

BY ALD. KOVAC

Resolution congratulating Rabbi David Brusin on his retirement from Congregation Shir Hadash.

WHEREAS,

RABBI DAVID BRUSIN

retired from Congregation Shir Hadash after 21 years as rabbi, and he and his wife, Sandy, were honored at a special gala on May 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, *Rabbi David Brusin was ordained in 1974 from Philadelphia's Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and was a member of its first graduating class, and served as associate rabbi and director of education at a Chicago Reconstructionist synagogue prior to service as director of a Jewish day school in Tampa, Florida; and*

WHEREAS, *After serving as director of Judaic Studies at the Milwaukee Jewish Day School (where he helped double enrollment), in 1993 Rabbi David Brusin was hired by Congregation Shir Hadash (which he co-founded in 1989); and*

WHEREAS, *During his time at Shir Hadash -- the only Reconstructionist congregation in Milwaukee -- Rabbi Brusin led the congregation in traditional and contemporary worship services, began a religious education program for children featuring Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring and added a flourishing Adult Education Program; and*

WHEREAS, *Rabbi David Brusin's warmth and down-to-earth personality made people feel at home as he helped the congregation build community in its small, comfortable setting, and as an expert challah baker, he made his tasty creation for Shabbat and holiday events, and he is a co-founder of Tikkun Haier, a Jewish meal program serving the Milwaukee area; and*

WHEREAS, *Rabbi David Brusin is the author of numerous articles appearing in religious journals and other publications, and has taught Hebrew Studies and other classes at Cardinal Stritch University, Ripon College, and UW-Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Rabbi David Brusin on his retirement from Congregation Shir Hadash and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rabbi David Brusin.*

Introduced by Common Council member Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 3, 2014.