**Senior class trip takes huge detour when students are kicked off plane**

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***A New York high school senior class and an airline agree on one thing: 101 students and eight chaperones were kicked off an early-morning flight from New York to Atlanta on Monday. From there, the accounts diverge.***

***Southwest Airlines said the group of "non-compliant passengers" would not stay seated, and some were using their mobile devices. When the students failed to comply with requests from the flight crew, including the captain, they were asked to leave the plane, delaying the AirTran flight for 45 minutes.***

***Students and chaperones from Yeshivah of Flatbush, a private, Orthodox Jewish high school in Brooklyn, said the flight crew overreacted to the youths who were looking forward to visiting Six Flags and rafting, among other activities.***

***One of the chaperones, teacher Marian Wielgus, said***

***"It blew out of proportion. It was a mountain out of a molehill,"***

***According to Wielgus, some students may have had to be told twice to sit down or turn off their phones, but everyone listened.***

**If everyone listened ... why did they have to be told twice?**

**The only reason people have to be told twice is because they are not listening.**

***Wielgus said "They certainly did not do what the stewardess was claiming they did. That's what was so bizarre."***

**So Wielgus is calling the stewardess a liar. Okay. Let's get Jerry Springer in here with his lie detector.**

***Wielgus said that the flight attendants were nasty, overreacting, and created an incident when there didn't have to be one.***

**And don't forget about the one that lied.**

***According to Southwest Airlines, the group violated safety regulations.***

**If Wielgus is telling the truth then Southwest Airlines must be lying too.**

***Wielgus said she would understand if individual students who were not complying had been asked to leave, but she objected to the collective punishment.***

**Okay, that makes sense (that makes one).**

***Wielgus said a "small group" of students in the back of the aircraft were chatty, but that did not warrant the flight crew to force an entire group of 109 people off the plane.***

**Interesting choice of words: "chatty." I wonder why she chose such an inocuous word?**

***"It was so ugly," she said.***

**If the crew's version is correct, then perhaps the adjective you are using to describe the crew might be more appropriately applied to the behavior of your kids.**

***Rabbi Joseph Beyda, another chaperone, said none of the students on the plane was particularly loud or disruptive. And when he saw that the flight attendant was flustered and had asked students to leave, he asked which kids were causing issues and offered to help, but she refused.***

***Beyda said "They just simply said 'get off the plane'."***

***Student Jonathan Zehavi said he felt they were targeted because they are an identifiably Jewish group.***

**That's the part we've all been waiting for. It's not the fault of the poor little kids who were excited about flying to an amusement park, and may have gotten a bit carried away, it was actually ... religious discrimination. Let me guess: you're going to bring up Hitler next? Oh, and Nazis. The crew were really Nazis.**

***"They treated us like we were terrorists;***

**Okay, so you've updated Hitler and Nazis to Terrorists. Same difference. We saw it coming a mile away.**

***I've never seen anything like it. I'm not someone to make these kinds of statements," Zehavi said.***

**Right after you made ... these kinds of statements. So obviously you are someone who makes these kinds of statements.**

***"I think if it was a group of non-religious kids, the air stewardess wouldn't have dared to kick them off."***

**So they wouldn't dare to kick off the most hated, mistrusted minority group of kids in America (nonbelievers), but they did dare to kick off one of the most protected groups in America?**

**Sure, that almost makes sense.**

***Zehavi said Southwest Airlines is attempting to cover up an unprofessional and rash decision by saying their group was not cooperating with the crew, when in fact they were, he said.***

**If they were cooperating, why would the crew want them off the plane? Where are the other stories of Jewish people being booted off planes for being Jewish? Call me crazy, but I'm going to make a wild guess here and assert that Jews fly the skies of America all the time.**

**Playing the anti-Semitic card is shameful. You have embarrassed yourselves and all the kids, proving that you will sink to any depths, including racism, to blame others for your own bad behavior.**

***"It was 4 o'clock in the morning. The last thing any of us wanted to do was get up and make a mess," Zehavi said.***

**Apparently, someone forgot to pass that memo on to the kids.**

***Another student in the group, Michael Mamiye, said he was one of the first to be kicked off the plane. He said a flight attendant did not give him a chance to turn off his cell phone before asking him to "get off the plane."***

**Why was he violating the rules by using his cellphone?**

***The same flight attendant then told the captain that the students were "making trouble" and not turning off their phones.***

**That seems to contradict student Michael Mamiye's claim. Her claim makes a lot more sense than the Michael's claim. That doesn't mean he lied but it sure seems more likely that he did ... than she did.**

***The captain didn't come out of the cockpit until the last second when he asked the group to leave, Mamiye said.***

**He shouldn't have had to come out of the cockpit at all. His job was to fly the plane, not babysit a bunch of youngsters who refused to follow rules.**

***According to Mamiye, he and his classmates were quiet and sitting down as they were told.***

**So let's look at Michael's claim: they were all sitting quietly as they were told, and then the crew, filled with a hatred for Jews, ordered them off the plane.**

**How many people believe Michael's claim ... show of hands.**

***And when they were asked to leave, they left in a respectful and orderly fashion.***

**If they had assumed a respectful and orderly behavior before leaving the plane ... they wouldn't have had to leave the plane.**

***"We were more behaved than kids should be," he said.***

**So now Michael wants us to believe that not only were they quiet and respectful, but they were even more behaved than they should have been.**

**Boy, that's pretty persuasive. I'll have to think about that one.**

***Both Beyda and Mamiye said the airline's customer service did their best to accommodate the group by getting them on the next available flights. But the group had to be split up — some had connecting flights in Milwaukee — and they were in transit for a total of 12 hours, Mamiye said.***

**If they had at least learned a lesson from their misbehavior then it might have been worthwhile, but based on the comments in this story, they learned nothing more than how to rationalize away their mistakes, and try to place the blame on others, even to the point of using vile slanders against the crew.**