

HERSHEY CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE
(Street)

HERSHEY, PA 17033

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HERSHEY CO [HSY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Chief Admin Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/15/2017		S ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 108.72	28,505	D
Common Stock	03/15/2017		M	A	\$ 35.87	29,395	D
Common Stock	03/15/2017		S ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 108.72	28,505	D
Common Stock	03/15/2017		M	A	\$ 34.89	28,615	D
Common Stock	03/15/2017		S ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 108.72	28,505	D

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Common Stock	03/16/2017	F	239	D	\$ 109.47	28,266	D	
Common Stock						879.9222 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.87	03/15/2017		M	890	⁽³⁾ 02/12/2018	Common Stock	890	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.89	03/15/2017		M	110	⁽⁴⁾ 02/16/2019	Common Stock	110	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wege D Michael 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033			SVP, Chief Admin Officer	

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael
Wege 03/17/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 22, 2016.

The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person represents a reduction of 1.1625 shares allocated to the reporting person's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan ("Plan") as of February 28, 2017. To manage liquidity needs of the Plan, the

(2) Plan trustee from time-to-time maintains a lower overall share balance (versus cash) in the Plan, which in this instance resulted in a reduction in the number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account when compared to the reporting person's Form 4 filed on February 24, 2017. The information is based on a report dated March 1, 2017, provided by the Plan trustee.

(3) The options vested according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 13, 2009, 25% vested on February 13, 2010, 25% vested on February 13, 2011 and 25% vested on February 13, 2012.

(4) The options vested according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 17, 2010, 25% vested on February 17, 2011, 25% vested on February 17, 2012 and 25% vested on February 17, 2013.

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