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THE VOICE OF CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

THE JCC OF NORTH AND SOUTH BRUNSWICK

Our Mission: To foster a vibrant egalitarian Jewish community founded in the religious customs & traditions of Conservative Judaism; offering excellent Jewish education and community activities for all ages with commitment to Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world.



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From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

The Natives are Restless



We recently commemorated “Indigenous Peoples’ Day,” the woke substitute for Columbus Day. While not wanting to denigrate the courage and daring of Columbus and his men, it is surely appropriate to show our respect for the indigenous peoples of the world, whose lives have been disrupted by an array of “discoverers”, explorers, conquerors and exploiters.

Especially, because we are one of those indigenous peoples. We are Jews, the “first nation” of Judea.

The UN characterizes indigenous people in this way:

- Self-identification as indigenous peoples at the individual level and accepted by the community as their member.
- Historical continuity with pre-colonial and/or pre-settler societies
- Strong link to territories and surrounding natural resources
- Distinct social, economic or political systems
- Distinct language, culture and beliefs
- Form non-dominant groups of society
- Resolve to maintain and reproduce their ancestral environments and systems as distinctive peoples and communities.

Indigenous peoples are the holders of unique languages, knowledge systems and beliefs, and possess invaluable knowledge of practices for the sustainable management of natural resources. They have a special relation to and use of their traditional land. Their ancestral land has a fundamental importance for their collective physical and cultural survival as peoples. Indigenous peoples hold their own diverse concepts of development, based on their traditional values, visions, needs and priorities.

So let’s see: Self-identification? Check. Historical continuity? Check? Strong link to territory? Check. Distinct social systems? Check. Distinct language, culture and beliefs? Check, check, check. Resolve to maintain their systems as a distinctive people? Check. Unique languages, knowledge systems and beliefs? Check. Sustainable management of natural resources? Check. Special relation to their traditional land? Are you kidding? CHECK.

The only thing missing from this picture is that almost all indigenous peoples “form non-dominant groups of society,” because they have been conquered. And we had been distinctly and catastrophically non-dominant for 2000 years.

But because of Zionism, we have liberated the Land and liberated ourselves. That removed our indignity. It didn’t remove our indigeneity.

The evidence for our indigenous roots in the Land is overwhelming. Dozens of names in the Bible confirmed by archeology; massive architectural achievements like the Temple Mount, arguably the largest sacred precinct in the world; religious texts and rituals that reflect intimate knowledge of the Land, its terrain, weather, and ecology. And above all, a profound sense of millennial longing and belonging.

When Israeli writer Shmuel Agnon won the Nobel Prize for Literature, he included these words in his acceptance speech: “It is said in the Talmud (Tractate Sanhedrin 23a): In Jerusalem, the men of discrimination did not sit down to dine in company until they knew who their companions were to be»; so I will now tell you who am I, whom you have agreed to have at your table.

As a result of the historic catastrophe in which Titus of Rome destroyed Jerusalem and Israel was exiled from its land, I was born in one of the cities of the Exile. But always I regarded myself as one who was born in Jerusalem. ... I belong to the Tribe of Levi; my forebears and I are of the minstrels that were in the Temple, and there is a tradition in my father’s family that we are of the lineage of the Prophet Samuel, whose name I bear....

After all my possessions had been burned, God gave me the wisdom to return to Jerusalem. I returned to Jerusalem, and it is by virtue of Jerusalem that I have written all that God has put into my heart and into my pen. ... The Dead Sea, which I used to see every morning at sunrise from the roof of my house, the Arnon Brook in which I used to bathe, the nights I used to spend with devout and pious men beside the Wailing Wall – nights which gave me eyes to see the land of the Holy One, Blessed be He—the Wall which He gave us, and the city in which He established His name....

...If I am proud of anything, it is that I have been granted the privilege of living in the land which God promised our forefathers to give us, as it is written (Ezekiel 37: 25): “*And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children’s children forever.*”

That’s what indigenous people sound like. That’s *us*. Don’t ever forget it, and don’t ever let anyone take it away from you. It is your birthright.

From the Desk of Cantor Rockman

Let's Get Together



Religion in America has become a part of the political fabric of the country. Social consciousness and action are integral in our understanding of living an ethical life. Our members and leadership at B'nai Tikvah identify with participating in mitzvah projects, social action initiatives, and outreach to disadvantaged individuals. We ask our government, via our elected officials, to support our efforts. Yet the divisive nature of the current political landscape has damaged our spirits.

