

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 4  
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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)  
**08/12/2008**

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)

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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)
401K					2,343 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		M/K	28,143 A	\$ 267,157 <sup>(2)</sup> 16.62 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		J <sup>(4)</sup>	3,203 D	\$ 263,954 <sup>(2)</sup> 22.09 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		F/K	21,175 D	\$ 242,779 <sup>(2)</sup> 22.09 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock (with Spouse)					128	D	

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Common Stock 189,172 I WIFE

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option	\$ 17.8095					02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 19.1443					03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 19.9259					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 20.9394					02/15/2007 02/15/2016	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 21.999					02/26/2005 02/26/2014	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 22.0402					02/08/2006 02/08/2015	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 23.5374					02/13/2008 02/13/2017	Common Stock
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 15.0567					01/05/2000 01/05/2009	Common Stock
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 19.9259					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 16.6186	08/12/2008		M/K	28,143	08/12/2002 02/08/2011	COMMON STK.

## 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

GERALDHLIPKIN	08/14/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (3) Valley declared a 5 percent stock dividend on April 7 2008, payable May 23, 2008 to stockholders of record on May 9, 2008.
- (2) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (4) Shares tendered by reporting person for income taxes from proceeds of a non-qualified stock exercise.

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