

# Childhood Escape: From Antisemitism to America



Ellie Merar was born in 1926 in the small picturesque city of Lauterecken, Germany. Ellie's family was comprised of her mother, Emma, father, Albert Loeb, and her younger sister, Stella. In 1933 the Nazis published an anti-Semitic article in the local paper degrading the Loeb's store. These and other anti-Semitic harassments continued, causing a severe loss of income for the family. Ellie recalls Nazi teachers replacing the local instructors, who then began to teach anti-Semitism within the school.

At the age of eleven, Ellie and her family escaped the ever-growing anti-Semitism in Germany that was brought on by the rise of the Third Reich. They were sponsored by an American Aunt and Uncle living in Terre Haute, Indiana. Ellie's transition from anti-Semitic Germany to Terre Haute was one of great relief.

Join us as Ellie shares her personal story of anti-Semitic persecution and immigration to the United States.

**Saturday, May 19th**

**6:30pm EST**

**CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center**

**1532 South Third Street**

**Terre Haute, IN 47802**

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