

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

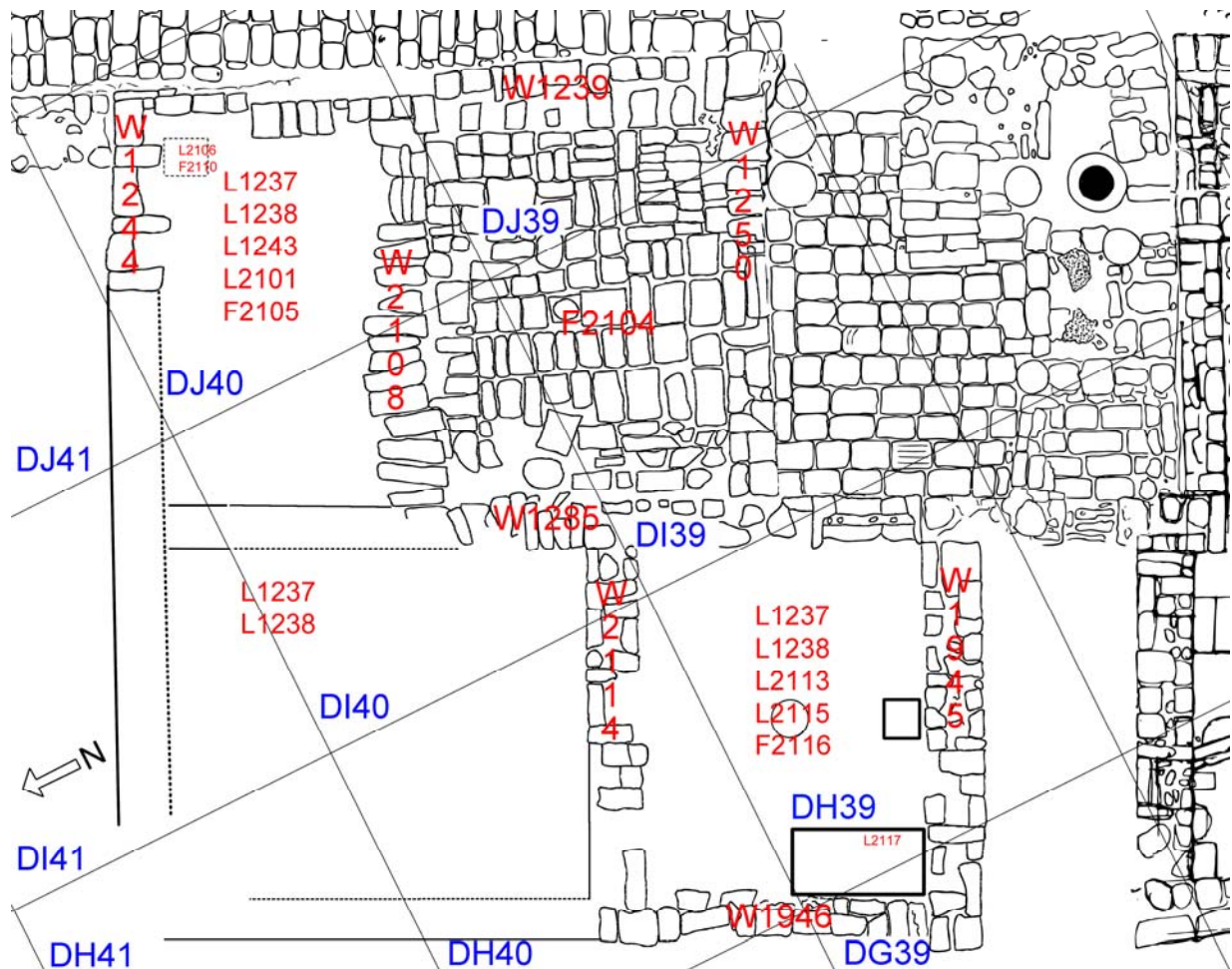
Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 9 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DH40 n	DR42		
Loci	1238	1914		
Baskets	3156	3157		
Walls 1244, 1285, 2114, 1946				
Floors 2105				

1. Continued work in square DH40 north
 - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - b. Basket = 3156
 - c. Starting elevation = 129.91 (low), 130.36 (high)
 - d. Ending elevation = 129.69 (west), 129.64 (east)
 - e. Soil is Horizon B
 - f. Finished removing the first meter of heavy destruction fill from south to north at the level of the top of the surviving walls 2114 and 1946. Unstable stones were removed from the tops of the walls.
 - g. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 7AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 8AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: North-West room in the West area (DH 40)
 - iv. Description: Some non-indicative body shards of jars and cooking vessels
 - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jars

Item Number	765
Category	Architecture
Material	limestone
Shape	irregular square
State of Preservation	Less than half
Width	21.0
Length	25.0
Depth/Thickness	9.0
Elevation	129.7
From East	3.5
From North	0
To be Drawn	No
Description	piece of Corinthians capital acanthus leaf



2. Continued work in square DR42 north

- a. Goal = identify the structure and function of the East central hall of the House of Tyche
- b. Basket = 3157
- c. Starting elevation = 130.85
- d. Ending elevation = 130.59
- e. Soil is Horizon C
- f. Much plain and painted plaster in the fill. Similar to previous day ... Moulded and painted plaster about 2 cm thick or more. No large stone beyond what can be handled by two.
- g. Self to the north continues.
- h. Many individual and clusters of tesserae. White orange red and black. Some tesserae as small as 0.6 cm
- i. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 4AD

- ii. Mainly dating to 7AD
- iii. Stratigraphic context: DR 42- Northern room of the Eastern area (between the W.1266 and W.1911)
- iv. Description: Small amount of pottery, mostly fragments of jars and some cooking vessels, lamp basis, parts of a late BYZ cooking lead (see B.3159)
- v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jars; ARS (parallel to Hayes 1972, form 67, from 5 AD (another part of it in B.3155); Competing KFH cooking bowl 1E type from mid 3 AD - late 4 AD; BYZ - early UMM cooking bowls (parallel to Hamat Gader, Ben Arie 1997, plate III 27-34)

Item Number	766
Category	Metal
Material	iron
Shape	nail
State of Preservation	More than half
Width	0.5
Length	10.0
DepthThickness	0.5
Elevation	130.59
From East	3.5
From North	3.5
To be Drawn	No
Description	partial nail, bend of 3 cm

