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Across

- 1** Controversial, career-destroying, animated TV special from 2021 notable for attitude of Talmudic sneering towards Christmas (4% approval rating on *Rotten Tomatoes*) (5, 3)
- 8** Initials shared by glamorous *Police Woman* star (in 70s), French heartthrob in role as ice-cold hitman Jef Costello (*Le Samouraï*), US activist known for criticism of white, “glass ceiling” feminism (“I’m not a feminist. I’m a black revolutionary”) (with signature fro) and disgraced apologist for state terror (*The Case for Israel*) and frequent flier on *Lolita Express*
- 9** “When we see others as the enemy, we risk becoming what we hate. When we oppress others, we are oppressing ourselves. All of our humanity is dependent upon recognizing the humanity in others.” Very wise person and moral compass such as Desmond Tutu
- 10** Flamboyant Irish actor marvelous in starring role as troubled WWI army officer in lauded David Lean blockbuster of 1963
- 11** Catchy Rihanna song of 2007 (feat. Jay-Z)
- 13** “A noble soul will ever exercise compassion even towards those who enjoy injuring others” Greatly loved hero of ripping 5th BCE Hindu epic relating life and adventures including exile in forest and struggle to save beloved wife Sita from evil demon Ravana
- 14** Depleted uranium *or Der Untergang* (initials)
- 15** Marvelous Dustin Hoffmann role (not Benjamin Braddock, Willy Loman or Tootsie)
- 18** Official indication that a period of danger or difficulty is over (air raid, melanoma) (3, 5)
- 20** Famous Puerto Rican street gang (from Upper West Side) (with Bernardo, Chino and Pepe) (in 50s)

Down

- 1** Day of week on which orthodox Jews may enlist services of a Shabbos goy to perform any of the thirty-nine activities regarded as work and hence proscribed by halacha
- 2** Acronym used in dating system regarded as insufficiently inclusive and widely eschewed in favour of CE (Common Era) or AM (anno mundi *i.e.*, after creation)
- 3** Term for local leader installed as client king in far-flung regions of Roman empire such as Herod the Great in Judaea (properly the ruler of one part of a region divided into four)
- 4** Cactus-like plant found in hot, dry climates used historically for skin conditions, wound healing and baldness
- 5** One guilty of principal transgression (and capital offense) of Judaism (practiced widely by populace though condemned bitterly by exilic priestly elite in Babylon)
- 6** Character in Dickens known for terribly sad death scene and witticism of Oscar Wilde “One must have a heart of stone not to laugh at the death of Little ...” (attrib.)
- 7** Aten, El, Vishnu, Pangu, Yahweh, G-d, Allah, demiurge etc., etc.
- 10** Of blessed memory (initials)
- 12** Giant encountered by pilgrims on journey to Celestial City in *The Pilgrim’s Progress* by John Bunyan (not Despair or Slay-Good)
- 16** French for in the manner of (1, 2)
- 17** Swiss Army Knife (initials)
- 19** *Les Six* *or* Larry Storch (initials)