

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2012 – 13th Season

## Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 5 July 2012 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DI39	DJ39	DK40	DR41
Loci	1948	2101	2111	1226
Baskets	2483	2484	2485	2486
Walls 1261, 1911, 2103				
Floors				

### 1) West Zone

- a) Continued work in Squares DI39 (with the NE corner of DI38 and the west edge of DH39)
  - 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 = 2483
  - iii) Starting elevation = 129.549 (high); 129.104 (low)
  - iv) Ending elevation = 129.248 (average); 129.439 (top of blocking W2103 between Alpha and Beta buildings)
  - v) Soil is Horizon B
  - vi) Leveled area after removing the last of the floating wall
  - vii) Picked up interior of blocking wall to the west
  - viii) Ceramic analysis
    - (1) Mainly dating from 6th to 8th
    - (2) Stratigraphic context: Below the B.2478
    - (3) Description: Cooking vessels and lids fragments, Beisan jars, lamp base, lamp molded fragment with concentric dots decoration from the 7th\8th cent (Hadad, type 35 in Beth Shean, UMM. In use until 749)
    - (4) Indicative wares: Casserole (grity, dark brown fabric, compare from C3A Adan Baeywitz 1983 pp.156-159; mid.4th to 5th and later), channel nozel lamp (8-10th cent)
  - ix) Item 631
    - (1) Category: Architecture
    - (2) Material: Marble

- (3) Shape: Edging
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 6.0
- (6) Length: 12.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 2.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.2
- (9) From east edge of square: 7
- (10) From north edge of square: 2.7
- (11) Description: Slightly rounded, double beveled edge.

## x) Item 632

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Marble
- (3) Shape: Edging
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 5.5
- (6) Length: 6.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 4.5
- (8) Elevation: 129.25
- (9) From east edge of square: 5
- (10) From north edge of square: 4.5
- (11) Description: Marble edge, 1 thick edge, then curves to flat

## xi) Item 633

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Limestone?
- (3) Shape: Frieze
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 20.0
- (6) Length: 49.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 21.0
- (8) Elevation: 129.25
- (9) From east edge of square: 4
- (10) From north edge of square: 3.3
- (11) Description: Large fragment with rough carving work. Series of 4 bevels, the first three get progressively smaller, and the fourth is roughly the same size as the second.

- b) Continued work in Square DJ39.
- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
  - ii) Basket = 2484
  - iii) Starting elevation = 129.099
  - iv) Ending elevation = 128.793; 128.578 (next to column base)
  - v) Soil is Horizon c (sandy with pebbles).
  - vi) Removed fill.
  - vii) Exposed column base and four pavers
  - viii) Ceramic analysis
    - (1) Mainly dating from 6th to 7th
    - (2) Stratigraphic context: Layer above the floor in the sq. DJ39
    - (3) Description: Beisan jars, casserole, juglet; ESA; ARS fragments
    - (4) Indicative wares: Juglet (parallel from Bar Natan, Beith Shean, 2012, 11.42\4)
  - ix) Item 623
    - (1) Category: Architecture
    - (2) Material: Basalt
    - (3) Shape: Column base
    - (4) State of Preservation: Nearly complete
    - (5) Width: 40.0
    - (6) Length: 51.0
    - (7) Depth/Thickness: 34.0
    - (8) Elevation: 129.00
    - (9) From east edge of square: 1.7
    - (10) From north edge of square: .9
    - (11) Description: Found beneath column drum. Column base has a square base with a side length of 40 cm and height of 9 cm. Base then tapers to a circle of diameter 34.
  - x) Item 624
    - (1) Category: Metal
    - (2) Material: Iron
    - (3) Shape: Large Hook
    - (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
    - (5) Width: ---
    - (6) Length: ---
    - (7) Depth/Thickness: ---
    - (8) Elevation: 128.90

(9) From east edge of square: 1.9

(10) From north edge of square: 2

(11) Description: 59 pieces which we believe at one time formed a single hook. Pieces vary in width from .2 to 2.5 cm and in length from 2 to 17.5 cm.

c) Continued work in Square DK40

i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building

ii) Basket = 2485

iii) Starting elevation = 129.604 (high); 129.394 (low)

iv) Ending elevation = 129.023

v) Soil is Horizon c (sandy with pebbles).

