

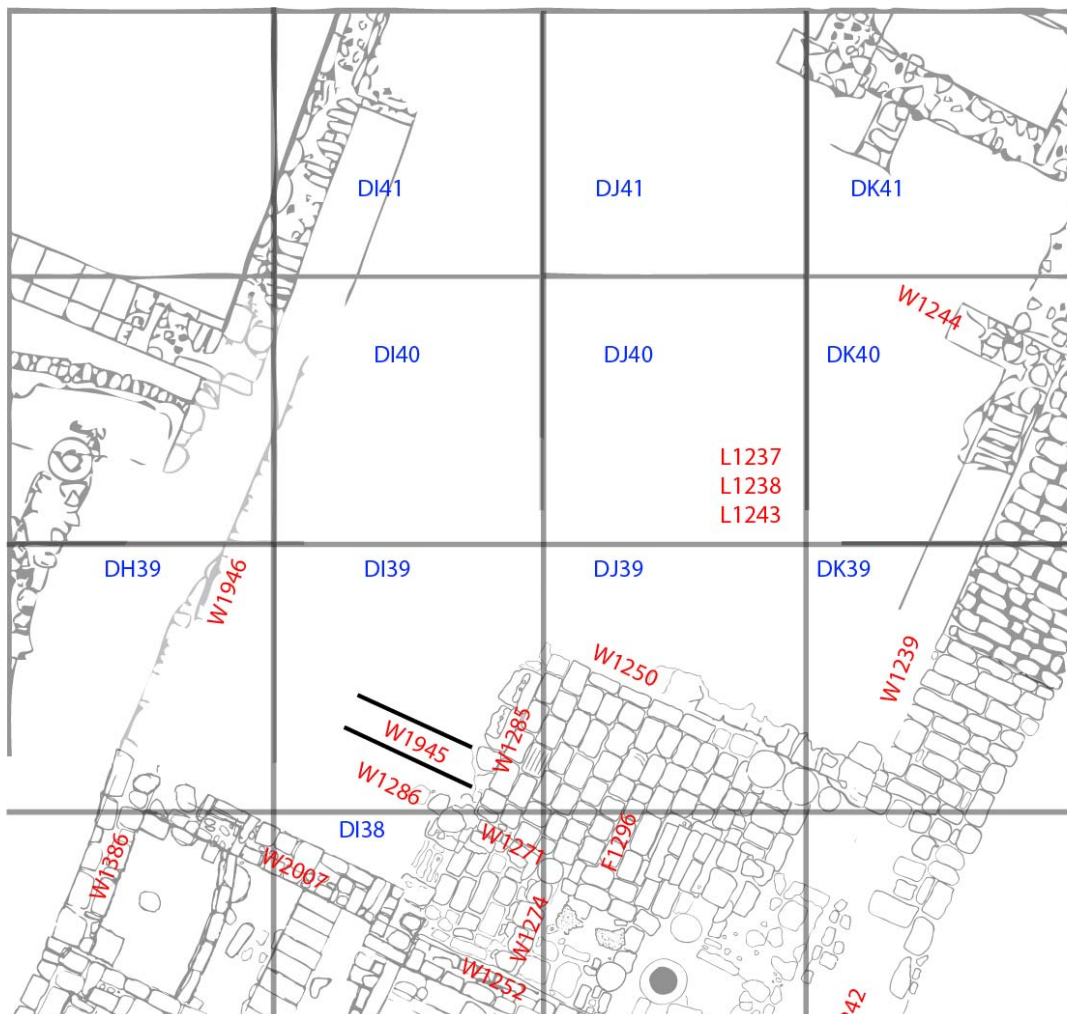
Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2012 – 13th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 1 July 2012 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DH39	DI39	DJ40	DR41
Loci	L1237	L1237	L1237	L1226
Baskets	None	None	None	2469
Walls 1244, 1261, 1285, 1298, 1945, 1946				
Floors				

- 1) Season began with distribution of equipment and the setting up of the screens for excavation areas.
- 2) West Zone
 - a) Continued work in Squares DH39 (with the NE corner of DH38 and the west edge of DG39)
 - i) Goal = identify the south end of the Beta Building and the function of the space intervening between it and the Alpha Building to the south
 - ii) Basket = surface material, none collected
 - iii) Starting elevation = 130.394
 - iv) Ending elevation = 130.3413333 (average south of W1945); 130.4803333 (top of W1945); 130.401 (average north of W1945)
 - v) Soil is disturbed by tractor and excavation traffic
 - vi) Identified and exposed the eastern top section of W1945. It is parallel to W1286 and moves east from the doorway in W1285. We expect it to form a corner with the newly named W1946, the western wall of the Beta Building. Alignment is based on observation of the corner from the west. The top section exposed is 2.9m from the east line of W1285.
 - vii) May have identified the interior (eastside) of W1946.
 - b) Continued work in Square DI39.
 - i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - ii) Basket = surface material, none collected
 - iii) Starting elevation = 130.379
 - iv) Ending elevation = 130.140
 - v) Soil is destruction fill (surface).
 - vi) Removed 20 cm of fill and the first layer of larger rocks in the fill.

- vii) No structures visible
- c) Continued work in Square DJ40
- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - ii) Basket = surface material, none collected
 - iii) Starting elevation = 131.039
 - iv) Ending elevation = 130.780 (north of W1244); 130.822 (south of W1244)
 - v) Soil is destruction fill surface.
 - vi) Followed the exterior line of W1244 to the west. At 3.04m from the street, the course of basalt ashlar ceases. We will seek a lower course of the wall tomorrow.



3) East Zone

a) Continued work in Square DR41.

- i) Goal = Excavate and identify the function of the eastern room of the peristyle house
- ii) Basket = 2469
- iii) Starting elevation = 131.985
- iv) Ending elevation = 131.929
- v) Soil is top soil
- vi) Began more fully to articulate the west side of W1298
- vii) Also sought to levels corner of square in order to follow W1261 to the east and find the corner with W1298.
- viii) Ceramic analysis
 - (1) Mainly dating from 6th to 7th
 - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DR41; Under the top soil
 - (3) Indicative Wares: Beisan jars (7th cent)

