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Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention the following article in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency titled "[Azerbaijan hopes its new Museum of Mountain Jews will \(eventually\) spark tourism revival.](#)" The author described Azerbaijan's new Museum of Mountain Jews in the remote town of Krasnaiya Sloboda, an all-Jewish shtetl of about 3,500 inhabitants and two active synagogues.

Although the museum is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, visitors will eventually be able "to access one of the most remote collections of Judaica anywhere in the former Soviet Union." The author noted Azerbaijan's Jewish community and quoted Evgeny Brenneysen, deputy chairman of the Ashkenazi Jewish community in Baku, who said, "We don't have anti-Semitism because there's a positive attitude among Azerbaijanis."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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