

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

## Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 4 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DH39 North	DI40 north	DH40 north	
Loci	2115	1243	1237	
Baskets	3149	3150		
Walls 1244, 1285, 2114, 1946				
Floors 2116				

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
  - a. Goal = identify the south end of the Beta Building
  - b. Basket = 3149
  - c. Starting elevation = 128.13 (NE corner), 128.11 (SW corner), 128.14 (SE corner). 128.42 (step)
  - d. Ending elevation = 127.97 (NW corner), 128.06 (east side of column)
  - e. Soil = horizon C (white and chalky)
  - f. Finished room except for final sweeping
  - g. Discovered two limestone drums and a lintel stone in NW corner
  - h. NW corner paving is poorer in quality and slightly sunken.
  - i. Cleaned up W1285.
  - j. Final sweeping and drawing remain to be done.
  - k. Some walls will need to be lowered before the end of the season.
  - l. Ceramic analysis
    - i. Mainly dating from 5AD
    - ii. Mainly dating to 7AD
    - iii. Stratigraphic context: South-West room (DG 39), under the L.2113
    - iv. Description: Several fragments of jars, basin rim and cooking pot rim
    - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jar

**Item Number** 755  
**Category** Architecture  
**Material** marble  
**Shape** square  
**State of** Nearly complete

<b>Preservation</b>	
<b>Width</b>	19.0
<b>Length</b>	20.5
<b>DepthThickness</b>	3.0
<b>Elevation</b>	128.96
<b>From East</b>	3.18
<b>From North</b>	3.16
<b>To be Drawn</b>	No
<b>Description</b>	fragment of an altar screen, cut, perhaps functioned as a sill for a window.

<b>Item Number</b>	756
<b>Category</b>	Architecture
<b>Material</b>	marble
<b>Shape</b>	column
<b>State of</b>	More than half
<b>Preservation</b>	
<b>Width</b>	21.0
<b>Length</b>	67.0
<b>DepthThickness</b>	22.0
<b>Elevation</b>	128.11
<b>From East</b>	2.9
<b>From North</b>	4.1
<b>To be Drawn</b>	Yes
<b>Description</b>	fragment of spiral fluted column in marble with square base

<b>Item Number</b>	757
<b>Category</b>	Architecture
<b>Material</b>	limestone
<b>Shape</b>	column drum
<b>State of</b>	Nearly complete
<b>Preservation</b>	
<b>Width</b>	36.0
<b>Length</b>	33.0
<b>DepthThickness</b>	36.0
<b>Elevation</b>	128.11
<b>From East</b>	2.4
<b>From North</b>	4
<b>To be Drawn</b>	No
<b>Description</b>	used as leg? for table, found to east of fluted column

<b>Item Number</b>	758
<b>Category</b>	Architecture
<b>Material</b>	limestone
<b>Shape</b>	drum
<b>State of</b>	Nearly complete
<b>Preservation</b>	
<b>Width</b>	36.0
<b>Length</b>	33.0
<b>DepthThickness</b>	35.0

**Elevation** 128.11  
**From East** 3  
**From North** 3.85  
**To be Drawn** No  
**Description** worn column drum.

**Item Number** 759  
**Category** Architecture  
**Material** basalt  
**Shape** lintel stone  
**State of Preservation** Nearly complete  
**Width** 1.0  
**Length** 1.0  
**DepthThickness** 1.0  
**Elevation** 128.11  
**From East** 3  
**From North** 3.5  
**To be Drawn** No  
**Description** in corner with two limestone drums and fluted column

**Item Number** 760  
**Category** Architecture  
**Material** basalt  
**Shape** plain capital  
**State of Preservation** Perfect  
**Width** 1.0  
**Length** 1.0  
**DepthThickness** 1.0  
**Elevation** 1  
**From East** 1  
**From North** 1  
**To be Drawn** Yes  
**Description** likely a pilaster base for arch

2. Continued work in Square DI40 north.
  - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
  - b. Basket = 3150
  - c. Starting elevation = 129.25 (average west), 129.47 (average east)
  - d. Ending elevation = 129.16
  - e. Soil is Horizon B
  - f. Removed much rock and fill
  - g. Soil change toward the end of the day (entering L2101)
  - h. Two marble fragments (of a plate and a frieze) we're discovered next to the north wall.
  - i. Ceramic analysis

- i. Mainly dating from 6AD
- ii. Mainly dating to 8AD
- iii. Stratigraphic context: North-East room (DI 40)
- iv. Description: Mostly body shards of jars and cooking vessels made of brown-black material
- v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jar rim

<b>Item Number</b>	762
<b>Category</b>	marble
<b>Material</b>	marble
<b>Shape</b>	plate
<b>State of</b>	Fragment
<b>Preservation</b>	
<b>Width</b>	18.0
<b>Length</b>	12.0
<b>DepthThickness</b>	1.5
<b>Elevation</b>	129.26
<b>From East</b>	-0.4
<b>From North</b>	0.75
<b>To be Drawn</b>	No
<b>Description</b>	plate diameter?

<b>Item Number</b>	763
<b>Category</b>	Architecture
<b>Material</b>	frieze frag
<b>Shape</b>	frieze
<b>State of</b>	Fragment
<b>Preservation</b>	
<b>Width</b>	14.5
<b>Length</b>	21.0
<b>DepthThickness</b>	7.5
<b>Elevation</b>	129.26
<b>From East</b>	-0.1
<b>From North</b>	75
<b>To be Drawn</b>	No
<b>Description</b>	part of a frieze

3. Opened DH40 north
  - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
  - b. Basket = none
  - c. Starting elevation = 131.05
  - d. Ending elevation = 131.01
  - e. Identified seam in W1946 on the west exterior. W1946 forms a corner with W2114. The corner is stabilized by alternating headers and stretchers through the courses. The wall that continues to the north abuts W2114.

f. Cleared rubble from the top of the first course of W1946 north of W2114.

g. No pottery collected.

