

Our Beginnings Forever

Jonathan Tzippor & Lisa Bayla

צפור ובילה

Jonathan S. Rodney

"Tzippor Shoshon"



An intensely curious and reflective being, I always remain conscious of the community and traditions I am rooted in. I am a voracious reader and scholar, devouring tales of science, history, and mathematics. Everything about the natural world fills me with awe. I love gazing at the sky, smelling flowers, looking at rainbows, caring for plants, playing with animals. Working as an optical design engineer I help make modern technology possible. To craft, to make something that works, provides happiness, satisfaction, and joy. My Jewish heritage, scientific learning, and family form a wonderful cultural inheritance to share with my soulmate.

Lisa B. Corfman

"Bayla"



As a proud and caring educator and Jewish origami artist, I make, sell, teach and showcase the art form, all the while kindling creativity. Building a community with friends and family, students and teachers, and the little children of the future, is a love I cannot explain. Sparked by my Jewish roots, my aptitude in art, and joy in community, I value learning and social opportunities to grow and bond, above all with my soulmate.

Together

We love each other.

We share values.

We are beginning to garden life together,
...to replant our seedlings into one beautiful pot!



Proposal Magic – Sunday, May 26, 2024

At 7:15pm in the evening on Lag B’Omer Jonathan arrived! We started a walk on the bike trail as Jonathan escorted me outside. We looked at the flowers, saw a chum tzipor – a brown bird – and my sweetheart Tzipor Shoshon tweeted his lovely whistle. Jonathan reminisced about me, Lisa Bayla, my life in Maynard. Then he spoke about the Jonathan he identifies within his heart – he talked about, “who the real me is.”

The magic in Jonathan’s own words:

We walked into Acton and we gazed upon the trees and the pond by the trail and the reeds and the setting sun amidst the clouds. Jonathan turned to Lisa and said that of all parts of his life, of all his hopes and cares and adventures and loves, here linked to the beauty of the world was where his soul was most centered. Jonathan asked Lisa to share this spirit with him. As Lisa beamed, her eyes glistened, and her smile grew and eclipsed the light upon the trees, Jonathan knelt upon the ground and offered his soul to Lisa. Opening the box which he brought forth, he offered Lisa a diamond ring as a sign of endless love, and asked her to marry him. She lowered her head toward him, her face red in the sunlight and eyes shining with joy, and said “Yes.” And Lisa and Jonathan plighted their troth in the last hour of Lag B’Omer, as the birds tweeted, the butterflies darted, and a chorus of frogs erupted from the pond to share the news with all of nature’s nearby creatures.

We took pictures with my forever ring in my apartment. Then I offered Jonathan a gift of Tefillin for his milestone 50th birthday. He accepted joyfully – then we realized that he misunderstood, and thought I was offering him a Tallit! So I happily offered to give him a Tallit instead. Jonathan told me how romantic he thought it would be to receive a tallit from his fiancé as a symbol of our home. We decided to go to a Judaic shop together to pick out a tallit.

This was a completely amazing, wonderful day! Magic is in the air. We are engaged!!!!!!



Telling My folks – Monday Evening, May 27, 2024

Prelude: Jonathan had asked my mother on May 15th for her blessing prior to asking me to marry him, but he was not ready so he let her know that it would be the following week. My mother Debbie then knew exactly when the proposal would happen. Sunday night Jonathan and I decided to keep it quiet, but we asked what time would work to come over for a barbecue the next day. Debbie said 5pm or 5:30pm, but we planned to be late because she is never ready.



Story: As we arrived at 6pm in Acton, my mother was gardening, and the barbecue was out but not started. I hid my engagement ring. We would not eat until 7:30pm. My folks were generally happy to see us there.

