

MIDDLEBY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Levenson Ryan

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION, 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE

(Street)

ELGIN, IL 60120

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/08/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code                                                                                          | V                                                        | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |                 |                 |                                        |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
|                         |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                                               | (A)              | (D)                            | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Option<br>to Buy<br>(1) | \$ 88.43<br>(1)                                   | 03/08/2007              | D(1)               |                                                                                                 |                  |                                | 05/12/2006(1)    | 05/12/2016(1)   | common<br>stock | 500 (1)                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Levenson Ryan<br>C/O THE MIDDLEBY COORPORATION<br>1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE<br>ELGIN, IL 60120 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Martin M.  
Lindsay POA 03/09/2007

\_\_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).
- (1) Option to buy common stock was initially granted on May 12, 2006. On March 8, 2007 the reporting person and the issuer agreed to rescind the initial option grant. Consequently, the option to purchase 500 shares was cancelled without any consideration therefor.

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