

Melaine Present is completely surprised as Jonathan Bowman "pops the question" and presents her with an engagement ring during a Passover Seder.



The Fifth Question at the Seder: Will you marry me?

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Proposing at the Passover seder? That's the way Jonathan Bowman decided to propose to his girlfriend, but it wasn't anything new in his family, but still Jonathan came up with his own twist.

At last year's seder, Jonathan, 27, son of Dr. Steven and Judy Bowman of Clearwater, was the one chosen to recite the Four Questions. That positioned him to ask the fifth question—big one: "Will you marry me?"

The most surprised of all was Jonathan's girlfriend, Melaine Present, also 27, daughter of Jan and Mal Segal and Steve Present of Tampa.

She said she knew Jonathan was "the real deal" back in 2007 when they began dating, but didn't expect him to pop the question yet.

All of the guests, consisting of both sets of parents, Bowman's paternal grandmother, Selma Bowman, and Melaine's maternal grandmother, Goldie Levinson, were taken



off guard, except for one — Jonathan's grandmother.

Selma Bowman knew his plans in advance and kept the secret. It was her engagement ring from more than 60 years earlier that Jonathan now gave Melaine.

In her surprise, Melaine said, she actually took the ring out of the box and placed it on her own finger, saying nothing.

A Passover proposal was not an entirely novel idea to the Bowman family.

"My dad asked my mom to marry him 40 years ago at a seder," Jonathan said. "I decided I would do the same thing for Melaine."

"Everybody loves everybody," said Melaine. "It's a good fit all around."

The wedding is planned in St. Petersburg in May.

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