In my opinion, in general, due to the close relationship of religion and politics, many people judge each other similarly as lacking empathy and heart. The pandemic has kept us apart, our alienation has grown, and people are staying away from synagogues and churches in uncommonly large numbers. Traditions and habits are being forgotten and confused.

We need to interact with, engage with, and love each other again, here in our spiritual home, at B'nai Tikvah. I pray that we can begin gathering again, for Shabbat dinners, Sundaes on Saturdays, Torah study, spirited Shabbat services, big events and small ones too! I pray that once again we will learn about G-d's wonders, and ponder and question our traditions side by side, while embracing the warmth of each others smiles.

Rabbi David Wolpe wrote in his weekly blog, "*Judaism is a tradition of study and ritual, but also of song. "Your laws are songs for me wherever I may dwell," says the Psalmist (119:54). No Sabbath is complete without Shabbat songs; the Torah is chanted, not merely read, and the tradition of chazzanut, the melodies of prayer, is ancient. As [Rabbi Yehuda HeChasid put it many centuries ago](#), "I sing hymns and weave songs because my soul yearns for You."*

Let's be careful, but remember that we need each other. We must find a way to engage.

Time to be Determined: As I alluded to above, most religious institutions are still practicing a great deal of caution; large gatherings have yet to become our norm. I am in the process of planning a Thanksgiving Festival Experience. I will be trying to convince you and members of our interfaith community to gather in "THE B'NAI TIKVAH LOT."

On Sunday afternoon, November 20, we will offer joyous music, an opportunity to safely gather with friends and community leaders, some appropriately prepared snacks, and an abundance of Thanksgiving spirit. I will keep you informed and I would greatly appreciate your help with this special day.

Worship the Lord with Joy and Gladness, Happiness, Love and Peace.

Cantor Bruce Rockman

Burn the Mortgage



Dave Offenberg

Who would have thought?

It is just over 40 years ago that we formed Congregation B'nai Tikvah. While our Congregation remains strong, we know that the demographics of N/S Brunswick have changed and the current economy continues to be a challenge for us.

As many of you know, the largest line item in our annual budget is "the mortgage." While we only have two years left on the mortgage (hard to believe!), we also recognize that it is a balloon mortgage. This means that the last few years of payment are significantly higher than those of the earlier years...and thus our mortgage burden will grow to be a larger factor in the budget. There is approximately \$345,000 of principal left on the mortgage that, with help from many of you, we could retire.

We are fortunate that some members have helped us cover these increases the past few years through a "Burn the Mortgage" pledge. These generous individuals have helped us keep our mortgage line item "flat" in the budget. We are now hoping to accelerate the "burning of the mortgage" by enlisting more people to consider making a 1-2 year pledge that enables us to retire the mortgage with little to no burden on the membership. We need your help!

Our goal is to secure pledges/funds with a short campaign that will complete by Jan 1, 2022. This enables us to accurately identify and plan for our ongoing budget challenges over the next 24 months as we recover from Covid (G-d willing).

You can donate to the campaign in several ways:

- Cash
- Appreciated Stock (double savings: no tax due on growth in value since acquisition plus a charitable deduction for the taxpayer!)
- IRA required minimum distributions (100% tax free)
- Donor Advised Funds (ask us: we'll be happy to explain)
- Other?

Please help us to secure B'nai Tikvah's future for all, and for future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any of the other committee members.

Burn the Mortgage Committee:

Marty Abshutz, Ruth Anne Koenick, Adrienne Ross, Jeff Schwartz, and Dave Offenberg, Committee Chair

Social Action

Modah Ani - The Power of Gratitude



Laura Waksman

Our fall holidays have ended, which is always a downer for me. But somehow it is more so this year. For the second year in a row, the weather throughout Sukkot was glorious, with the exception of one night of torrential rain. For that, I was thankful. I found myself focusing on gratitude during moments of quiet contemplation in the Sukkah, and while reciting the blessing on the lulav and etrog. I thank G-d that my parents, 85 and 92, were able to come from Long Island to be in our Sukkah, that we were able to replace our somewhat worn, well used Sukkah, and for the awesomeness of nature. I observed, monarch butterflies to be specific, through the windows of our new Sukkah.

