
LIVING IN AZERBAIJAN AS A JEW VERSUS BEING JEWISH IN ARMENIA

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On October 8, Ashkenazi Jews living in Azerbaijan gathered to pray for the victory of Azerbaijan's army in the war for Nagorno-Karabakh. I think all Jewish communities of Azerbaijan – Mountain Jews and Georgian Jews – should join this prayer. Azerbaijan's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shneur Segal said, We love our homeland Azerbaijan. We pray for the victory and for liberation of the lands occupied by the aggressor.

My family has lived in Baku since the beginning of the last century. How did the Baku Jews live? Why do they remember their city so warmly? Because the Jews there were never outcasts.

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