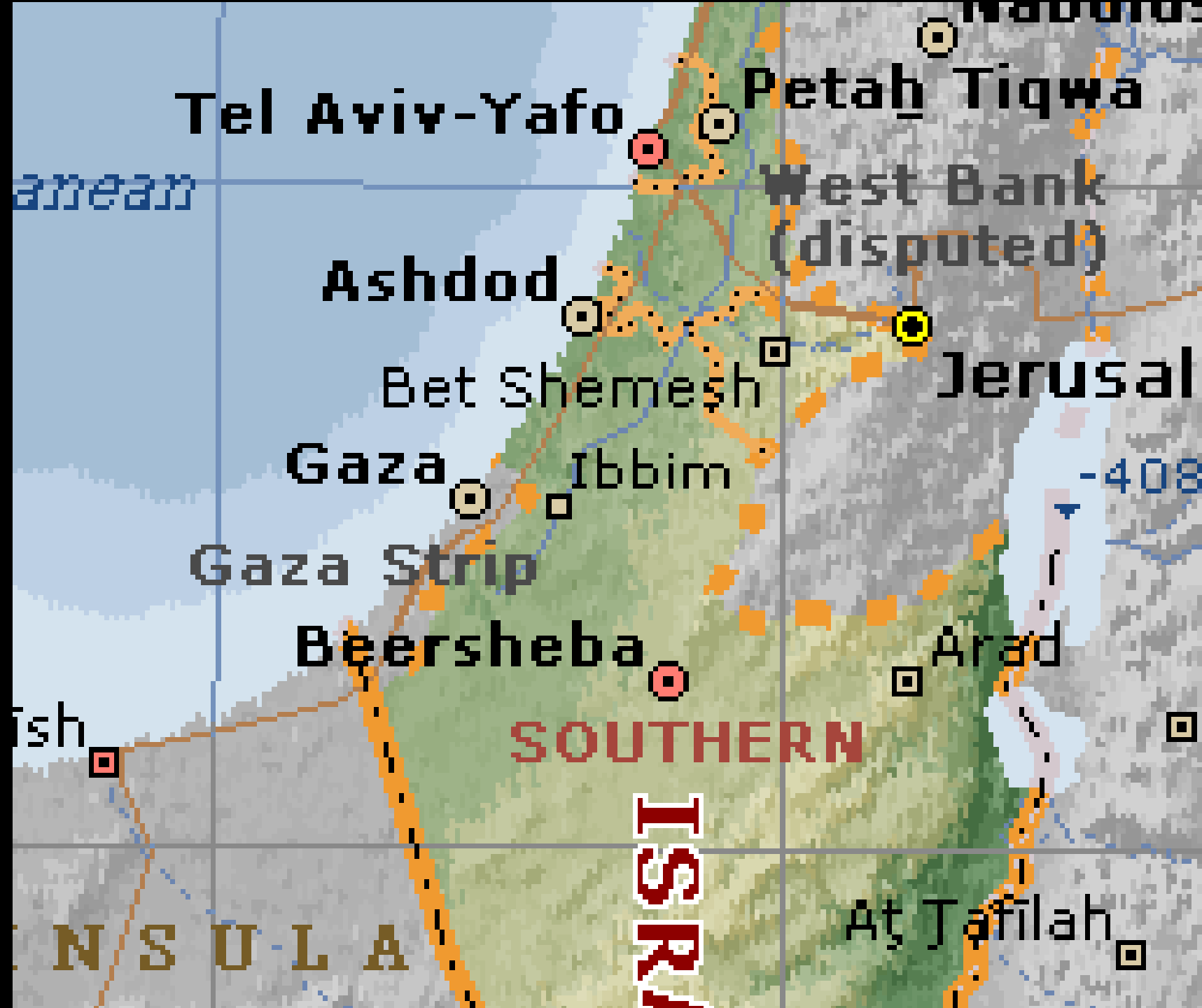





**If a sea gull lives by the sea, what
type of gull lives by a bay?**

Ruling government in Gaza?

Hamas



GAZA STRIP

-  Built-up area
-  Refugee Camp
-  Crossing Point

Kilometres
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Legacy of Hamas?

- Kassam rockets:
 - 15 sec warning
 - Iron Dome neutralized
- Terror tunnels
 - Israelis digging with seismic sensors: underground Iron Dome
 - Egyptians fishing ??

CAIRO (Ma'an) -- Egyptian security sources said Tuesday that the Egyptian army is planning to fill a kilometer-long trench along the Gazan border with seawater to be used for fish farming.






The 18 fisheries will take up about nine miles along the Egypt-Gaza border, and will be used to grow mullet and shrimp. The Egyptians say they are building fish farms and sea water is flooding the tunnels. Construction is already having an effect. One smuggler told the AP he had to pay \$10,000 to smuggle \$6,000 of motorcycle parts into Gaza because smuggling is now riskier.



