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educational goals, matched by a gift of \$1,000 from the original nominating source locally.

The community, both at TES and through the BJE at TJCDs will recognize Elaine's positive contribution at awards programs during the fall of 2009. In addition, she has been invited to attend the National Awards Seminar of the Grinspoon Steinhart Foundation at the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C. in November.

Says Linda Kulp, Executive Director of the BJE, "This is certainly Elaine's well deserved time to be recognized. After years of dedication to Jewish teaching and values she joins other local winners – former THA educator, Rabbi Ari Weiss; JCDS and TJCDs Headmaster, Nachum Chasan; JCDS and TJCDs faculty member, Susan Feldman; and Congregation Beth Israel educator, Ina Goldhagen in deserving special thanks by us all. It was a privilege for the BJE to be able to encourage TES in recognizing this wonderful choice."

For information about consideration of nominating someone you think deserves ongoing Jewish education recognition please contact the Board of Jewish Education at 822-1854.

There's Google and Now There is Koogle

According to Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu writing in Israel National News, Koogle is the name of a new Hebrew-language Internet search engine that allows surfing without getting drowned in sexually explicit and other offensive material. The brainchild of Yossi Altman, Koogle is a pun on the Jewish noodle pudding known as "kugel."

The new search engine may be a boon to the haredi religious community, whose rabbis often ban the use of the Internet because of the accessibility to pornography. The new Koogle search engine filters out the unwanted items and even prevents a user from purchasing something online on the Sabbath, when business transactions are prohibited as part of the sanctification of the Day of Rest.

The site also does not allow buyers to purchase forbidden items, such as televisions. Rabbis encouraged the development of the search engine in order to solve the problem of the haredi religious community in Israel that often uses Internet cafes to surreptitiously surf.

"This is a kosher alternative for ultra-Orthodox Jews so that they may surf the Internet," Altman said. If you try to buy something on the Sabbath, it gets stuck and won't let you."

Now that there is a search engine with a Litvak nuance, why not a search engine for the Galisians – *Keegle*.

SPANISH COURT ENDS WAR CRIMES PROBE

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Spain's National Court has ended its investigation of Israeli war crimes.

This week's decision to end the probe of an Israeli bombing that killed Hamas leader Salah Shehade in the Gaza Strip came after the Spanish parliament granted preliminary approval to legislation saying that cases investigated by the court must involve a Spanish citizen or a defendant actually on Spanish soil.

Judge Fernando Andreu had announced in May that he would pursue an investigation into the 2002 bombing even though prosecutors advised against it and Israel investigated the murder, according to reports.

Jewish Times Approved by N.J. as a Non-Profit

The Jewish Times of South Jersey has been approved by the State of New Jersey to change its corporate status from a limited liability company to a non-profit corporation.

"The non-profit business model will help us solve the financial problems, such as declining revenue, that have newspapers across the country - large and small - struggling simply to survive," said Jewish Times Publisher Shy Kramer.

Kramer said that the non-profit status move was made in the interest of maintaining the vital communication service he feels is so essential to unifying the local community.

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