

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 10 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

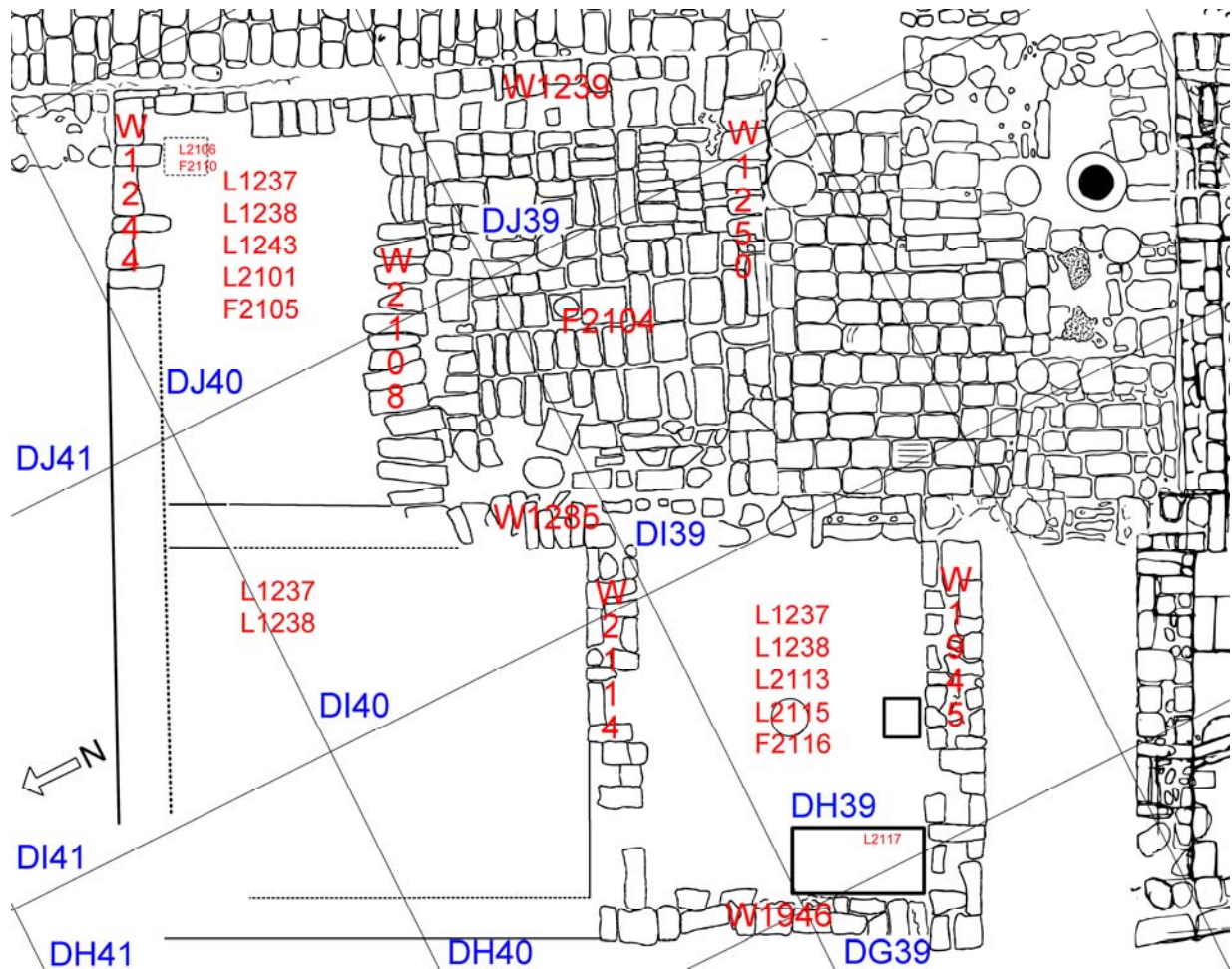
Squares	DH40 n	DR42		
Loci	1238	1914		
Baskets	3158	3159		
Walls 1244, 1285, 2114, 1946				
Floors 2119				

1. Continued work in square DH40 north
 - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - b. Basket = 3158
 - c. Starting elevation = 129.69 (west), 129.64 (east)
 - d. Ending elevation = 129.67
 - e. Soil is Horizon B
 - f. Removed an additional 30 cm of heavy destruction fill from south to north at the level of the top of the surviving walls 2114 and 1946. Squared up room to interior line of walls, although identification of the particular interior walls is difficult, except on the south side.
 - 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 AMP fragment
 - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jars

Item Number	767
Category	Architecture
Material	basalt
Shape	angular part of arch
State of Preservation	Less than half
Width	28.0
Length	39.0
Depth/Thickness	20.0
Elevation	129.7
From East	0.25
From North	4
To be Drawn	No

Description

fragment of an arch?



h. Dimensions of NE room of Beta building

- i. North wall 6.26
- ii. West wall 2.68
- iii. South wall 6.00
- iv. East wall 2.76
- v. NE to SW 6.99
- vi. SE to NW 6.44

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 = 3159
- c. Starting elevation = 130.59

