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Author Loli Kantor Schedules Three *Beyond the Forest* Book Signings at Christmas in Cowtown October 15, 16, 17, 2015

Fort Worth, Texas --- Fort Worth-based photo essayist Loli Kantor will be available to sign books from her multi-year project, *Beyond the Forest: Jewish Presence in Eastern Europe, 2004–2012*, at [Christmas in Cowtown](#) on October 15, 16, 17, 2015, from 4-5 p.m., at [Will Rogers Memorial Center](#), at 3401 W Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth. Kantor's books will be available to purchase at the [Author's Corner](#) booth coordinated by fellow author Susan Howell. The event is hosted by the [Junior League of Fort Worth](#). [Tickets](#) are available online and start at \$12.

[Beyond the Forest](#) was published by the University of Texas Press last fall. Kantor has documented Jewish life in a range of urban and rural communities in Poland and Ukraine for nearly a decade. Her photographic language of color juxtaposed with black and white creates a dialogue between past and present, through engaging, touching portraits of people and places, food and objects that simultaneously express human spirit and celebrate tradition and ambition in a homeland reshaped by history.

What started as a personal project to research her own family history developed into a broader engagement with the daily life of Jews in Eastern Europe in the early 21st century. Although her book and work invoke memory and loss, they also portray a realistic sense of the present and of survival — a testament to the strength of the spirit and how Jewish traditions and identity that have endured and are continuing to evolve in Eastern Europe today.

"My own family connection to the history of the Jews of Eastern Europe inspired my long-term project and my book, [Beyond the Forest](#)," Kantor said about her personal and universal reflections from the journey and photographic vision.

The author was born in Paris and raised in Tel Aviv. For the past three decades, [Kantor](#) has made her home in Fort Worth, working as a fine art photographer and a freelancer for *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Kantor's other work includes a Fort Worth-focused exhibition catalog, *Heaven on a Biscuit*, about the legendary Hip Pocket Theatre. She is also an award-winning photographer with works in the collections of The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Lviv National Museum in Ukraine, Drohobych Palace of Art in Ukraine, the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin, Lishui Museum of Photography in China and The Center for Fine Art Photography in Colorado.

This is the ninth annual Christmas in Cowtown hosted by the Junior League of Fort Worth, with funds raised to help local nonprofits.

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