



# Maya Khemlani David

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- Language Maintenance and Language Shift

- Language of the Elderly
- Language and Human Rights

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