Gratitude, which in Hebrew is hakarat hatov, meaning recognizing the good, is woven throughout our tefilah. The first words we say upon waking each morning, “Modeh/Modah Ani,” (I thank you) mean that we start each day by being grateful. Part of this spirit of gratitude is that we recognize that we are not the only force of goodness in our lives. This attitude of gratitude is essential to health and happiness. I highly recommend making it a part of your day and see if you don't find yourself feeling better.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Social Action Fund, which enable us to continue the mission of caring for each other and the larger community.

Fida, my contact at Interfaith Rise, told me that the immigrant families who received the Birthday-Party-in-a-Box Boxes expressed their deepest gratitude to us. She sent me an adorable photo of the youngest recipient, a six-year-old boy, holding his beautifully wrapped large box, filled with two Lego gift cards, a card, birthday banner, cake mix, pan and frosting, plates, cups, utensils, tablecloth, and table decorations. Six other children received boxes.

If you have a suggestion of a different organization for which we can create Birthday Boxes in the near future, contact me.

Our October coat drive to benefit Elijah's Promise and I Rise will have ended by the time of this reading. My goal is to donate 75 coats. Stay tuned for my report.

The B'nai Tikvah Children of Hope Little Pantry is still in the works. I am grateful to Lauren Jackenthal and Becca Smoller for their artistic talents they lent to this project.

Providing access to non-perishable food and other essentials to the community 24/7 will be a huge team effort. So please let me know that you want to be involved, and we'll be sure to find a way for you to help that suits you.

Beautification of the Holocaust Memorial Garden and dedication of two Warsaw Ghetto bricks will likely be a year long project with lots of brainstorming, and team spirit. If you are an experienced gardener, or you're happy to take direction and learn, let's talk.

Lastly, I hope to hold a shul wide Mitzvah Day in the spring, which will provide opportunities for all to do good inside and outside of our spiritual home. Be on the lookout for announcements in the near future.

“V' al zeh ani modeh” ... And for this I am grateful. Cantor Rockman's beautiful addition to the Friday night Shabbat service, in which attendees express their gratitude for things small and large that have happened during the week is not to be missed. What will you be grateful for this coming Shabbat?

B'Yachad....together..let's make a difference

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What My Parents Taught Me



Charlie Valan

The drafting of this was inspired by the day I'm actually writing it, September 11th. As I sit back and watch the many tributes to those we lost on that day, I can't help being saddened by a too often common theme: we need America to be as it was on September 12th, 2001.

Imagine 911 happening today (in your mind only please). What would that look like? Would we have been the nation that came together in ways many never thought possible or as the towers were still smoldering, would more attention be focused on casting blame within as opposed to what those outside did to us? Hopefully 'never again.' But in reality, the fact it is even being debated is a sad change in attitude and trust due to misinformation and misinterpretation. We have become so absorbed in the hate towards one another's beliefs that we will harpoon "the other side" whatever way we see fit to just create conflict.

Many of us should be proud of the home we grew up in and hopefully our parents, who mentored, guided, provided, and hopefully became the educators in our interactions with our society. As I reflect back on my upbringing, I can't help but recall the household I grew up in and my Mom and Dad who experienced and witnessed so much, that it drove their values and empathy for a world that we all sometimes take for granted. A lot of you reading this had met my Mom, Sherry, but only a few, if any, ever met my Dad, Harold.

Both were products of poverty. My Dad was born in 1917 during World War I and grew up in a neighborhood where many went hungry and struggled to put the pieces of a life together. Laborers, Hand Craftsmen, Corner Cart sales people, and day jobs filled many of their homes with opportunity to survive. Mom was born in 1931 during the height of the Great Depression. Her Dad, I joked, was Al Bundy. He sold shoes. But both my parents understood the struggle between surrendering to obstacles they faced and figuring it all out. Getting into their journey here would make this way too long, but I will conclude this by saying that both of them managed to not only surmount what they faced and spring-board themselves into the life of "middle class."

Along the way, they both had LOTS of help, government, state, and region. Even back then there were opportunities and programs and from that, they grew and made it their own. That they did. I am so thankful they made me understand and appreciate everything it took for them to make their children's life better. It was the beginning of the education of 'What My Parents Taught Me.' You're not always going to come from strength, but need to recognize the struggle. "Just because you didn't have an uphill climb, you need to appreciate others' challenges because those challenges were ours!!!"

