

Statement of Charges Pending (See Attached)

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

In re: Hebrew Funeral Association, Inc.

Petition No. 2011-980

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 Hebrew Funeral Association, Inc.:

1. Hebrew Funeral Association, Inc. of West Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut funeral home inspection certificate 000596.
2. Respondent's address of record is 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Connecticut.
3. During 2011 and/or 2012, Leonard Holtz has been respondent's manager.
4. During 2011 and/or 2012, respondent's manager failed to adequately provide information regarding pre-need and/or at need 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).
5. During 2011 and/or 2012, respondent's manager failed to properly maintain the most recent six years of records related to funeral service contracts at the address of record, in violation of Connecticut General Statute §20-222(g).
6. During 2011 and/or 2012, respondent's manager failed to properly maintain the most recent six years of records related to escrow accounts at the address of record, in violation of Connecticut General Statute §20-222(g).
7. During 2011 and/or 2012, copies of respondent's price lists were not properly maintained at the address of record, in violation of Connecticut General Statute §20-222(g).
8. During 2011 and/or 2012, human remains were stored by respondent without appropriate, accompanying identification of the remains and/or the decedent's next of kin.
9. During 2011 and/or 2012, records of respondent have purportedly been maintained at the home of respondent's manager and/or the manager's vehicle, in violation of Connecticut General Statute §20-220.
10. 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 funeral home inspection certificate of Hebrew Funeral Association, Inc. 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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