

Religious Order of Gershom - How it got its name

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A proposed name for our specific TGC would be Gershom. I base this on the same reasoning that came about when the members of JSOTa created a religious order that was called The Religious Order of Gershom (TOOG). The idea behind the word for Gershom is to encapsulate living in the Diaspora (Galut in Hebrew), but with the intent of returning to the land of Israel (HaArets). A friend of mine use to always say “we are all out here doing the best we can”, which I would modify by saying...”we (us Israelites) are all out here (in the Diaspora) doing (keeping the Torah) the best we can (practicing for the ultimate return to Israel).

For a further explanation, see the excerpt below from my future book “The American Birthright”.

The Order of Gershom got its name as a result of a play on words from the definition for "Nonresident Alien", see 26 USC § 7701 (b)(1)(B). How one defines himself is very important in law, and delegating that to anyone else is a big mistake.

A "Nonresident Alien" is a proper definition of how the secular world would view Americans i.e. those people who have Creator Given unalienable Rights to Life Liberty and Happiness. An American is a Nonresident Alien, because he lives on the land of the several states of the Union and does not **reside** in the United States (2). DC, Federal Corporation. An American is **alien** to the law form of the United States (2). DC, Federal Corporation and its jurisdiction.

The use of the word Gershom for The Order is how we can proactively define ourselves and tie us back to Torah. We in America who have a passion for our American birthright (ultimately our Israel birthright) know that we are spiritually in Mitzriam (Egypt), but we also know that we can be **in** the world, but not **of** (alien to) the world. Our time in Mitzriam is temporal, therefore we are strangers. Gershom is also the son of Moshe who gave us the Torah, therefore we identify as Israel and the law form of Torah that defines Israel.

Exodus 2:22

And she bare him a son, and he called his name **Gershom**: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

The verse above occurs before Moshe and the Sons of Israel make the exodus from Egypt to the promised land. Moshe gives his son's name as an expression of his temporal status.

Gershom is an entity based on and designed from scriptural principles. My vision is that it is an investment vehicle with the purpose of starting a community so that the members can become more Torah compliant.

Eph 2:19 CJB

So then, you are no longer **foreigners** and **strangers**. On the contrary, you are fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's family.

The complete opposite of being a non resident alien, is being resident domestic. Paul, in Eph 2:19, is looking at a citizen of the Kingdom of heaven (which is where Elohim ‘resides’) as being resident domestic to it. When we get to this Kingdom we will not call ourselves Gershom, we only use this term at the time before we get there, that is in this world (but of course not of this world).