

AVRAM'S GIFT

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"[A] Rosh Hashanah story, an immigrant story, and a story about contemporary Jewish life all in one beautifully illustrated chapter book bursting with Yiddishkeit."

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EIGHT-YEAR-OLD MARK HAS TWO WISHES:

To become a shofar-blower—just like his High Holiday hero—and to make that photograph of his great-great-grandfather Avram disappear from the hallway in his new home. When the family gathers for Rosh Hashanah, though, Mark discovers that his own desire to blow the shofar is actually linked to a hope that the unsmiling man in the photograph once had.

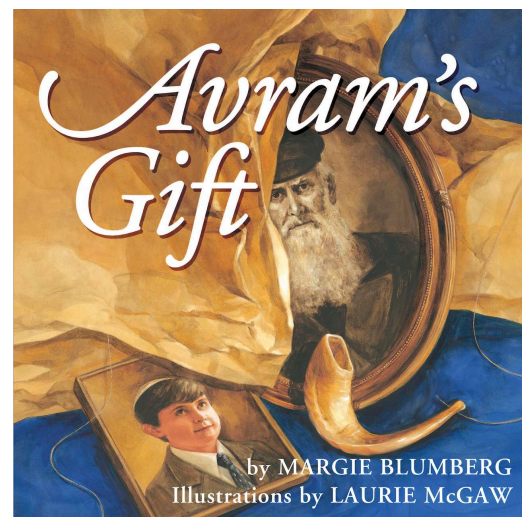
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- A Hebrew-Yiddish-English glossary
- A recipe for honey cake
- Shofar-blowing instructions



Margie Blumberg's dream of becoming a book publisher came true when she launched MB Publishing in 2003. *Avram's Gift* was her first title ("A Notable Book for Younger Readers" —*The Sydney Taylor Book Awards*). Her company's other books include *A Gefilte Fishy Tale*, *The Scoop on Good Grammar*, *Tutti's Promise*, and *Celtic Run: A Jake McGreevy Novel (Book 1 of 3)*. A graduate of American University and the University of Baltimore School of Law, Margie resides in Bethesda, Maryland, where she enjoys baking, biking, backgammon, books, movies, and music. Her favorite children's books include *Charlotte's Web*, *No Roses for Harry*, and *Put Me in the Zoo*.

Laurie McGaw is well known for her vibrant portraits of such renowned figures as jazz artists Oscar Peterson and Gene Di Novi and film director Norman Jewison. She is also known for her other award-winning illustrated books, such as *Polar the Titanic Bear*—nominated for a Governor General's Award—and *African Princess*. Visit LaurieMcGaw.com.



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