

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2012 – 13th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 24 July 2012 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

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| Squares | DH40south | DH39 North | | |
| Loci | L2113 | L2113 | | |
| Baskets | 3137 | 3136 | | |
| Walls 1285 | | | | |
| Floors | | | | |

1) West Zone

a) Continued work in Squares DH40 south (with the NE corner of DH38 and the west edge of DG39) and DH39 North

- 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 = 3137
- iii) Starting elevation = 129.276
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.032 (high); 128.827 (low) [128.61 estimated floor]
- v) Removed heavy destruction fill including door jambs, 3 column drums, a base, a plain capital, and a broken roof roller.
- vi) Estimate that we are twenty to seventy centimeters above the floor.
- vii) Ceramic analysis
 - (1) Mainly dating from 6th to 8th
 - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DH40 (under the W.2114)
 - (3) Description: Few unindictive bodyshards of Beisan jars
- viii) Ceramic analysis
 - (1) Mainly dating to 7th
 - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DH39 (North)
 - (3) Description: Bodyshards of jars and cooking vessels
 - (4) Indicative wares: Late BYZUMM casserole, cooking pot with a triangular rim, covered with a plaster- connection to the walls (?), maybe can indicate the wall construction, (parallel to Beith Shean, Bar Natan, 2012, fig. 11.22; 6-early 7th AD); Beisan jars
- ix) Item 727

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Basalt
- (3) Shape: Column Drum
- (4) State of Preservation: Nearly complete
- (5) Width: 35.0
- (6) Length: 37.5
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 33.5
- (8) Elevation: 129.5
- (9) From east edge of square: 4.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 1.00
- (11) Description: Small column drum, found south of and slightly beneath and inverted column base. Tapers from 35 cm diameter at one end to 33.5 cm diameter at the other.

i) Item 728

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Basalt
- (3) Shape: Capital
- (4) State of Preservation: Nearly complete
- (5) Width: 53.0
- (6) Length: 53.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 44.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.5
- (9) From east edge of square: 3.8
- (10) From north edge of square: 3.1
- (11) Description: Very plain Doric capital, found right side up. Circular shaft tapers 33.5 cm at the base to 42 cm at the top.

i) Item 729

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Basalt
- (3) Shape: Column Drum
- (4) State of Preservation: Nearly complete
- (5) Width: 35.0
- (6) Length: 65.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 36.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.65

- (9) From east edge of square: 3.9
- (10) From north edge of square: 1
- (11) Description: Long column drum, found next to base, pedestal, and other drums.

ii) Item 730

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Basalt
- (3) Shape: Column Base
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: ---
- (6) Length: ---
- (7) Depth/Thickness: ---
- (8) Elevation: 129.6
- (9) From east edge of square: 4.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 4.3
- (11) Description: Fragment, found near wall.

iii) Item 731

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Basalt
- (3) Shape: Pilaster Base
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 37.5
- (6) Length: 63.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 17.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.38
- (9) From east edge of square: 2.9
- (10) From north edge of square: 2.8
- (11) Description: Found vertically, parallel with wall, about 15 cm north. Front has approximately 4 cm edge, then a long (10 cm) bevel before flattening out.

i) Item 732

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Limestone
- (3) Shape: Pilaster
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 25.0
- (6) Length: 38.0

- (7) Depth/Thickness: 18.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.38
- (9) From east edge of square: 4.15
- (10) From north edge of square: .7
- (11) Description: Fragment, found in pile of drums, capital, and bases. Triangular in shape. The front has a roughly 10 cm flat face with a trench in the center before curving back to a flat front.

i) Item 733

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Limestone
- (3) Shape: Column Drum
- (4) State of Preservation: Nearly complete
- (5) Width: 35.0
- (6) Length: 41.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 34.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.45
- (9) From east edge of square: 3.6
- (10) From north edge of square: .4
- (11) Description: Short section of limestone column. Tapers from a diameter of 35 cm at one end to a diameter of 34 cm at the other.

ii) Item 734

- (1) Category: Ground stone
- (2) Material: Basalt
- (3) Shape: Roof Roller
- (4) State of Preservation: Less than half
- (5) Width: 19.0
- (6) Length: 42.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 5.0
- (8) Elevation: 135
- (9) From east edge of square: 4.7
- (10) From north edge of square: 3.35
- (11) Description: Small column drum shaped item. Broken roof roller with indent on only one end. Depth of indent: 5 cm.

i) Item 735

- (1) Category: Architecture

- (2) Material: Limestone
- (3) Shape: Pilaster
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 23.0
- (6) Length: 33.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 29.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.28
- (9) From east edge of square: 3.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 2.1
- (11) Description: Bit of pilaster base. front has rounded edge, about 9 cm high, before forming a corner and curving back vertically.

a) Continued work in Square DI40 north.

- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
- ii) Basket = 3135
- iii) Starting elevation = 129.976 (high to west of W1285); 129.606 (low to east of W1285)
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.979 (high to west of W1285); 129.637 (low to east of W1285)
- v) Soil is Horizon B
- vi) Cleared slough; squared balk; set heavy rocks around the edges of the square.

