivers in Spain) (!)

10 Disobeying religious edicts (worshipping idols, eating pork, declining to kill the descendants of Amalek etc., etc., etc.)

13 "We give US leaders the intelligence they need to keep our country safe" Sinister government agency associated with covert regime change (Iraq, Iran etc.) to maintain US global hegemony serving clandestine agendas of masters (with chilling mission outlined on website)

15 Ismail Haniyeh or Isaac Herzog (initials)

16 Energy, enthusiasm, vigour ("Yeah, it's sad, believe me, Missy / When you're born to be a sissy / Without the ... and verve etc." *If I Only Had the Nerve (The Wizard of Oz)*)

19 Self-referential; showing or suggesting explicit awareness of itself as a member of its category

22 *Electronic Intifada* or Eretz Israel (initials)

23 Beautiful river painted by Cézanne and favourite spot in boyhood idyll in Provence with best friend Emile

26 Character from classic of English fiction with numerous film portrayals inc. (from best to worst) Joan Fontaine, Mia Wasikowska, Charlotte Gainsbourg and Susanah York) (IMHO)

30 Unobtrusive colour favoured by retired

35 Melber, Fleischer, Fuld, Ben Canaan, Onassis, Up etc.

36 Versatile, handheld weapon used by Star Fleet personnel with variable settings from stun to vaporization in 23rd century

40 Orchestra associated with Barry White in 70s (*Love Theme* etc.) (initials)

43 Queen of Sparta seduced by Zeus disguised as injured swan kindly allowing wounded creature to rest in her lap

44 Celebrated American artists ("The apparition of these faces in the crowd: Petals on a wet, black bough", "You ain't nothin' but a hound dog. Just cryin' all the time" etc.) (initials)

48 Eminent Bolognese semiotics professor and author of 80s crime fiction bestseller set in 1327

50 George Negus or *Go Now!* (initials)

51 Nelson Algren or never again (initials)

