BED BATH & BEYOND INC

Form 4

October 27, 2004

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KAPLAN ROBERT S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

Symbol BED BATH & BEYOND INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle)

(Zin)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS &

CO., 85 BROAD STREET

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

10/25/2004

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X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit our Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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)
Common Stock	10/25/2004		P	8,000	A	\$ 38.2403	53,698	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	10/26/2004		S	44,400	D	\$ 38.85	9,298	I	See Footnote (1)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Put Option (right to sell)	\$ 37.5	10/26/2004		S		1,200	(2)	11/20/2004	Common Stock	120,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh	ıps
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KAPLAN ROBERT S C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004

X

Signatures

s/ Edward T. Joel, Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).

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(2) Immediately exercisable.

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