

WEST DAVID J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WEST DAVID J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

HERSHEY, PA 17033

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 898,403 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | 401(k) Plan                                |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2010                           |  | A                              | 38,175 A \$ 0   | 80,460  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2010                           |  | F                              | 12,952 D \$ 39.26   | 67,508  | D  |  |

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 (Instr. 8) | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |       |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title | Am<br>Nur<br>Sha |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 39.26   | 02/23/2010                           |  | A                              | 292,400   | (2) 02/22/2020   | Common Stock  | 29    |                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| WEST DAVID J<br>100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE<br>HERSHEY, PA 17033 |               |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

David J. West                      02/24/2010  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person includes 35,839 shares acquired from December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2010, pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan (?Plan?). The information is based on a report dated February 1, 2010, provided by the Plan Trustee.
- Options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vest on the first anniversary of the award date, an additional 25% vest on the second anniversary of the award date, an additional 25% vest on the third anniversary of the award date, and the options become fully vested on the fourth anniversary of the award date.

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