

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2012 – 13th Season

## Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 25 July 2012 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DI40south	DI39 North		
Loci	L2113	L2113		
Baskets	3139	3138		
Walls				
Floors				

### 1) West Zone

- a) Continued work in Squares DI40 south (with the NE corner of DI38 and the west edge of DH39) and DI39 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 6<sup>th</sup> century covered in plaster (dating of earlier construction?)
  - xi) Ceramic analysis (DI40 south)
    - (1) Mainly dating from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>
    - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DI40 (under the W.2114 and above hypothetical floor )
    - (3) Description: Few unindictive bodyshards of jars
    - (4) Indicative wares: Beisan jar fragment
  - xii) Ceramic analysis (DI39 north)
    - (1) Mainly dating from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>
    - (2) Stratigraphic context: Sq.DI39 (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.