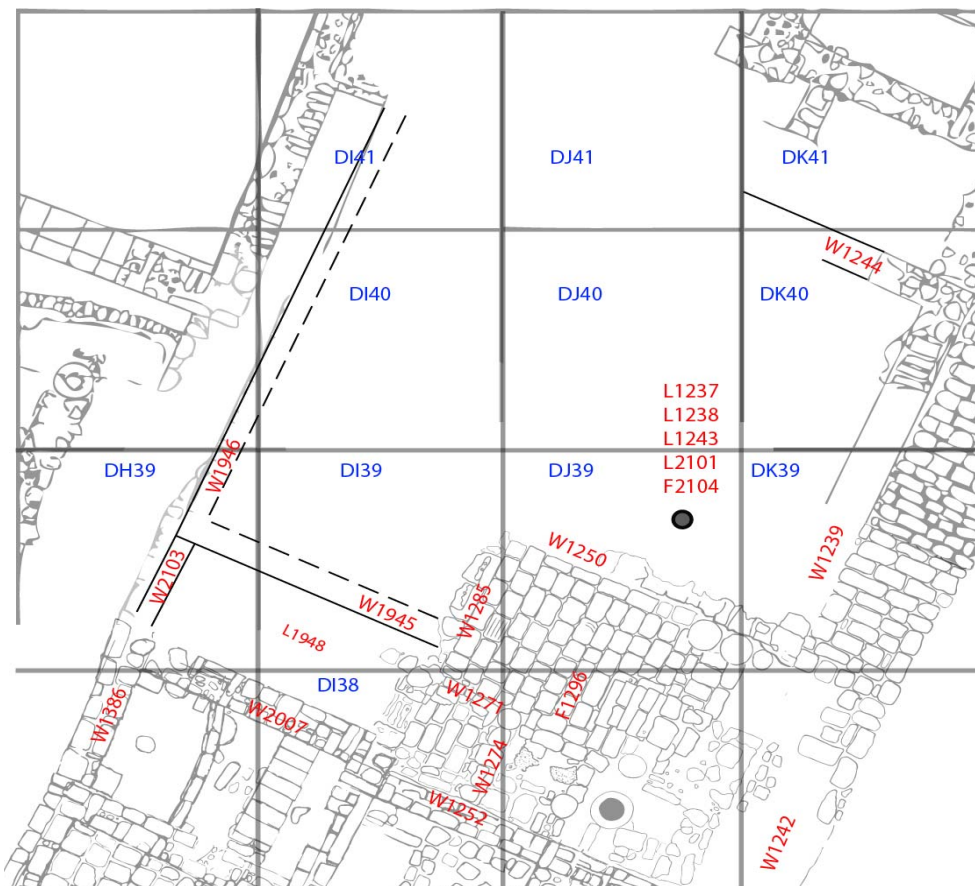
vi) Seem to have come to a mud/plaster floor level in the NE corner

vii) Ceramic analysis

(1) Mainly dating from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

(2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DK40

(3) Description: Body shards of jars and casserole



## 2) East Zone

## a) Continued work in Square DR41.

- i) Goal = Excavate and identify the function of the eastern room of the peristyle house
- ii) Basket = 2486
- iii) Starting elevation = 131.220 (top of low section of window wall 1922); 131.200 (average)
- iv) Ending elevation = 131.139
- v) Soil is Horizon 2
- vi) Began work in L2102 between the lower part of W1911 and W1261.
- vii) More molded plaster; some plaster with red and block/drk green painting.
- viii) Ceramic analysis
  - (1) Mainly dating from 6th to 7th
  - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq. DR41
  - (3) Description: Shards from the storage jars, cooking vessels, some ARS
  - (4) Indicative wares: Cooking pot without a neck, with triangular rim (parallel to late ROM \ BYZ; 4th-7th AD); black material casserole (parallel to Hamat Gader, Ben Arie, 1997, plate XII \ 7); LRC from 6th - 7th AD; Hayes form 10).
  - (5) Residual: ESA
  - (6) Intrusive: Jars from gray material from 2nd - 5th)

## ix) Item 625

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Plaster
- (3) Shape: Moulded edge
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 7.0
- (6) Length: 10.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 4.5
- (8) Elevation: 131.2
- (9) From east edge of square: 6.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 2
- (11) Description: profile resembles sine curve from 0 to  $3\pi$ . location approximated.

## x) Item 626

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Plaster
- (3) Shape: Moulded for

- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 8.0
- (6) Length: 13.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 4.0
- (8) Elevation: 131.2
- (9) From east edge of square: 6.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 2
- (11) Description: Flat on one end, textured on the other, with three stair-like levels on the textured end. Location approximate.

xi) Item 627

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Plaster
- (3) Shape: Moulded for
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 8.0
- (6) Length: 13.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 4.3
- (8) Elevation: 131.2
- (9) From east edge of square: 6.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 2
- (11) Description: Moulding from what appears to be the edge of the wall. Flat top, rounded edge, than flat again. Location approximate.

xii) Item 628

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Plaster
- (3) Shape: Moulded from
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 8.0
- (6) Length: 17.5
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 7.0
- (8) Elevation: 131.2
- (9) From east edge of square: 6.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 2
- (11) Description: Moulding from edge of wall, 3 heights with relatively square corners between. Location approximate.

## xiii) Item 629

- (1) Category: Architecture
- (2) Material: Plaster
- (3) Shape: Moulded, from
- (4) State of Preservation: Fragment
- (5) Width: 6.5
- (6) Length: 4.5
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 3.0
- (8) Elevation: 131.2
- (9) From east edge of square: 6.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 2
- (11) Description: Possibly from edge, 3 star-like levels with slightly rounded corners between. Location approximate.

## xiv) Item 630

- (1) Category: Ground stone
- (2) Material: Basalt
- (3) Shape: Semi-circle
- (4) State of Preservation: Less than half
- (5) Width: 7.0
- (6) Length: 10.0
- (7) Depth/Thickness: 5.5
- (8) Elevation: 131.95
- (9) From east edge of square: 2.5
- (10) From north edge of square: 4.75
- (11) Description: Roughly 50% of a semi-circle with a radius of 7 cm. An interior circle with radius of roughly 2 cm is carved out.

