



To the Editors of Doeihu,

Thank you for the daily emails and encouragement.

Someone shared a story with me (which he heard from the person it happened to),
and I believe that it can provide a lot of *chizuk* to others.

A Yid boarded a plane, and upon approaching his assigned seat, he saw that a woman was in the seat next to him. He remained standing in the aisle between the seats, considering his options. As he stood there, a steward approached.

The non-Jewish steward appeared to know exactly what the Yid's issue was.

"Come, I will help you," he said discreetly.

The steward proceeded to help him look for someone who would agree to change seats with him, until an appropriate seat was found.

The Yid thanked the steward profusely, and then asked him, "I travel a lot, and normally, when someone does not want to sit next to a woman, it elicits a negative

reaction from the flight attendants, who often get upset and refuse to assist. Why were you so helpful with my issue?"

The steward smiled and explained:

"My positive attitude is thanks to an Orthodox Jew who had a seat in business class on a flight I was working on. Seeing that it was next to a woman, he asked me to give him another seat. As the passengers flying business class require a higher level of service and sensitivity, it was not possible to give him another seat in that cabin. He asked if it would be possible to switch him to a seat in economy class. I was very surprised that a person would be willing to give up a business class seat, and he explained that it was impossible for him to sit like that, and he would therefore be better off sitting anywhere else on the plane that is not near a woman. As you can imagine, it wasn't hard to find someone willing to upgrade to business class free of charge, and he took that spot in economy class!

"Until then, I had always thought that people asking for this type of switch simply wanted a different amenity, like a window or aisle seat, under the guise of 'religious observance'. But, when I saw that a Jew was willing to give up his seat in business class due to this issue, I understood that this is a real problem. Therefore, I was willing to help you find another place that is comfortable for you."

Thank you again, Doeihu, for the constant *chizuk* you provide.

Continued *hatzlacha*!
