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January 11, 2005

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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) January 11, 2005

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-15781 ----- (Commission File Number) | 04-3510455 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts ----- (Address of principal executive offices) | | 01201 ----- (Zip Code) |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: | | (413) 443-5601 ----- |

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:

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On January 11, 2005, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank, announced it expected to issue its fourth quarter earnings release on January 26, 2005. The Company will conduct a conference call at 10:00 a.m. eastern time on January 27, 2005 to discuss the results for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2004. Instructions on how to access the call and an investor presentation that will supplement the call were contained in the press release. A copy of the Company's press release dated January 11, 2005 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

| Number ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1 | Press Release Dated January 11, 2005 |

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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: January 11, 2005

By: /s/ Wayne F. Patenaude

Wayne F. Patenaude
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer