



## DEFINITION AND CONTEXT

Tu B'Av is one of the most beautiful holidays of the Hebrew calendar. Commonly known as the "Holiday of Love", it is celebrated only six days after Tisha B'Av, granting this month a more hopeful perspective after having commemorated so many tragedies. While Tisha B'Av is associated with "baseless hatred", the death of the desert generation and the fall of the ancient city of Betar (reminding us of a large number of events that could have led to the annihilation of our people), Tu B'Av is associated with "baseless love", the termination of the desert decree and choosing life. Moreover, this holiday symbolizes the permission given to bury the fallen combatants of the Bar Kochva Revolt and the countless efforts we have made to maintain our continuity, despite the internal differences and difficulties. Tu B'Av is the proof that we can overcome even the most difficult adversities if we work together with respect, solidarity and mutual responsibility.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- In a world where differences, antagonism and discrepancies open increasingly deeper gaps among our people, Hanoar Hatzioni has decided to focus its efforts on the building of bridges of solidarity, teamwork and respect that ensure the continuity of our people throughout the world. Therefore, we have created "Hanoar Hatzioni's Family".

"Due to the responsibility we have for the Jewish and Zionist education of the youth in the Diaspora as an educational youth movement, we have committed to working together with other Tnuot that share our essential foundations of Judaism and Zionism as ideological dimensions, along with being nonpartisan. This gave substance to the creation of Hanoar Hatzioni. This family consists of our Keinim all over the world and of what we have called "sister movements".

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## SYMBOLS AND CUSTOMS

In Tu B'av in Israel, local businesses are filled with hearts, flowers and motifs that allude to all kinds of symbols associated with love. Usually, couples go out for dinner and exchange gifts. Likewise, Tu B'Av is a very popular date for engagement proposals and is one of the most requested days for holding weddings under a full moon.



## HOLIDAY RELATED QUOTES

"Love your neighbor as yourself." – **Leviticus 19:18**

"Love is the ultimate and highest goal to which man can aspire." – **Viktor Frankl**

"True love never ends, it always lingers like the sea. Calm or rough, wavy or smooth, but always a sea."  
**Yonatan Netanyahu**



## RELATED ARTICLES

### TU B'AV – Deby Landman, Rosh Chinuch Sionista de Parana B'Argentina

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 tnuat 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.

### IN THE NAME OF LOVE – Salo Harel, Mazkirut Olamit of Hanoar Hatzioni

Our mission as educators in general and as madrichim of Hanoar Hatzioni, in particular, is to focus our efforts on the strengthening and continuity of our people. But for this to happen, we cannot allow our people to continue being divided. Unfortunately, many forces are trying to separate, exclude, differentiate and alienate those of us who form a part of Am Israel. Therefore, we must educate towards union, reconciliation and love, just like the ones who preceded us have done throughout history in Tu B'av. However, achieving this objective takes much more than words; it takes actions. This is why I believe it is essential to educate and encourage our chaverim to form a broad, pluralist conception, which will not only allow them to have respect for others but will mainly enable them to shake off any preconceptions or stigmas that prevent the unification of the Jewish people as a nation.

### TU B'AV AND LOVE IN THE TNUA – Mato Wexler, Shaliach of Hanoar Hatzioni B'Mexico

Tu B'Av represents the other angle of the month of Av, during which we also commemorate Tisha B'Av, which is associated with the "baseless hatred" which led to the destruction of the Jewish people. In Tu B'Av, we celebrate "baseless love"; we celebrate life; we celebrate the affection towards our closest and most beloved people; we celebrate the union, mutual commitment and the fact that we are not alone – we have someone to take care of, admire, love and respect. In many occasions, Tu B'Av goes unnoticed in the tnuat, but this mainly has to do with us, with what we do and feel. Much of what happens in the tnuat and what we do as educators is rooted in love, and there are different ways of love, many of which we witness in the tnuat.



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