- d. Ending elevation = 130.46 (west), 130.54 (plaster NE and SE)
- e. Soil is Horizon C
- f. Reached level of late plaster floor (F2119). Survives best next to the northerly shelf and in NE and SE corners. In the middle and toward the west, less of the floor survives.
- g. Many loose tesserae in the plaster (including reds and oranges).
- h. Plaster shows indications of going up the front of the shelf. So, during at least one plastering, the shelf was also plastered.
- i. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 6AD
 - 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: DR 42- Northern room of the Eastern area (between the W.1266 and W.1911)
 - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jar; parts of a late BYZ cooking lead (see B.3157) parallel to Bet Shean fig 11.17/3; ARS basis with a cross (?) print (probably Hayes form 88 from early 6 AD)

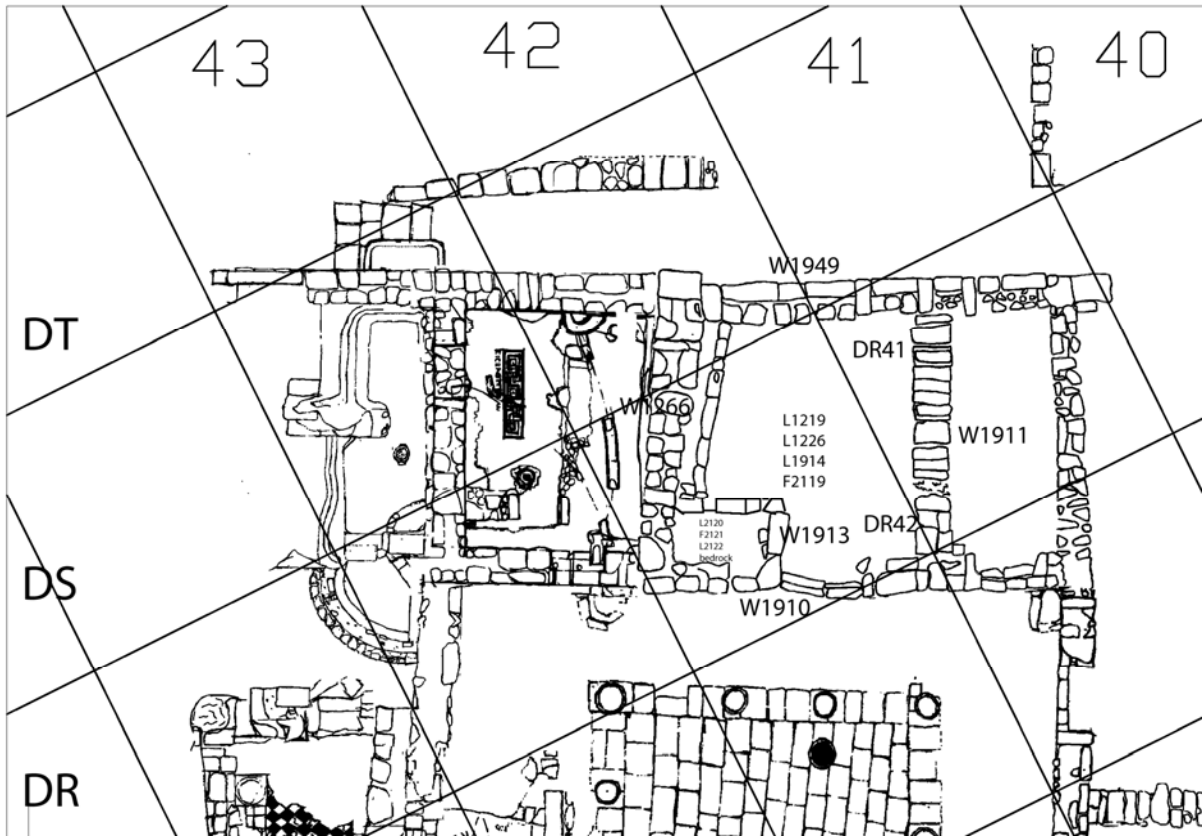
Item Number	768
Category	Metal
Material	iron
Shape	nail
State of Preservation	Less than half
Width	1.5
Length	4.0
DepthThickness	1.5
Elevation	130.55
From East	0.5
From North	4.5
To be Drawn	No
Description	fragment of nail, no bend

Item Number	769
Category	Metal
Material	iron
Shape	nail?
State of Preservation	Less than half
Width	1.0
Length	4.0
DepthThickness	1.0
Elevation	130.49

From East	0.5
From North	2.5
To be Drawn	No
Description	nail fragment with head

Item Number	770
Category	Metal
Material	iron
Shape	nail
State of Preservation	Nearly complete
Width	1.0
Length	10.5
DepthThickness	1.0
Elevation	130.49
From East	4.5
From North	4.5
To be Drawn	No
Description	nail w/o head, very straight

Item Number	771
Category	Metal
Material	iron
Shape	nail
State of Preservation	Less than half
Width	1.3
Length	4.0
DepthThickness	1.3
Elevation	130.44
From East	0.75
From North	1
To be Drawn	No
Description	nail fragment



j. Shelf dimensions:

- i. East to west 3.40
- ii. N to s on west .67
- iii. N t s on east .70
- iv. Height east .65
- v. Height west .57

k. North section of east hall

- i. 4.29 east
- ii. 4.61 west
- iii. 4.64 north
- iv. 4.5 west
- v. NW to SE 6.51
- vi. SW to NE 6.07

l. NW corner feature

- i. 1.98 on east
- ii. 2.09 west

iii. 1.2 south

iv. 1.19 north