FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF CHA | NGES IN | BENEFICIAL | <b>OWNERSHIP</b> |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Wege D Michael         |         |   |            | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHEY CO [ HSY ] |   |   |                                   |   |                  |        |                    |                            |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner                       |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------|---|------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (Fi     | ,   | (Middle)   |   |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2016 |                                   |   |                  |        |                    |                            |  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, GS, India, ME, Comm & CSR  |   |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) HERSHI  | EY PA   | Λ   | 17033      |   | 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |                                   |   |                  |        |                    |                            | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (Si     |   | (Zip)      |   |   |   |                                   |   |                  |        |                    |                            |  | Perso   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  Common Stock                    |         | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)  |            | ur) E   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   |                  |        |                    | Securii<br>Benefi<br>Owned | Beneficially<br>Owned Following  |   | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |  |  |
|  |         |   |            |   |   |   |                                   | Code  | v                | Amount | (A) or<br>(D)      | Price                      | Transa   | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |  | Instr. 4)  |  |  |
|  |         | 07/15                                       | 07/15/2016 |   |   |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |   | 100              | D      | \$108.             | 43 2                       | 7,288  | 1   | D   |  |  |  |  |
| Common Stock   |         | 07/15                                       | 07/15/2016 |   |   |   | М                                 |   | 1,000            | A      | \$54.0             | 68 2                       | 28,288   |   | D   |  |  |  |  |
| Common   | Stock   |   |            | 07/15   |   | 2016  |                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>  |                  | 1,000  | D                  | \$108.                     | 43 2   | 27,288  |   | D  |  |  |  |
| Common Stock   |         |   |            |   |   |   |                                   |   |                  |        |                    | 868                        | 3.946 <sup>(2)</sup>   |   |   | 401(k)<br>Plan   |  |  |  |
|  |         | 7   | able II -  |   |   |   |                                   |   |                  |        | osed of converti   |                            |  | y Owned   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Derivative Conversion Date Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) |         | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date,    | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                               |   | 5. Number<br>n of   |                                   | 6. Date Exercisable ar<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                  | e      |                    |                            | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactic<br>(Instr. 4) | i C   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|  |         |   |            |   | Code  | v   | (A)                               | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisa | sable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Non-<br>qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to                | \$54.68 | 07/15/2016                                  |            |   | M   |   |                                   | 1,000   | (3)              |        | 04/22/2017         | Common<br>Stock            | 1,000  | \$0   | 550   |  | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 23, 2015.
- 2. The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person includes 5.0496 shares acquired from June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan ("Plan"). The information is based on a report dated July 1, 2016, provided by the Plan Trustee.
- 3. The options vested according to the following schedule: 25% vested on April 23, 2008, 25% vested on April 23, 2009, 25% vested on April 23, 2010 and 25% vested on April 23, 2011.

/s/ D. Michael Wege 07/18/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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