

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 15 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DH40 n	DR42		
Loci	2118	2123		
Baskets	3165	3166		
Walls 1244, 1285, 2114, 1946				
Floors 2119, 2121				

1. Continued work in square DH40 north
 - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - b. Basket = 3165
 - c. Starting elevation = 128.99
 - d. Ending elevation = 128.85 (average), 128.51 (foundation trench)
 - e. Soil is Horizon C
 - f. Seem to be approaching a level for a mud floor. The average is above the foundation trench for the south wall (W2114). We have also reached the bottom of the blocked doorway in W2114. We are about 10 cm above the level of the room to the west. Will level the room at a similar level.
 - g. A y-shaped limestone on the top of W2114 aligns with the column in the south room, suggesting two arches spanned the room. No pilaster appears in the north room. It was likely spanned by a single arch. The roofing of the south room corresponded with the construction of the north room. We wonder if the floor of the south room Pre-existed the room itself.
 - h. Expanded the trench in DI41 exposing the north face of W1244.
 - i. 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: Mostly fragments of jars and cooking vessels
 - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jars; Late Byz - UMM cooking pot; UMM cooking pot (parallel to Bet Shean, Bar Natan 2011, fig 11.15/8-15, called "Necked Globular Pot") from 7 AD - mid 8 AD; Late Byz - UMM cooking lead

- e. Soil is Horizon C
- f. Opened a 1 x 2 m probe in the NE corner of the room L2123
- g. Shortly reached bedrock. There were very few remains in the plaster. If a mosaic floor ever decorated the room, it is totally gone.
- h. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 5AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 7AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: Probe in the N-E corner between the W.1266 and W.1949 (DR 42). Was closed because of the bedrock
 - iv. Description: Some non-indicative BYZ body shards of jars and cooking vessels

