

Interviewee:	<u>LOEB</u> , Ilse	Date:	April 23, 1985 <sup>1</sup>
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### SUMMARY

Ilse Loeb, née Morgenstern, was born June 17, 1925 in Vienna, Austria. Her mother's maiden name was Froelich. Her father Max was a lithographer who made counterfeit money for the Wehrmacht. She never experienced antisemitism until March 1938, when Germany occupied Austria. Christian friends no longer associated with her and she was forced to transfer to a school for Jewish students. In the summer of 1938 her father's printing business was confiscated. Ilse was sent to Amsterdam, where the Children's Committee placed her with foster families, who protected her until 1942.

On November 10, 1938, her parents were seized by Austrian Nazis and were killed in a death camp in Poland. Ilse escaped from a transfer to a concentration camp and went into hiding with the Dutch underground, with whom she lived for three years. She describes the selflessness of Dutch Gentiles who risked their lives to help Jews survive.

After the war, Ilse contracted tuberculosis and spent 10 months in a sanatorium. Her brother in the United States and HIAS helped her come to Chicago in June 1947, where she met her husband. They have four children and live in northern New York.

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#### SUBJECT HEADINGS

Holocaust, Jewish (1933 - 1945) Austria

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World War, 1939-1945 -- Rescue Operations for Children

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