

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2012 – 13th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 25 July 2012 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DH40south	DH39 North		
Loci	L2113	L2113		
Baskets	3139	3138		
Walls				
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 = 3138, 3139
 - iii) Starting elevation = 129.032 (high); 128.827 (low) [128.61 estimated floor]
 - iv) Ending elevation = 128.637
 - v) Removed heavy destruction fill to a level slightly below the top of the east threshold.
 - vi) No hard floor apparent
 - vii) Limestone blocks
 - viii) Doorway in north wall?
 - ix) Removed east wall
 - x) Ceramic piece from 6th century covered in plaster (dating of earlier construction?)
 - xi) Ceramic analysis (DH40 south)
 - (1) Mainly dating from 6th to 8th
 - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DH40 (under the W.2114 and above hypothetical floor)
 - (3) Description: Few unindicative bodyshards of jars
 - (4) Indicative wares: Beisan jar fragment
 - xii) Ceramic analysis (DH39 north)
 - (1) Mainly dating from 7th to 8th
 - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DH39 (North)
 - (3) Description: Bodyshards of jars and cooking vessels

- (4) Indicative wares: Beisan jar (Beith Shean, Bar Natan 2012, fig. 11.4 \ 2-5; 7-8th AD);
LRC (Hayes, form 10C, early-mid.7th AD)

xiii) Item 736

- (1) Category: Metal
- (2) Material: Iron
- (3) Shape: Door
- (4) State of Preservation: More than half
- (5) Width: 2.5
- (6) Length: 7.5
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 1.0
- (8) Elevation: ---
- (9) From east edge of square: ---
- (10) From north edge of square: ---
- (11) Description: Found in bucket of dirt coming from square, exact location unknown.
Flat, somewhat circular piece of metal, with a flat disc at one end. Though broken off, the shaft portion appears to continue past the flat disc.

