

LIPKIN GERALD H  
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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 \*  
LIPKIN GERALD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/25/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

WAYNE, NJ 07470-  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	11/25/2008	11/28/2008	S	V	25,000	D	\$ 18.3661	220,619	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2008		G	V	2,205	D	\$ 19.18	218,414	D	
Common Stock								176,724	I	Wife
Common Stock (401k Plan)								2,343	D	
								128	D	

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Common  
Stock  
(with  
Spouse)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 19.92					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock	25,360
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Stock Options	\$ 19.14					03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock	9,380
Stock Options	\$ 22					02/26/2005 02/26/2014	Common Stock	25,527
Stock Options	\$ 22.04					02/08/2006 02/08/2015	Common Stock	24,311
Stock Options	\$ 20.94					02/15/2007 02/15/2016	Common Stock	28,941
Stock Options	\$ 23.53					02/13/2008 02/13/2017	Common Stock	38,588
Stock Options	\$ 17.81					02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock	36,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIPKIN GERALD H 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ GERALD H.  
LIPKIN

11/26/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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