

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 1 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DH39 North	DI41 south		
Loci	2113	1237		
Baskets	3141	3142		
Walls 1244, 1285				
Floors				

1. Continued work in the “gathering hall” (Squares DH40 south with the NW corner of DI39 and the east edge of DG39) and DH39 North (i.e.,
 - a. Goal = identify the south end of the Beta Building
 - b. Basket = 3141
 - c. Starting elevation = 128.63 (128.60 on bench?)
 - d. Ending elevation = 128.44
 - e. Soil = horizon C (white and chalky)
 - f. Removed a number of large stones, mostly basalt (destruction fill)
 - g. May have a part of a limestone feeding trough
 - h. A glass base from the fill may provide a basis for dating the space. Minimal other small finds.
 - i. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 5AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 7AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: South-West room (DG 39)
 - iv. Description: Several shards
 - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jar handle, cooking vessel fragment

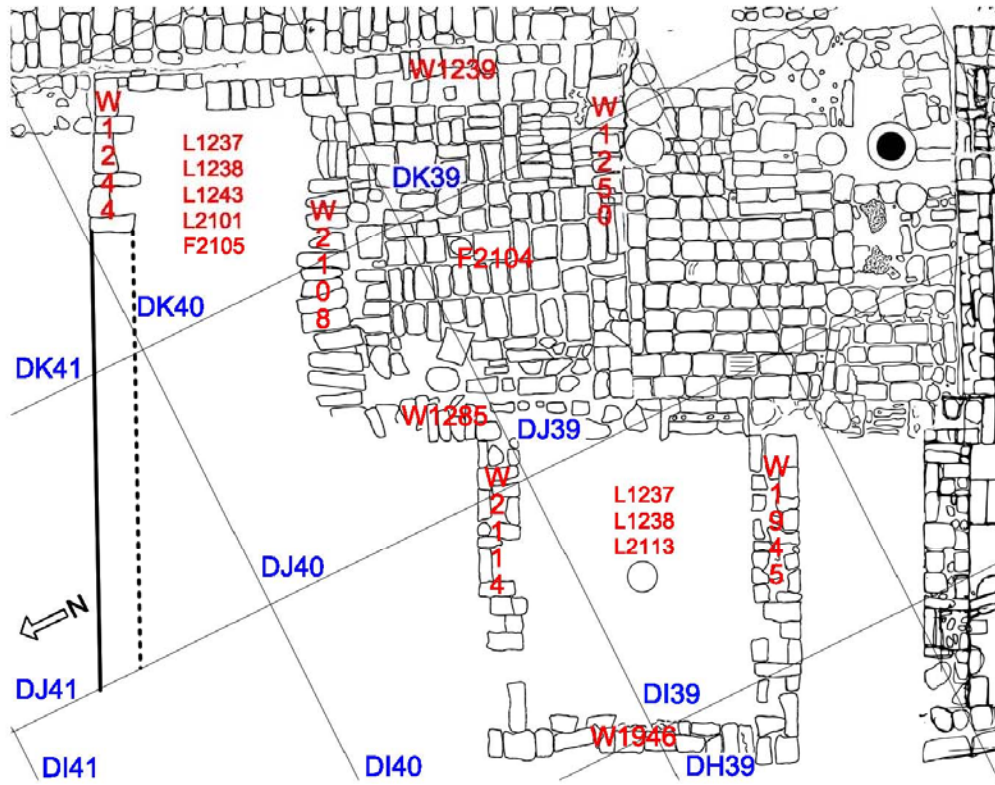
Item Number	737
Category	Ground stone
Material	basalt
Shape	round
State of Preservation	Less than half
Width	24.0
Length	32.0

DepthThickness	5.0
Elevation	128.58
From East	2.34
From North	3.85
To be Drawn	No
Description	partial grinding bowl with handle

2. Continued work in Square DI41 south.

- a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
- b. Basket = 3142
- c. Starting elevation = 130.91 in east and 130.68 in west
- d. Ending elevation = 130.40 (trench north of W1244) 130.69 (top of W1244)
- e. Soil is Horizon A (top soil and tractor fill) with some appearance of Horizon B
- f. Exposed the top course of W1244 across the whole of the square. Wall's exterior is worked basalt. Interior is weakly defined.
- g. Trench dug north of the wall to 130.40.
- h. Replaced one stone that had fallen from the wall
- i. Several other stones from the top course had slipped to the south.
- j. Some pottery and glass.
- k. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 6AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 8AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: North-West room (DH 40)
 - iv. Description: A lot of small sized fragments of jars and cooking vessels
 - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jars, LRC bowl (Hayes, form 3F from 6 AD)

Item Number	738
Category	Ground stone
Material	basalt
Shape	ovoid
State of Preservation	Perfect
Width	9.0
Length	16.0
DepthThickness	6.0
Elevation	130.82
From East	3.51
From North	5.1
To be Drawn	No
Description	hand grinding stone



(see note on 8 July)