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The history of the Jewish people tells that before entering the Land of Israel after the departure from Egypt, twelve spies were sent to observe the situation, the territory and the people who inhabited the area at that time. Of those twelve spies, ten returned with bad news, provoking panic and terror among the people. God became angry at them, and that is when He decided that those Jews, who had experienced slavery, were not ready to enter Eretz Canaan. Every ninth of Av for thirty-nine years, many Jews died because of this punishment imposed by God. In the fortieth year, on the ninth of Av, the last representatives of the "old generation" expected their death, as it had happened in previous years. But nothing happened. The Jewish people then thought that perhaps they miscounted the days and waited day after day for the right date to arrive. After a long wait came Tu B'Av (the fifteenth day). When Am Israel saw the full moon, they understood that the ninth day had already passed, that they were all alive, and that God had forgiven them.

This is one of the reasons why Tu B'Av is a festive day for the Jewish people. Throughout the years, this holiday has been modernized, and new meanings to celebrate this day have been created. Today, it is celebrated as "the holiday of love", and many couples choose this date as their wedding day.

I believe that for us as educators, it is important in this chag to highlight and reflect on the values of friendship, union and the creating of social connections, mainly between our tnuot, our communities and the Jewish people. Moreover, an example of the implementation of the values previously mentioned is Hanoar Hatzioni's Family. Through the different platforms that the tnua offers (machanot, machonim continentals, Shnat Hachshara, etc.), we have learned to focus on those elements that unite us and make us a family, rather than on those that differentiate us. Based on companionship and friendship, we have proved that Hanoar Hatzioni's Family is a great example of the union that strengthens us.

May we keep going! Chag Sameach!