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A symbol of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation
Monday, December 24, 2012

On December 14th we were visiting St Stephen's Church in Maintz, Germany. This is the site of the Chagall stained glass windows where visitors sit in rather austere surroundings bathed in ethereal light from the all blue windows throughout the church.

Chagall, the Russian-born Jewish artist, who fled Nazi-occupied France, wanted nothing to do with Germany after the war. Yet he was prevailed upon by his friend Msgr. Klaus Mayer to create a symbol of reconciliation in his church. Chagall began this project in 1976 when he was 90 years old. He had completed the nine main windows when he died in 1985. The rest were completed by his assistant Charles Marq. Final installation was done in 2000.

We returned to our ship that day to learn of the news from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut - holocaust on a smaller, but no less horrific, scale.

You can get a better sense of the scope of these Biblical and abstract images at this website.

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I wish you all a tranquil holiday and a peaceful new year.

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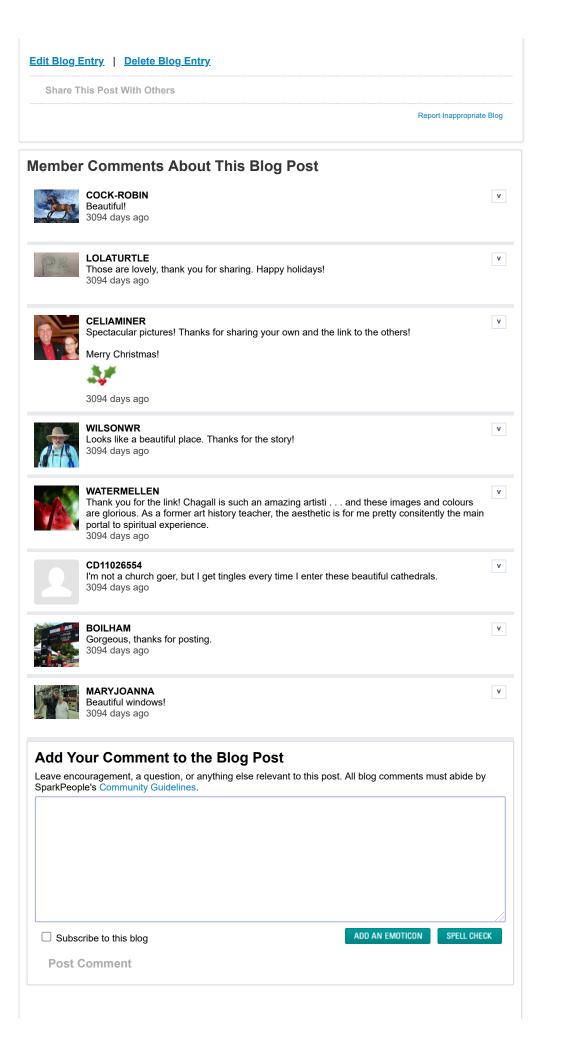
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Looks like a beautiful place. Thanks for the story!
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WATERMELLEN
Thank you for the link! Chagall is such an amazing artisti . . . and these images and colours are glorious. As a former art history teacher, the aesthetic is for me pretty consitently the main portal to spiritual experience.
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I'm not a church goer, but I get tingles every time I enter these beautiful cathedrals.
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