

ROME BANCORP INC  
Form 425  
April 01, 2011

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 1, 2011

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 0-51584<br>(Commission File No.) | 04-3510455<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 01201<br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 443-5601 (413)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On April 1, 2011, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing the closing of its acquisition of Rome Bancorp, Inc.

A copy of the press release announcing the election deadline is being filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>No. | Description                       |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press Release dated April 1, 2011 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

DATE: April 1, 2011

By: /s/ Kevin P. Riley  
Kevin P. Riley  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer