

LEVY JEFFREY M  
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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 \*  
LEVY JEFFREY M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET

(Street)

NORWICH, NY 13815

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/19/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock   | 01/19/2012                           |  | S                              | 1,150 D \$ 23.65  | 39,992.383  | D  |  |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock   |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,181.174   | I  | 401k                                       |
| NBT Bancorp                     |                                      |  |                                |   | 647.476   | I  | NBT Bancorp                                |

Inc.  
Common  
Stock

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 20.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/15/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 01/15/2020  | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 18,000                     |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 20.3617   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/15/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 01/15/2018  | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 7,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 22.352  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 01/01/2016  | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 23.293  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 10/01/2015  | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 25.38   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/15/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 01/15/2019  | NBT Bancorp                   | 13,000                     |

(right to buy)

Non-Qualified  
 Stock Option \$ 25.762  
 (right to buy)

01/01/2008<sup>(2)</sup> 01/01/2017

Inc.  
 Common  
 Stock  
 NBT  
 Bancorp  
 Inc. 9,000  
 Common  
 Stock

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| LEVY JEFFREY M<br>52 SOUTH BROAD STREET<br>NORWICH, NY 13815 |               |           | EVP/ Pres Commercial Banking |       |

## Signatures

By: F. Sheldon Prentice, Power of Attorney For: Jeffrey M.  
 Levy

01/20/2012

\_\_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) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
- (2) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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