ABRAMSON ANDREW B

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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See Instruction

| | | | VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) 1455 VALL | ` , | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2012 | | X Director Officer (gibelow) | | | | | | |
| (Street) 4 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| WAYNE, NJ 07470- | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Secur | ities Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Benefici | ally Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year | Execution (| med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | Disposed (Instr. 3, | l (A) o l of (D |)) | 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 | 04/25/2012 | | | A | 6,724 (2) | A | \$0 | 144,582 | D (1) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 3,498 | I | Abramson Family Fund Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 10,358 | I (1) | Wife | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,923 | I (1) | Wife - Ira | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 38,905 | I (1) | Wife Trustee | |

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Common

Stock (Roth 7,673 D $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ IRA)

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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) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| ABRAMSON ANDREW B | | | | | | | | |
| 1455 VALLEY ROAD | X | | | | | | | |
| WAYNE, NJ 07470- | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ ALAN D. ESKOW, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT 04/25/2012

**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) Adjusted for additional shares acquired through Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) Restricted shares granted under the 2004 Director Restricted Stock Plan, which shares vests five years after grant date.

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Reporting Owners 2

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