

ABRAMSON ANDREW B  
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 \*  
ABRAMSON ANDREW B

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)  
09/23/2011

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 09/23/2011                           |  | P                              | 1,000 A \$ 10.3   | 35,270  | I <sup>(1)</sup>   | Wife Trustee  |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 09/23/2011                           |  | P                              | 1,000 A \$ 10.2899  | 36,270  | I <sup>(1)</sup>   | Wife Trustee  |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 09/23/2011                           |  | P                              | 2,000 A \$ 10.2949  | 38,270  | I <sup>(1)</sup>   | Wife Trustee  |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                |   | 145,211   | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,500   | I  | Abramson Family Fund Trust                            |



## 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) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.

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