Palestinian children played in water after Egyptian forces flooded the tunnels dug beneath the Gaza-Egypt border [Reuters]

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A dramatic scene featuring a large lion in the foreground, looking towards a city with a prominent temple under a stormy sky. The lion is positioned on the right side of the frame, its head turned left. The city in the background includes a large temple with a pediment and columns. The sky is dark and cloudy, with a bright light source creating a lens flare effect.

מַתִּיתָהוּ Mattityahu

(Matthew) 11:28-30

Mattityahu (Matthew) 11:28

בואו אלי כל העמלים והעמוסים

Come to me, all of you who are
struggling and **burdened**

עמל labor, hard work ; travail,
trouble, suffering, misery,
oppression, sports training

עמוס loaded, laden ; busy, crowded
(street, intersection)

Mattityahu (Matthew) 11:28

וְאֲנִי אֶמְצִיא לָכֶם מְנוּחָה.

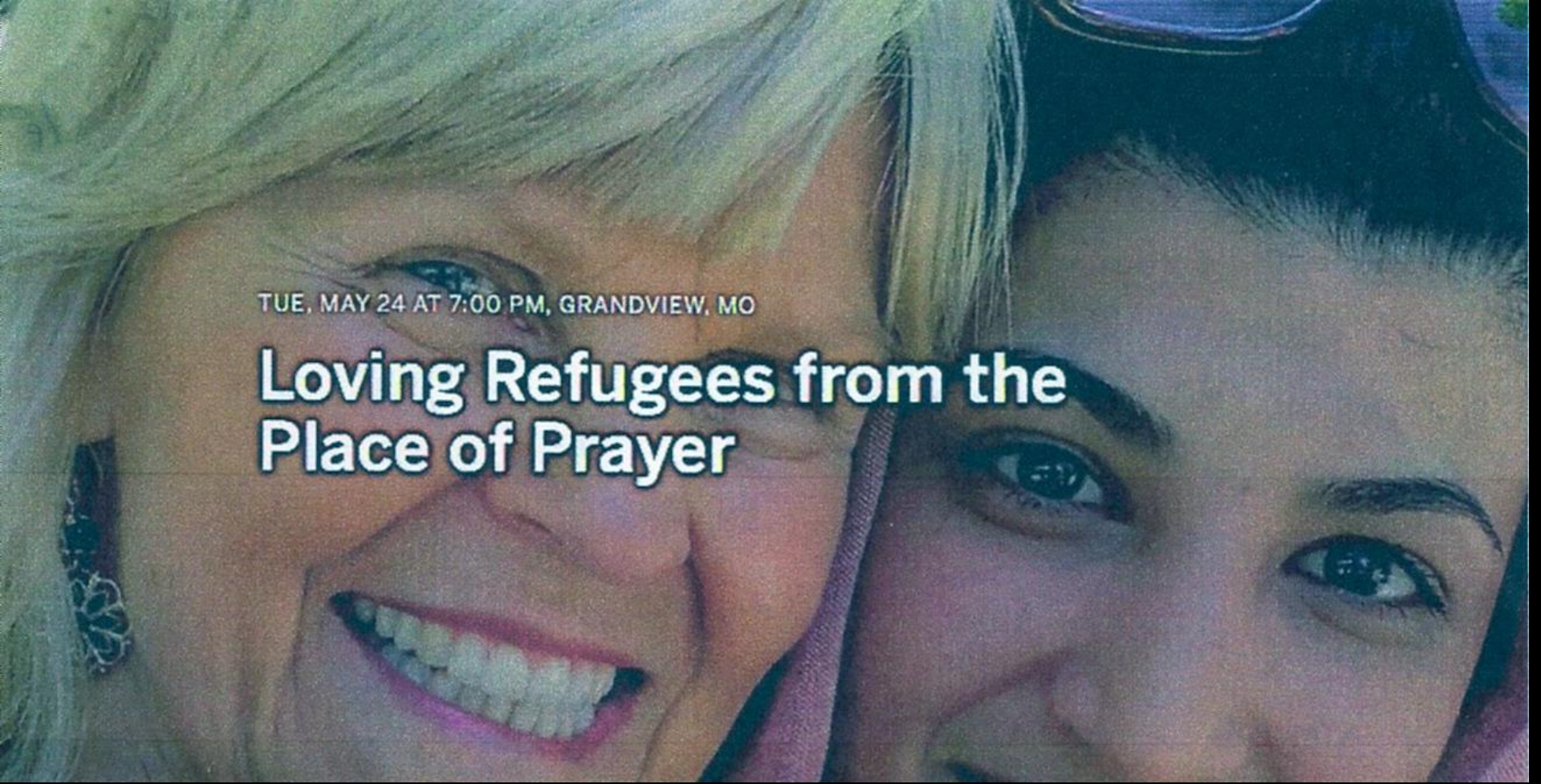
and I will give you **rest**.

מְנוּחָה rest, respite ; quiet, calm,
serenity



Refugees arriving on Lesbos





TUE, MAY 24 AT 7:00 PM, GRANDVIEW, MO

Loving Refugees from the Place of Prayer

Debbie and Katiya, 'You're now my Mom.'

