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January 24, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington,

D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 18, 2018

Date of Report

(Date of earliest

event reported)

The Hershey Company

(Exact name of registrant

as specified in its

charter)

Delaware

(State or other

jurisdiction of

incorporation)

1-183

23-0691590

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's

telephone

number,

including area

code: (717)

534-4200

Not Applicable

(Former name or

former address,

if changed since

last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section "13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 18, 2018, Leslie M. Turner, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of The Hershey Company (the "Company"), informed the Company of her intention to retire effective March 31, 2018.

The Company has initiated a search for Ms. Turner's replacement.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

Date: January 24, 2018 By:/s/ Patricia A. Little
Patricia A. Little
Senior Vice President Chi

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer