FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ZIMMERMAN LEROY S |  |  |   |         |                | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>HERSHEY CO</u> [ HSY ] |        |   |   |     |  |          |  | (Ch                    | elationshieck all ap  | olicable)   | g Person(s) to Issu<br>10% Ow                                     |                 |  |
|---|--|--|---|---------|----------------|---|--------|---|---|-----|--|----------|--|------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------|--|
| (Last) 100 CRY  | (Fii   | ,  | Middle)                                     |         |                | 3. Date of Earliest Transacti<br>09/15/2008                                     |        |   |   |     | Day/Year)  |          |  |                        | Offic<br>belo   | er (give title<br>w)  |   | ther (<br>elow) | specify  |
| (Street) HERSHE (City)                                      |  |  | .7033<br>Zip)                               |         | 4. If <i>i</i> |   |        |   |   |     |  |          |  |                        | e)<br><mark>X</mark> Forr   | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>m filed by One Reporting Person<br>m filed by More than One Reporting<br>son |   |                 |  |
|   |  | Tabl                                       | e I - No                                    | n-Deriv | ative          | Sec   | uritie | s Acc   | quired,   | Dis | posed o  | f, or    | Bene   | ficial                 | ly Own  | ed  |   |                 |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da  |  |  |   |         |                | Execution Date,   |        | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 8) |   |     |  |          | 5) Secur<br>Benef                              | icially<br>d Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership               |                 |  |
|   |  |  |   |         |                |   |        |   | Code  | v   | Amount   | (A<br>(D | ) or<br>)                                      | Price                  | Trans   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |   |                 | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock 09/1:  |  |  |   |         | 2008           |   | A      |   | 551.268   |     | A  | \$36.2   | 8 4,631.354                                    |                        | D   |   |   |                 |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |         |                |   |        |   |   |     |  |          |  |                        |   |   |   |                 |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date, | Code (Ins      |   |        |   | 6. Date Exercisal<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |     | e Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (In and 4) |          | int of<br>ities<br>rlying<br>ative<br>ity (Ins | tr. 3                  | . Price of<br>perivative<br>security<br>Instr. 5)                 | ve derivative<br>Securities   | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | (D)<br>rect     | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |  |   |         | Code           | v   | (A)    | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisa  |     | Expiration<br>Date   | Title    | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar                 | ber                    |   |   |   |                 |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Bonnie Martin, as Attorney-in-Fact for LeRoy S. Zimmerman

09/15/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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