

# A Letter to Harvey Milk: Short Stories / 178 pages / University of Wisconsin Press, 2004 / 9780299205744 / Leslie Newman / 2004

A LETTER TO HARVEY MILK was proud to be a selection of the New York Musical Theatre Festival's 2012 Next Link Project. Winner of 5 awards at NYMF 2012, including Most Promising Musical. 2012 Richard Rodgers Award Finalist. Book by Jerry James, Ellen M. Schwartz, Cheryl Stern and Laura I. Kramer. Music by Laura I. Kramer. Lyrics by Ellen M. Schwartz. Additional Lyrics by Cheryl Stern. Orchestrations and Additional Arrangements by Ned Paul Ginsburg. Based on the short story "A Letter To Harvey Milk" by Leslie Newman See More. Awards. \*NYMF 2012 Next Link Selection. \*Finalist for 2012 Richard Rodgers Award Letter to Harvey Milk is a musical composed by Laura I. Kramer, lyrics by Ellen M. Schwartz, book by Jerry James; it is based on Leslie Newman's short story of the same name. It won the Richard Rodgers Award in 2012. Its New York premier at the New York Musical Theatre Festival was directed by David Schechter and starred Leslie Kritzer, Jeff Keller, Cheryl Stern, Brandon Uranowitz and Sara Corey. The title story, "A Letter to Harvey Milk," was the second place finalist in the Raymond Carver Short Story Competition. This poignant and humorous collection of stories offers a fresh perspective on current issues such as homosexuality and anti-Semitism and lends a unique voice to those experiencing growing pains and self-discovery. Newman's readers accompany her quirky Jewish characters through all types of experiences from an initial lesbian sexual encounter to being sequestered in a college apartment after paranoid Holocaust flashbacks. In these stories characters anxiously discover their lesbian identities while beginning to understand, and finally to embrace, their Jewish heritage. A Letter to Harvey Milk. A great Jewish books teacher workshop resource kit. Sara Barber-Just. Teachers' Guide. This guide accompanies resources that can be found at: <http://teachgreatjewishbooks.org/module/letter-harvey-milk-0>. Introduction. "A Letter To Harvey Milk" is the powerful, titular story in a short story collection by Leslie Newman that touches upon queer identity, Jewish identity, and the intersection and collision between the two (lesleanewman.com). The entire story, including a glossary of Yiddish terms, can be found in Leslie Newman's collection of short stories entitled A Letter to Harvey Milk. For more information about the author, Leslie Newman, visit her website.