



**Hippos (Sussita) 2015 – 16th Season
Daily Log and Drawing**

Date: 9 August Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DQ40NW				
Loci	2133 2139				
Baskets	3420 3421				
Walls	W2132, W1270, W1288				
Floors					

- 1) Continued work in DQ40south
 - a) Goal = discover function of space east of window wall
 - b) Basket = None
 - c) Starting elevation = 131.54
 - d) Ending elevation = 131.54
 - e) Soil = horizon b
 - f) Comments
 - i) Paused work today to concentrate on the area west of the window wall
- 2) Continued work in DQ40NW
 - a) Goal = reveal rest of the middle room

- b) Basket = 3420, 3421
- c) Starting elevation = 131.45
- d) Ending elevation = 130.87 (hi); 130.60 (lo);
- e) Soil = horizon B, C
- f) Comments
 - i) The window wall (W2132) seems to span the entire 8 m length of the room
 - ii) As we approached the window wall, it became apparent that the middle section of the wall had been destroyed, likely by an earthquake, with the debris tipping to the west. The bottom course remains intact and *in situ*.
 - iii) The shelf on the south wall (W1288) spans the distance between W1270 and the window wall (W2132) and is the same height (131.50) as the lower section of the window wall.
 - iv) Appearance of crushed pottery marked the transition for L2133 to L2139. It is concentrated in the middle of the room around and to the east of the column /base.
 - v) We removed seven limestone door jambs from the fill near and above the window wall, but there does not seem to be a doorway in the window wall (see next day for discovery of the doorway at the south end of W2132).