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Form 8-K

December 02, 2004

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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) December 1, 2004  
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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>-----<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | 1-15781<br>-----<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 04-3510455<br>-----<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts<br>-----<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 01201<br>-----<br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601  
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Not Applicable  
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(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:

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

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.  
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On December 1, 2004, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the "Bank"), announced that the Bank had acquired Berkshire Financial Planning, Ltd and that its president and founder will join the Bank's Asset Management/Trust Group. A copy of the Company's press release dated December 1, 2004 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.  
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- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

| Number<br>----- | Description<br>-----                 |
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| 99.1            | Press Release Dated December 1, 2004 |

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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.

Dated: December 2, 2004

By: /s/ Wayne F. Patenaude  
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Wayne F. Patenaude  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer