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SCHEDULE 14A

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The Hershey Company

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on April 28, 2011**

THE HERSHEY COMPANY



THE HERSHEY COMPANY
P.O. BOX 810
HERSHEY, PA 17033-0810

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: February 28, 2011
Date: April 28, 2011 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. EDT
Location: GIANT Center
550 West Hersheypark Drive
Hershey, PA 17033

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Voting items

The Proposals to be voted on at our Annual Meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR each of the following nominees:

1. Election of Directors

NOMINEES:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 01) P. M. Arway | 06) A. J. Palmer |
| 02) R. F. Cavanaugh | 07) T. J. Ridge |
| 03) C. A. Davis | 08) D. L. Shedlarz |
| 04) J. M. Mead | 09) D. J. West |
| 05) J. E. Nevels | |

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR Proposals 2 and 3:

2. Ratify the Appointment of KPMG LLP as Independent Auditors for 2011.
3. Approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, a resolution approving executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote for a frequency of 1 Year on Proposal 4:

4. Select, on a non-binding advisory basis, the frequency of stockholder votes on executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR Proposal 5:

5. Approve The Hershey Company amended and restated Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan.



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