**HERSHEY CO** Form 4 May 31, 2006

## FORM 4

#### **OMB APPROVAL**

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HERSHEY CO [HSY]

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

HERSHEY TRUST CO

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

					_	_			(Check	all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date	of Earlies	t Tr	ansaction						
100 MANSION ROAD EAST, P.O. BOX 445			(Month/Day/Year) 05/26/2006				- - b	DirectorX 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					A	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HERSHEY	Y, PA 17033							– F	Form filed by Moderson	re than One Rep	oorting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - No	n-D	erivative S	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8		4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of		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)	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value (1)	05/26/2006			J(1)(2)		79,679	D	\$ 56.5161	12,987,852	I	By Milton Hershey School Trust (4)	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value									389,000	D (3)		

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

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8. Properties Security (Inst

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of ) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock, \$1.00 par value (5)	\$ 56.46 (6)					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	60,612,012

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HERSHEY TRUST CO							
100 MANSION ROAD EAST		X					
P.O. BOX 445		Λ					
HERSHEY, PA 17033							

## **Signatures**

/s/ Robert C. Vowler, President, Hershey Trust Company 05/31/2006

\*\*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).

The repurchase of shares reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted in an agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person (the "10b5-1 Plan"). Pursuant to the 10b5-1 Plan, the Issuer has agreed to repurchase from the Reporting

(1) Person, on a weekly basis, through July 31, 2006, a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the product of the number of shares of Common Stock repurchased by the Issuer on the open market from shareholders other than the Reporting Person and affiliates of the Company (the "Repurchased Shares") during the preceding calendar week (The "Prior Week Shares") and 0.44.

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- Pursuant to the 10b5-1 Plan, the per share price for shares of Common Stock repurchased by the Issuer is equal to the total consideration paid by the Issuer for the Prior Week Shares divided by the number of Repurchased Shares.
- (3) The reporting person is wholly owned by the Milton Hershey School Trust.
- (4) The reporting person is the trustee of Milton Hershey School Trust.
- (5) All shares of Class B common stock, \$1.00 par value, are convertible share-for-share into common stock, \$1.00 par value, at any time, and without payment other than for the fact of conversion. There is no expiration date.
- (6) Conversion price is the current market price (\$56.46 represents the closing price on 05/30/2006).

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