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The Jewish Community Council of Montreal is troubled by the rise in Antisemitism in Canada. We are committed to leading the fight against intolerance and to building an inclusive and tolerant Canada.

The invitation to a Ukrainian veteran who fought in a Nazi division to Parliament to attend last week's speech by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and to highlight his presence was inexcusable. In this context we welcome the decision by Andrew Rota, Member of Parliament for Nipissing—Timiskaming, to resign as Speaker of the House of Commons.

This incident reminds us of the need to be vigilant and the importance of remembering our history. In looking ahead, The Jewish Community Council of Montreal will focus on education and on outreach to Canadians of different backgrounds.