We sat down at the dining room table to eat. I asked Jonathan to say the blessing over the food, which he did nicely. Then, I began sharing our “Magical Day” story. Upon my saying that Jonathan asked for my hand in marriage and displaying my hand with the diamond ring, Lloyd started playing the song “Siman Tov and Mazel Tov” on his phone, my mother brought out a beautiful bouquet of flowers with many roses, and Lloyd broke open a bottle of champagne! I was astonished and said, “oh my g-d, oh my g-d, oh my g-d.” They were ready! We were delighted. We took pictures with the bouquet of flowers. We shared the full story while we ate a lovely dinner together.



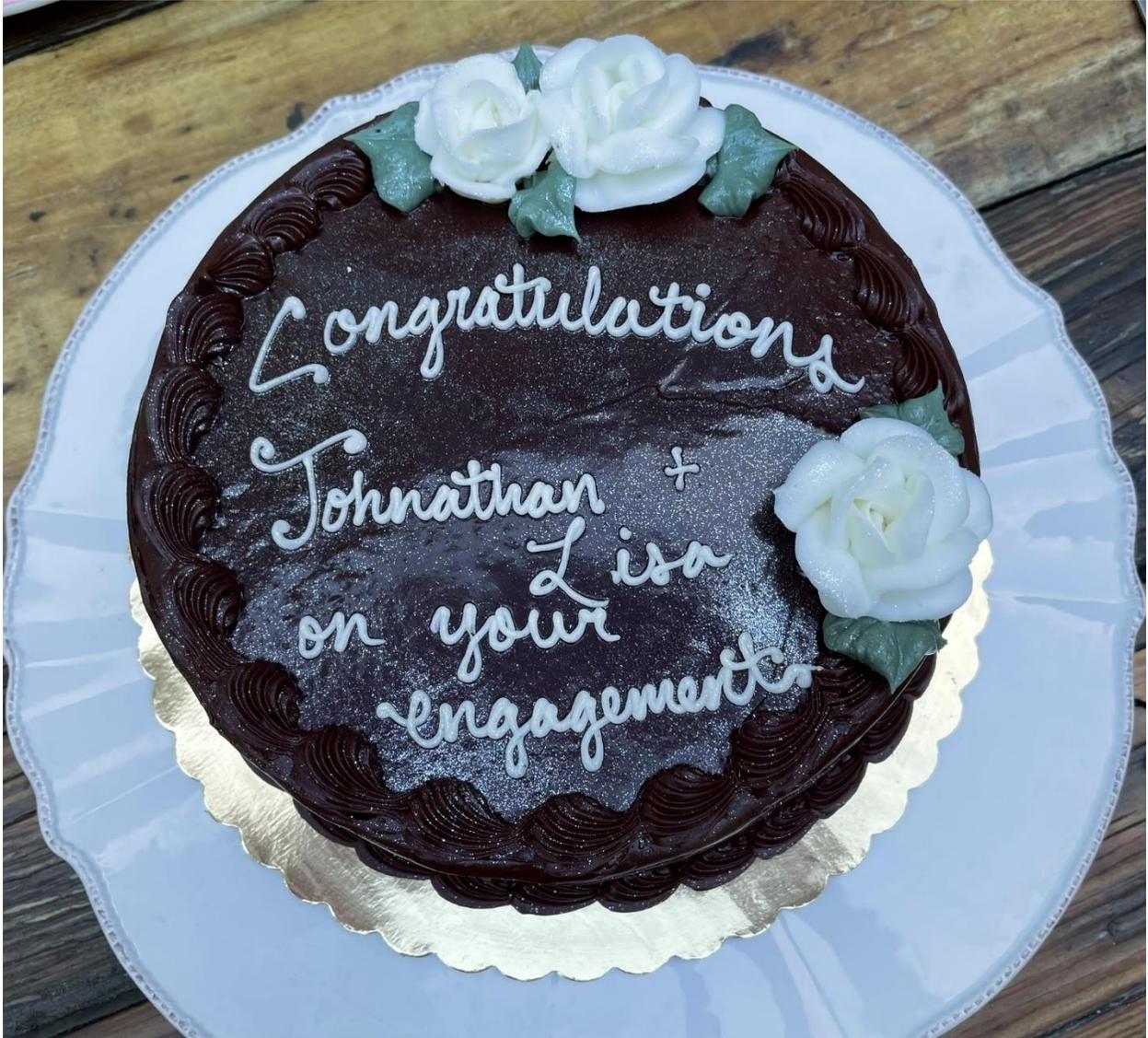
Second Proposal – Monday night, May 27, 2024

