

Privacy Policy

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Welcome to the official website of Raphael Yaakov. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, and protect your information when you visit www.raphaelyaakov.com ("the Site"), including when you browse creative works, view digital media, or subscribe to blog updates.

This website is hosted on the **GoDaddy platform**. By using the Site, you consent to the practices described in this policy.

1. Information We Collect

We collect limited personal information in the following ways:

a. Information You Provide Voluntarily

- **Contact Forms:** Name, email address, and message content when you reach out.
- **Blog Subscriptions:** Email address (and optionally, name) when you sign up to receive blog updates or newsletters.

b. Information Collected Automatically

When you visit the Site, GoDaddy and third-party services may collect:

- IP address
- Browser type and device information
- Pages visited, time spent, and actions taken
- Referral source (e.g., Google, social media)

This is typically collected via cookies or similar technologies.

2. How We Use Your Information

We use your information to:

- Send blog updates or newsletters (if you've subscribed)
- Respond to messages and inquiries
- Analyze website traffic and user behavior to improve performance
- Maintain website security and integrity

We **do not sell, rent, or trade** your personal information to third parties.

3. Blog Subscriptions and Email Communications

When you subscribe to our blog, we collect your email address to send updates and notifications about new posts or creative projects.

- You can **unsubscribe** at any time using the link in our emails.
- Your information may be managed through a **third-party email service provider**, such as GoDaddy Email Marketing or Mailchimp. These services are GDPR-compliant and only process your data to deliver our communications.

4. Hosting and Third-Party Services

This website is hosted on **GoDaddy.com**, which may collect technical data necessary for website functionality and analytics. You can view GoDaddy's own Privacy Policy here:
<https://www.godaddy.com/legal/agreements/privacy-policy>

We may also use third-party tools for analytics (e.g., Google Analytics), email delivery, or spam protection. These tools may collect anonymized or pseudonymized data to improve site performance and ensure security.

5. Cookies and Tracking

We use cookies to:

- Remember your preferences (if applicable)
- Monitor traffic and performance
- Improve your browsing experience

You can control cookie settings in your browser. Blocking cookies may impact some functionality of the Site.

For information on Google Analytics and how to opt out, visit:

<https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>

6. Artistic Content Disclaimer

All poems, images, and digital media displayed on this Site are **original works** created by Raphael Yaakov.

- Any resemblance to real individuals, living or dead, is purely coincidental. These works are **fictional or expressive in nature** and do **not depict or represent any real individuals**, unless explicitly stated.
- For works inspired by true events, **all identifying and protected information has been removed or anonymized**.
- If a name or real identity is mentioned in any work, it is done only with the individual's prior and explicit permission.

All creative works are **protected by copyright** and may not be copied, reproduced, or distributed without written permission.

7. Your Rights

Depending on your location (e.g., EU or California), you may have the right to:

- Access or request a copy of your personal data
- Correct or delete your data
- Withdraw consent at any time (e.g., unsubscribe)
- Lodge a complaint with a local data protection authority

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us via the inquiry form.

8. Data Security

We follow industry best practices and use trusted third-party services (e.g., GoDaddy) to protect your information. However, no method of transmission or storage online is 100% secure.

9. External Links

Our website may contain links to external websites or services (e.g., publishing platforms, media hosts, or social networks). We are not responsible for the privacy practices of those third parties. Please review their policies separately.

10. Children's Privacy

This Site is not intended for children under the age of 18. We do not collect personal information from minors. If you believe a child has submitted data, please contact us so we can delete it. If you are under 18, you may only use this Site with the **involvement and consent of a parent or legal guardian**. If we learn that such information has been collected without consent, we will delete it promptly.

11. Changes to This Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy occasionally. Changes will be posted here with a new "Effective Date." Your continued use of the Site implies your acceptance of any updates.

12. Contact Us

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy, or wish to update your information, please contact via the inquiry form.