

HERSHEY CO  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**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 30, 2013.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** March 4, 2013

**Date:** April 30, 2013 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. EDT

**THE HERSHEY COMPANY**

**Location:** GIANT Center  
550 West Hersheypark Drive

Hershey, PA 17033

*THE HERSHEY COMPANY*

*P.O. BOX 810*

*HERSHEY, PA 17033-0810*

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**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) J.M. Mead     |
| 02) J. P. Billbrey  | 07) J.E. Nevels   |
| 03) R. F. Cavanaugh | 08) A.J. Palmer   |
| 04) C. A. Davis     | 09) T.J. Ridge    |
| 05) R. M. Malcolm   | 10) D.L. Shedlarz |

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

2. Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent auditors for 2013.
3. Approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, a resolution approving executive compensation.

