

Concurring Statement to "Name of a Convert"  
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In point 2) of the "P'sak Din" on p. 5, Rabbi Leff writes: "If a convert chooses a different name, it is preferred that in any official documents, such as ketubbot or gittin, that the convert be identified as הגר or הגיורת." Based on the sources that Rabbi Leff himself brings, I would say that the word "preferred" should be replaced by the word "required."