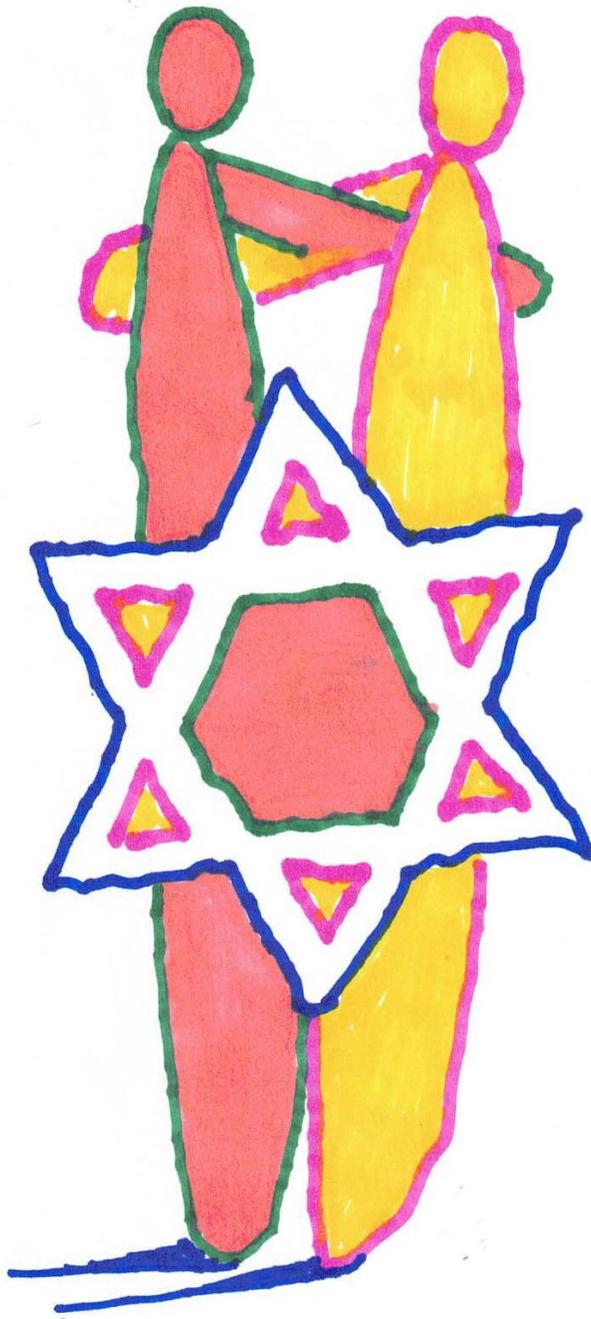
Prelude: When Jonathan asked me to be his girlfriend on February 4, 2023, I said, “of course.” He asked me to ask him the same thing in return and he said “Yes.”

On the rail trail when he asked me to marry him, I said “Yes.” I had never been asked that before and the answer could not be taken for granted at truth – it was new.

Story: Monday at my apartment Jonathan prepared a second proposal. He had 20 glittery electric white candles, which he lit and laid out in a four-foot-diameter circle. He sprinkled many red fabric flower petals within the circle. Then we dimmed the lights. He was within the circle, and I was just outside. Jonathan said to me again, “Will you marry me?” I stepped into the circle and said “of course!” Then, reliving the question to be his girlfriend at the next level, I asked Jonathan “Will you marry me?” He said “Yes”. This became another enchanting story of the beginning of our engagement.







Body of Two Jewish Souls Together

By Lisa of Origami Place – A Felt Pen Art piece from January 10, 2023