Mattityahu (Matthew) 11:29

קָחוּ עֲלֵיכֶם אֶת עֲלִי וְלִמְדוּ מֵמֶנִּי, כִּי
עָנָו אֲנִי וְנִמּוּד רֹחַ; תִּמְצְאוּ מִרְגּוּעַ
לְנַפְשׁוֹתֵיכֶם,

Take my yoke upon you and learn
from me, because I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls.







- The yoke was a symbol of servitude in the Bible. sometimes described as of iron (Deut. 28:48).
- also a symbol of the burden of slavery or taxes upon the people (I Kings 12:11),
- freedom from oppression was the breaking of the yoke (Jer. 5:5, Yeshayahu/Is 58.6).

- Yermiyahu/Jeremiah went about Jerusalem wearing a yoke on his neck
- Yermiyahu sent yokes to the kings of the neighboring countries, to indicate that they, together with Judah, should submit themselves to Babylonian rule.

- At the dramatic public disputation in the Temple with Hananiah , the son of Azzur, the prophet of Gibeon, the latter broke the yoke which Jeremiah was wearing as a sign that "I will break the yoke of the King of Babylon," while Jeremiah prophesied that in place of the yoke of wood there would come a yoke of iron (Jer. 28).
- Rabbinic view:

Yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven:

Ol Malkhut HaShamyim עול מלכות השמים

in the statement of Nehunya b. ha-Kanah : "Whoever takes upon himself the yoke of the Torah, they remove from him the yoke of government and the yoke of worldly concerns, and whoever breaks off the yoke of the Torah, they place on him the yoke of government and the yoke of worldly concerns" (*Avot* 3:5)

The proclamation of the unity of God by reading the Shema שמע is called "accepting upon oneself the yoke of the kingdom of heaven"

Accepting the
**YOKE of
HEAVEN**

**COMMENTARY ON THE
WEEKLY TORAH PORTION**

YEHOSHUAH LEIBOWITZ

Mattityahu (Matthew) 11:30

• כִּי עָלַי נָעִים יְקַל מִשְׁאָלִי.

• For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

What is HIS yoke?

NOT deleting Torah.

Mtt. 5.20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the *Torah*-teachers and *P'rushim*, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

Moral example.

Social justice.

- The boss at work knowing that you will not steal money or time.
- Your friends knowing that you will not lie.
- Your neighbor's wife knowing that you will not try to commit adultery, in action or word or attitude.
- Your fellow congregants knowing that you bear your responsibility in ministry: serving and giving.

Vayikra/Lev 27. 30-31 “All the tenth given from the land, whether from planted seed or fruit from trees, belongs to ADONI; it is holy to ADONI. If someone wants to redeem any of his tenth, he must add to it one-fifth.

Means? If you don't want to give the current income, but let it earn interest, give it later...then +20%

Dvarim/Dt 26.12-13 “After you have separated a tenth of the crops yielded in the third year, the year of separating a tenth, and have given it to the *Levi*, the foreigner, the orphan and the widow, so that they can have enough food to satisfy them while staying with you; you are to say, in the presence of *ADONAI*/your God, ‘I have rid my house of the things set aside for God

Mtt 23.23 “Woe to you
hypocritical *Torah*-teachers
and *P’rushim*! You pay your tithes of
mint, dill and cumin; but you have
neglected the weightier matters of
the *Torah*—**justice, mercy, trust**.
These are the things you should
have attended to — **without
neglecting the others!**

1 Cor 9.13-14 Don't you know that those who work in the Temple get their food from the Temple, and those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrifices offered there? **In the same way**, the Lord directed that those who proclaim the Good News should get their living from the Good News.

What would be social justice issues?

Things like:

- Helping the poor and needy, through educational, medical and charitable institutions
- Supporting righteous legislation, leaders and candidates for government offices

What would be social justice issues?

Things like:

- Protecting the society from pornography, child abuse, human trafficking, etc.
- Supporting police, judges and soldiers to fight crime, terrorism, and corruption

In general being a living example of the life of Yeshua and not only talking about Him. In general bringing values of the kingdom of God into our society

As believers we are called to both; moral example and social justice, seeking to have as much impact in our society for Yeshua's glory before He returns.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 11:30

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For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.

Original intent of Torah.

Tehillim/Ps 19.8-11 The *Torah* of ADONI is perfect, restoring the inner person. The instruction of ADONI is sure, making wise the thoughtless. The precepts of ADONI are right, rejoicing the heart. The *mitzvah* of ADONI is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of ADONI is clean, enduring forever. The rulings of ADONI are true,

Tehillim/Ps 19.8-11 they are righteous
altogether. More desirable than
gold, than much fine gold, also
sweeter than honey or drippings
from the honeycomb.

Tehillim/Ps 119.97 How I love your *Torah*! I meditate on it all day. ¹⁰³⁻¹⁰⁴ How sweet to my tongue is your promise, truly sweeter than honey in my mouth! From your precepts I gain understanding; this is why I hate every false way.

Yn 14.15-16 “If you love me, you will **keep my commands**; and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

We get Him, with the keeping of the commands.

**Let's take His yoke, and find His
rest.**