

FRIEDMAN JOEL P
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FORM 4

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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 *
 FRIEDMAN JOEL P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3005 TASMAN DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/26/2012

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

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/26/2012		M	1,705 A \$ 0	15,005	D	

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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/26/2012		M	1,705	<u>(1)</u>	04/26/2012	Common Stock	1,705
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/23/2012		A	1,675	<u>(2)</u>	04/25/2013	Common Stock	1,675

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRIEDMAN JOEL P 3005 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054	X			

Signatures

/s/ Kamran Husain, Attorney
in Fact

05/24/2012

_____*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) This transaction represents the vesting and release of the reporting person's annual director equity grant of 1,705 restricted stock units. This award was granted on 5/19/2011 and vested on 4/26/2012 upon the completion of the reporting person's 2011-2012 director term.
- (2) This transaction represents the reporting person's annual director equity grant of restricted stock units. This award was granted on 5/23/2012, and is scheduled to vest upon the completion of the reporting person's 2012-2013 director term, currently expected to be on 4/25/2013 (the scheduled date of the Issuer's 2013 Annual Shareholder Meeting).

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