

2: Dictionary definitions, and excerpts, "Yentl the Yeshiva Boy," Isaac Bashevis Singer, 1962.

Homosocial: adjective

ho·mo·so·cial | \,hō-mə-'sō-shəl \

Definition of homosocial

: of, relating to, or involving social relationships between persons of the same sex and especially between men

Example from "Yentl the Yeshiva Boy":

"It was the first time Yentl had ever found herself alone in the company of young men. How different their talk was from the jabbering of women, she thought, but she was too shy to join in...After a while, the company proceeded to contests of strength. One pried open another's fist; a second tried to bend a companion's arm..." (Singer, 214)

Homoerotic: adjective

ho·mo·erot·ic | \,hō-mō-i-'rā-tik \

Definition of homoerotic

: HOMOSEXUAL

Specifically: marked by, revealing, or portraying homosexual desire

Example from "Yentl the Yeshiva Boy":

"Anshel looked at [Hadass] as she stood there—tall, blond, with a long neck, hollow cheeks, and blue eyes, wearing a cotton dress and a calico apron. Her hair, fixed in two braids, was flung back over her shoulders. A pity I'm not a man, Anshel thought" (Singer, 216).

Homosexual: adjective

ho·mo·sex·u·al | \,hō-mə-'sek-sh(ə)wəl, -'sek-shəl \

Definition of homosexual (Entry 1 of 2)

1 : of, relating to, or characterized by a tendency to direct sexual desire toward another of the same sex : GAY

2 : of, relating to, or involving sexual activity between persons of the same sex

Example from "Yentl the Yeshiva Boy":

"'Then I'll get undressed.' Avigdor's eyes widened. It occurred to him that Anshel might want to practice pederasty" (Singer, 221).