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About Moshe, Lashon Hara, Miriam did speak,  
Therefore she got Tzora'as and had to leave the camp for a week.  
"And the people did not travel on until Miriam was readmitted,  
In the following Passuk it says, "And afterwards the people departed."

Rashi is bothered by the repetition,  
Therefore he gives an explanation,  
Hashem honored Miriam because many years earlier she waited for an hour,  
To see what would happen to her brother when he was put into the river.

Miriam was such a devoted sister,  
Although she was too far away to save her brother from danger,  
By staying she prevented her brother from crying longer,  
When she asked Batya if she could call a Jewish nursemaid who was her mother.

Since the baby was Jewish without a doubt,  
Eventually Batya would have figured out,  
That in order to calm the baby,  
A Jewish nursemaid was necessary.

But because of Miriam's quick thinking and love for her brother,  
She lessened the baby's pain and he stopped crying sooner.  
We must learn from Miriam too,  
By doing all we can to lessen the pain of another Jew.

Miriam was repaid measure for measure,  
 To minimize her brother's pain she did endeavor,  
 Therefore the Yidden desired to wait for her return before continuing on their way,  
 So that Miriam's purification process would not be delayed for even an extra day.

If the Yidden started traveling and her seven days weren't yet done,  
 She wouldn't be left alone in the desert because she could still follow everyone,  
 But she could only complete her seven day wait,  
 When the Yidden were in a camping state.

Since the Yidden didn't travel and did stay,  
 For her purification there was no delay,  
 She got over with her required quarantine right away,  
 And returned to the camp right after the seventh day.

The truth is that when to travel, on the Yidden it didn't depend,  
 They traveled when the cloud of glory did ascend,  
 But to show gratitude and to wait for Miriam they did desire,  
 This inspiration came from the level of "Fearing Heaven" which is much higher.

"Fear of Heaven," comes from a person's Avodah, generally,  
 But within "Fear of Heaven," there is a higher category,  
 This higher "Fear of Heaven" is also given to a Yid who falls so low, like a Metzarah,  
 So that he should be motivated and have the power to do Teshuvah.

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