

About Yakov Azriel

Yakov Azriel was born in New York (as Gerald Rosenkrantz) and came to live in Israel after finishing his BA in English literature in Brooklyn College. He later completed an MA in Judaica, and in May 2004 he received his doctorate (focusing on the Chassidic stories of Rabbi Nachman of Braslav).

He has published four full-length books of poetry: *Threads From A Coat Of Many Colors: Poems on Genesis* (2005), *In The Shadow Of A Burning Bush: Poems on Exodus* (2008), *Beads For The Messiah's Bride: Poems on Leviticus* (2009), and *Swimming In Moses' Well* (2009), all published by Time Being Books. His new books of poetry based on the Books of Deuteronomy and the Psalms will be published over the next few years. Over 200 of his poems have been published in journals and magazines in the United States, the United Kingdom and Israel, and his poems have won seventeen different awards in international poetry competitions. Yakov Azriel has twice been awarded fellowships from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture for his poetry.

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