

# Sholom D. Comay



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COMAY - Sholom D. The officers, members, and staff of the American Jewish Committee mourn the untimely passing of our devoted National President. Sholom D. Comay had extraordinary gifts: strong leadership, universal compassion, clear vision of the future, and total dedication to the welfare of the Jewish people and the entire human family. His deep commitment to peace and reconciliation were the special hallmarks of this extraordinarily gifted human being. Sholom Comay was an original. His gracious style reflected inner strengths, his carefully chosen words revealed intense conviction, and his reconciling manner showed great compassion. He was always his own person in many meetings with Popes, Presidents, and Prime Ministers. He has been tragically taken from us in his prime; he had so much more to share. For this and for all the many other remarkable achievements we are grateful. Sholom Comay, was our leader, our conscience, our colleague, and most of all, our friend. May his memory always be a blessing. We extend heartfelt condolences to his wife Estelle, his children Laura and Joseph, and his mother Ethel.

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The American Jewish Committee and its Pittsburgh chapter have an overwhelming sense of grief and loss with the untimely death of Sholom D. Comay. Sholom was a very special person - caring, compassionate and gracious. His contributions to maintaining and nurturing the welfare of our community were based on a deeply felt love of Judaism and of all humanity. His life reflected that love and his commitment to Judaism and to Israel. He was a leader in the community at large, but as National President of the American Jewish Committee and as an officer of the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh he made the Jewish people his special concern. We all are beneficiaries of his patience, his friendliness, his expertise, his generosity and his wisdom.

Sholom was stricken in the prime of life, leaving an extraordinary wife, two wonderful children and a loving mother and sister. He brought honor to his family, as he did to all of us who knew him as friend and co-worker. He lived in a manner which enriched us all and we will be impoverished by his absence. May his memory live in the acts of goodness which he performed and may our recollection of him be an enduring blessing.

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