So let's proceed and talk about that. See, my Dad was very involved in the sport of boxing as well as overseeing a linen supply business. In both professions, he met MANY diverse individuals. While Martin Luther King, Jr. gets the well deserved credit for saying, "Judge not by the color of one's skin, but the content of one's character," my Dad never strayed away from that way of living. No matter who wronged or who righted him, he always judged people from the inside out, not from the outside in.

Due to the editor's fault, this column was missing from last month's issue. Kindly accept our apologies.

My Mom was surrounded in a Bronx neighborhood by a tremendous amount of diversity and she as well said, "You don't judge a book by its cover, but by the content of the read." And thus, this is how the world looked to me and my sister growing up.

We saw many 'different people', but we just weren't enthralled in prejudice by sight or status. Kindness is a reflection of attitude and interaction first and foremost. Anyone can wrong you. You need to know the people first by their interactions.

This is where I feel we have stumbled as a society. It is not in the interaction of our presence, but in our ability to not appreciate the "real struggles" of the past in any of the lives of those responsible for our being here. I look at many now expressing what they express and I've known these folks much of my life. They grew up with me, but never lived through a depression, a war where the country shut down so production could be focused on the war effort, or even the poverty of an economy in ruins that needed to be rebuilt from ruins.

The fault moving ahead as a nation as I see it is ignoring the past lessons we should have learned from our parents and grandparents, who learned those things from their parents and grandparents. If we judge from our hate rather than our empathy and heart, we look at the worse, and not how to make it better. If we analyze by pointing to people not getting benefits and say they're not getting what they need because you need to hate "those people," you create a victim to your challenge and blame as opposed to helping them.

What did my parents teach me? Well, they taught me to listen to the plight of others and if you can't sit down with them and understand, you're in no position to negatively judge them or make them victims. They also said you can't blame others for your "have-nots." I am very thankful for my parents' explaining their past, present when we were there, and understanding we don't have to be the same. E'Pluribus Unum means "Out of many, one." This is what my parents taught me. When will we all remember that so we can run with dignity as a society, rather than exploit displeasure, by either following bad leaders or being one ourselves?

I have much faith and will till I can't voice it any further. Hope many will join me, and thank you, Mom and Dad, for "what you taught me."

Help a Needy Family Program

It's That Time of Year



Janice Baer

It's difficult to believe that it is already time to plan and organize our 2021 Needy Family Program. This will be our 20th year helping families in need with clothing, household items and basic necessities. Last year during the height of the pandemic, we had record breaking participation as well as funds collected. We were able to help 18 families!

As we are still in a pandemic, we have given much thought as to how to proceed this year. We have decided that we will run a hybrid program. For those of you who are comfortable in shopping, you can do so; for those who are not comfortable, financial donations will be greatly appreciated and used to purchase gift cards or needed items.

To participate, please email me, Janice Baer at jbbd11@verizon.net, and let me know in which of the following capacities:

Please go to <http://www.Bnaitikvah.org> and click on "Connect" then click on Needy Family. A donation page has been specifically set up for this program.

- Monetary donation- Go to [Bnaitikvah.org](http://www.Bnaitikvah.org) and click on "Connect," Then click on [Needy Family](#). A donation page has been specifically set up for this program **OR**
- send a check made out to B'nai Tikvah-indicate Needy Family Program in memo.
- Sponsoring a family
- Sponsoring an adult and child
- Sponsoring one person
- Purchasing one or more gifts for a family

We know this has been a difficult year for all. Any form of participation would be greatly appreciated.

Bat Mitzvah



Ella Weber
Daughter of
Aimee & Larry Weber
November 6th

Bat Mitzvah



Sophia Demarest
Daughter of
Sharon & Bob Demarest
November 20th

North/South Brunswick USY Senior Spotlight



Sydney Sookerman

Our 2021-2022 USY Seniors are Bashe Rockman, Rebecca Smoller, and Sarah Wilk. They have been the glue that has held this chapter together for the past three years. Their enthusiasm, motivation, and leadership have exceeded all expectations. As their Youth Advisor, I want to thank them for that, the events that they have helped create, the new member outreach, and the multiple regional and national awards won by the chapter. All the good things done so far by North/South Brunswick USY would have not been possible without these lovely young women. They love USY to its core, have stayed motivated through a pandemic, and continue to see the light in this upcoming year. Not only have I watched these girls grow up over the years, they truly have impressed me with so many things, each of them bringing something different to the table. They have not only had a positive impact on this chapter because they are so heavily involved in USY in all aspects, but they have also developed themselves as teenagers, and will very soon thrive as young Jewish adults, wherever they may spread their wings post High School.

