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Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention the following opinion piece posted on *The Jerusalem Post* titled, "[Remember Albert Agarunov, the Jewish hero of Azerbaijan](#)." The author discussed the life of Agarunov, "one of the greatest Azerbaijani-Jewish heroes" and noted, "He is a genuine hero and a model of the courage" of the Azerbaijani people.

Of Agarunov, the author wrote: "His life carries spiritual and emotional resonance for all people, but especially for Jews in the Muslim world. The meaning and depth of his identity was only realized because he was born and raised in a place where interreligious harmony became an expected component of life. Agarunov fought for his homeland Azerbaijan, because for thousands of years and all the right reasons, his homeland fought for him. Albert Agarunov was a war hero, an icon of Jewish life and commitment who was not only accepted in a majority-Muslim nation, but also widely cherished by all faiths."

The full piece can be found [here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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