

WASHINGTON, DC – On Monday, the Congress Management Foundation awarded Congressman Steve Israel with the “Silver Mouse Award” for the “A” grade his website received in their new report. The study can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/24cehn> .

“I am proud to have received this award because it validates one my primary objectives in Congress: to prioritize constituent service,” Israel said. “The website is a great way to provide my constituents with information about what I’m doing in Congress and what I can do for them. I’m continually trying to improve visitors’ experience at my website by adding and updating features like my blog and am glad that those efforts have been recognized with the Silver Mouse Award.”

Visitors to www.house.gov/israel can find a plethora of information about Congress, federal government, New York’s Second District and Steve Israel, sign up for e-newsletter updates and read the Congressman’s blog. The blog allows constituents to get an honest and up-close look into the day to day life of a Member of Congress. Congressman Israel writes first-hand about his experience: from attending the State of the Union to meeting with constituents.

The web study evaluated 615 House and Senate websites in terms of five points: audience, content, usability, interactivity, and innovation. Only 85 sites received awards for top grades, 18 Gold (A-plus), 27 Silver (A) and 40 Bronze (A-minus). The study was conducted by the Congressional Management Foundation with a grant from the National Science Foundation in conjunction with researchers from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the University of California-Riverside, and Ohio State University.

Congressman Israel’s website is undergoing another overhaul in the coming months to add even more features and updates to the website. It can be found at www.house.gov/israel .