We laugh. We chat. We have fun. We love our chapter members. We love B'nai Tikvah and I think, over the past three years, we all learned in our own way to love ourselves. I look forward to continuing this in the upcoming year.

I am so happy to announce and give a huge MAZEL TOV to our Youth of the Year Bashe Rockman!!!

Bashe Rockman- From growing up at CBT, singing at Shabbat services, leading Torah for Tots, being involved in Kadima and USY, continuing to be on the NSBUSY board all 4 years in high school, she has truly done it all! Her love for prayer, ruach, and Congregation B'nai Tikvah, her second home, alongside her brother Rafi, always tie into our USY chapter, creating a space for Jewish teens to learn more. Bashe has been the Israel Awareness VP three times for our chapter and now is



our North/South Brunswick's USY President for 2021-2022. Bashe is insightful. Her wealth of knowledge on all things related to Judaism, Israel, current events, and more contribute so much to our USY experience. Her perception and communication always come across as relatable and understandable, she sparks conversations and always leads our group in the right direction, whether that is with an event, a meeting, a dilemma, or communication. Congratulations Bashe!

Rebecca Smoller- Becca has been North/South Brunswick's USY Communications VP twice and is now the Hagalil Regional Communications Vice President! Becca is truly innovative. She has done a fantastic job with our chapter's communication through social media and eye-catching flyers. Her content is always professional and creative and she has worked with Sarah Wilk and Liam Rosen in the role of increasing Membership and attendees for events. Becca is always one step ahead and keeps me on my toes with her vision for content, communication, and organization. She is always a helping hand no matter what the occasion and a huge help in every aspect of an event.



Sarah Wilk- Sarah has been the Freshman Representative, Membership Programming VP twice and is now taking on a brand new role her senior year, Israel Awareness VP for NSBUSY. Sarah can be best described as devoted. Whatever event she plans alongside her counterparts and former co-VP or her brainstorming for increasing membership, she is 110% devoted to every part of our chapter. It is something I always look forward to and balances out our chapter when we are out of certain ideas. This is because it always sparks something! Sarah has so much enthusiasm, positive energy, and empathy for others, which makes a valuable impact on our chapter.





CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB

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Marc Rosen, President

Man of the Year/Youth of the Year

The annual Men's Club Man of the Year/Youth of the Year awards ceremony will be returning to CBT again this year. We are proud to announce our winners for this year are:

Man of the Year



Brian Berness

Youth of the Year



Bashe Rockman

Congratulations to both of you! We are proud to have you representing us on December 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

Raze the Roof 2021



What a beautiful day it was to tear down the CBT sukkah. I thank everyone who came out to help.

Upcoming Events

- November 4, 8pm - Football Night: Jets vs Colts
- November 8, 8pm - Northern NJ Region (NNJR) Board Meeting & Dinner
- December 4 - Latkes & Vodkas (time TBD)
- December 12, 7pm - NNJR Man and Youth of the Year Awards
- January 6, 9pm - World Wide Wrap



Lori Sookerman



Shelly Wistreich

Please visit <http://bnaitikvah.org/sismember> to discover the joy of getting involved in our circle. Sisterhood would love to welcome you.
 Contact: Jessica Zink - JessicaZink@optonline.net

Mitzvah Baskets

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 Contact: Teresa Samtur msamtur@comcast.net or 732-821-8163

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 Contact: Marci Abschutz, 732-735-1946.

Torah Fund

The new pins are available with a \$180 pledge. We would love to welcome you as a Torah Fund benefactor, helping the Women's League for Conservative Judaism to support the Jewish Theological Seminary, its teachers, Cantors, and Rabbis.
 Contact: Teresa Samtur msamtur@comcast.net or 732-821-8163

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Presents

VIRTUAL BOOK CHAT
WITH AUTHOR OF

MY JEWISH YEAR

Abigail Pogrebin



Thursday, December 9th at 7:30pm



Join Sisterhood and see what we're all about... We need your support!

