

Statement of Charges Pending (See Attached)

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Leonard Holtz, Emb.

Petition No. 2011-981

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Leonard Holtz:

1. Leonard Holtz of West Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut embalmer license number 002433.
2. At all times referenced herein, respondent has been the manager of Hebrew Funeral Association, Inc., (hereinafter Hebrew Funeral) a funeral service business holding inspection certificate No. 000596. The Hebrew Funeral address of record is 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Connecticut.
3. During 2011, respondent, as manager of Hebrew Funeral, failed to disclose information regarding funeral service contracts and/or escrow accounts to the agent of the Commissioner of Public Health, in violation of Connecticut General Statute §42-200(c).
4. During 2011, respondent, as manager of Hebrew Funeral, failed to properly maintain records related to funeral service contracts at the address of record in violation of Connecticut General Statute §42-200(c) and/or Connecticut General Statute §20-222 (g).
5. During 2011, respondent, as manager of Hebrew Funeral, failed to properly maintain records related to escrow accounts at the address of record in violation of Connecticut General Statute §42-200(c) and/or Connecticut General Statute §20-222(g).
6. During 2011, copies of Hebrew Funeral price lists were not properly maintained at the premises in violation of Connecticut General Statute §20-222(g).
7. During 2011, human remains were stored by Hebrew Funeral without appropriate, accompanying identification of the remains and/or the decedent's next of kin.
8. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-227, including but not limited to:
 - a. §20-227(2);
 - b. §20-227(4); and/or,
 - c. §20-227(5).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, as authorized in §§19a-17 and 20-227, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the embalmer license of Leonard Holtz as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 3rd day of May 2012.

Wendy H. Furniss
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