Make Music with Miriam

Miriam was a prophetess and the sister of Moses and Aaron. She is known for leading a group of women in song and dance after the Israelites fled Egypt by crossing the Red Sea. With her timbrel, an instrument similar to a tambourine, she led the women in a musical celebration thanking God for delivering them out of slavery. Create your own tambourine in honor of Miriam and the Passover story.

What you will need:

- Two Plates made using recycled materials or two pieces of cardboard cut into circles
- Craft supplies
- Hole punch
- String or ribbon
- Shells, buttons, bells, beads or bottle caps to create cymbals

What to do:

- Use craft supplies to decorate your plates. Think about the colors, patterns, and designs you would like to use to remember Miriam’s story
- Take the material you are using as cymbals (shells, buttons, etc) and thread them through a 4 inch piece of string or ribbon. Tie a knot, leaving room at the end of your string.
- Use a hole punch to add about 6 holes around the edge of each plate.
- To attach the cymbals to your tambourine, thread your pieces of string through the holes and tie a knot to secure the cymbals in place.
- Shake your tambourine and make music! As a bonus, you can play your tambourine while listening to Miriam’s song by Debbie Friedman.