Sisterhood: the feeling of kinship with and closeness to a group of women.

We are looking forward to having everyone join us this year and to seeing everyone's faces!
We welcome your ideas, participation and enthusiasm! We hope everyone has been safe and healthy during these times!

Our Paid up Membership Event will be held Sunday, October 31st from 10 am-12 pm

Upcoming events will be announced and shared!

Simply fill out the form below and mail it to Elisa Berness, our Financial Secretary, at the address provided below.

We are offering different membership levels. Please choose:

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- \$45 Rachel Level - Open **only** to Synagogue members: ___
- \$54 Rebecca Level - Open to all(including non-synagogue members) : ___
- \$72 Sarah Level - Open to all: ___

Questions? Call Jessica Zink 732-715-4765 or email jessiczink@optonline.net

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CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH PRESENTS

**Saturday, November 20, 2021
at 8pm via Zoom**

TRUE COLORS

**A virtual performance
by The Braid**

\$10/screen

Humorous, revealing and inspiring stories from
Jews of Color exploring identity, community
and being a Jew in modern times.

What's Going on with WAM?

(Ways & Means, Activities and Membership)

Our "Come Back to Tikvah" campaign is in full swing and the activities are flowing! We have been working hard to bring all kinds of programs and events to CBT that will engage, entertain and excite you.

Whether it's in the shul, out in the parking lot, on the back patio, or even virtual, there's something for everyone!

After being cooped up in our pods for a long time, we're excited to get everyone out to participate in a wide variety of programming to bring everyone together to enjoy each other's company.

Our busy year so far has included:

- Kick-off and follow up "Come Back to Tikvah" shmoozefests in the parking lot
- Movie nights on our back patio
- "All you ever wanted to know..." Jewish Holiday Q&A sessions with Rabbi Wolkoff
- Poker nights
- Fiber Arts Group meetings
- Biking and hiking outings

Coming up that you don't want to miss?

Saturday, November 20th: True Colors (virtual) – Humorous, revealing and inspiring stories from Jews of Color; a performance by The Braid

Thursday, December 9th: A Virtual Book Chat with Abigail Pogrebin, author of the popular book, "My Jewish Year!"

What's in the works?

January 2022:

A (virtual) event with famed actress, Lainie Kazan (you know her from My Big Fat Greek Wedding!)

February 2022:

The return of a CBT favorite:
Dueling Pianos!

And planning has begun for our CBT Heroes Gala...it's NEVER too late to celebrate!

Make sure to read your emails and check the website for upcoming events. Find the things you like and join in!

If there's something else you'd like to see, contact WAM and we'll help you get it started.

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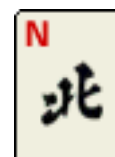
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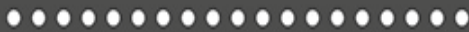
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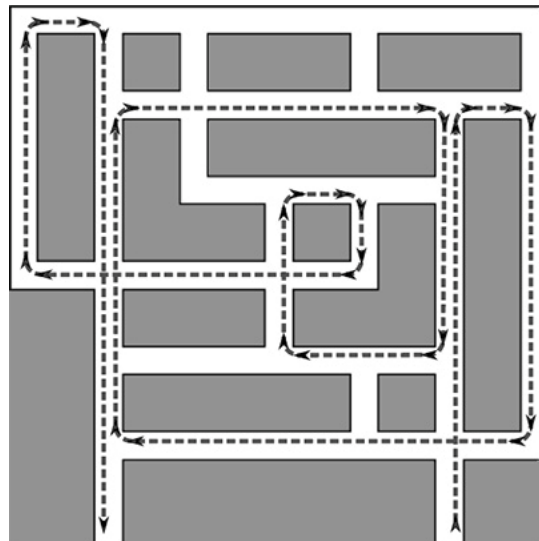
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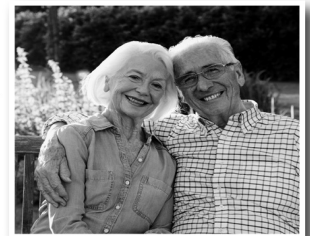
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