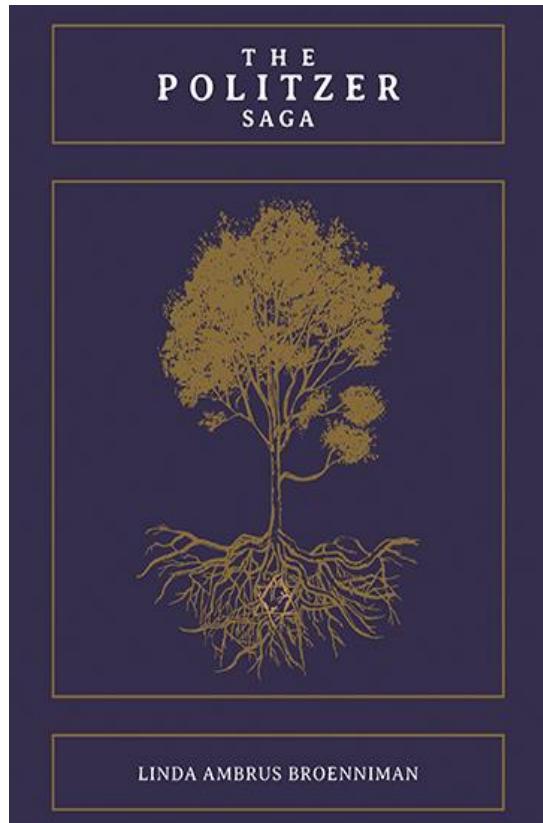


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THE POLITZER SAGA

By Linda Ambrus Broenniman

A box found among the ashes of a house fire launches Linda Ambrus Broenniman on a quest to discover the truth behind her family's biggest secret—that her Catholic father was actually Jewish and his family's history was a lie.

In **THE POLITZER SAGA** (Bethesda Communications Group; September 12, 2023) Broenniman tells the story of her search for truth and pieces together the astonishing history of eight generations of her Jewish ancestors – the Politzer family – their remarkable lives almost lost to her father's secrets.

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Today, [The Politzer Saga](#), a permanent exhibition, resides on the third floor of the Rumbach Synagogue in Budapest, Hungary. The exhibit is composed of 10 lyrical and artistically rendered seven-minute films about eight generations of Politzers, based on the stories in the book. But readers can go deeper and discover the source material in Broenniman's amazing narrative.

LINDA AMBRUS BROENNIMAN grew up in Buffalo, NY. She is the middle child of seven born to Hungarian physicians who survived World War II and started their new life in the U.S. in 1949. She graduated from Swarthmore College with a BA in psychology and went on to get an MBA from Carnegie Mellon. Several years after graduation, she left mainstream corporate America to follow her path as an entrepreneur. She let her passion for uncovering hidden potential in unexpected places guide her. And she allowed this passion to fuel the search for her hidden family. Broenniman lives in Great Falls, VA, with her husband of 28 years and their dog, Juno. Visit www.politzersaga.com.

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QUESTIONS FOR LINDA AMBRUS BROENNIMAN

1. Having been raised Catholic, how did you feel when you discovered that your father was Jewish and the family history you knew wasn't true?
2. Why did it take you thirty-three years to pursue the secrets and stories of your father's family?
3. When did your family emigrate from Hungary and why?
4. Where in the U.S. did your parents settle and how did their medical education in Europe translate to their new life in Buffalo?
5. Can you talk about your father's time serving in a labor camp in northern Hungary?
6. Tell us about The Politzer Exhibit at The Rumbach Synagogue in Budapest and the celebration being held in September '23.
7. Why is the exhibit especially important to your family and particularly your great uncle, Zsigmond Politzer?
8. Have you met new relatives from your efforts?
9. Can you talk about the role of Andras Gyekickzki in researching and helping your book come to life?
10. What do you hope to achieve by sharing your family's story in this book?