

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

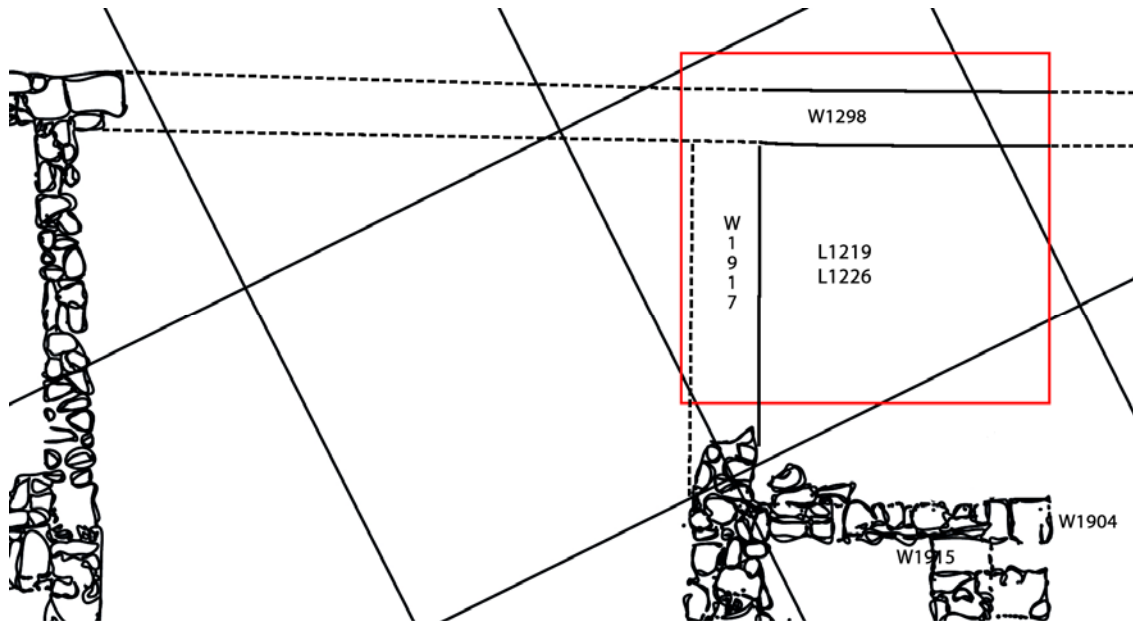
Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 21 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DQ39	DP41		
Loci	1226	1284		
Baskets	3171	3172		
Walls 1298, 1917				
Floors				

1. Continued work in DQ39

- a. Goal = to identify the SE corner of the HTyche
- b. Basket = 3171
- c. Starting elevation = 133.06
- d. Ending elevation = 132.31 (average west of W1298), 132.14 (average east of W1298)
- e. Soil = horizon B
- f. Identified both sides of the eastern wall (W1296) in the southern two thirds of the square. Solid Roman construction on the east face (two courses)
- g. Followed the south face of the northern wall (W1917) to a junction with the east wall. Therefore, the previously identified *cubiculum* seems to be outside the HTyche. As there is no access to the rest of the house. It is also a possibly later construction.
- h. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 6AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 8AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: The room near the Tyche house, East from the N-E church (DQ-39)
 - iv. Description: A big quantity of pottery; Mostly medium sized fragments of cooking vessels and Bet Shean jars, a lot of LRC ware, several big AMP shards
 - v. Indicative wares: LRC form (Hayes) form 10A from 6 AD - 7AD; LRC (Hayes) form 3F from 6 AD; ARC (Hayes) 91B form from 450 AD - 530 AD; Late BYZ - UMM casseroles; UMM cooking lead (parallel to Bet Shean, Bar Natan 2011, fig 11.17/1)



2. Continued work in BP41

- a. Reopened F1284 in the sleeping chamber east of the apse to see if there might be a low bench on the east wall.
- b. Basket = 3172
- c. Starting elevation = 130.60
- d. Ending elevation = 130.59 (bench), 130.32 (foundation trench)
- e. The bench is about 17 cm tall and 75 cm wide. Could it be another sleeping platform? It seems to run the length of the east wall.

f. Ceramic analysis

- i. Mainly dating from 7AD
- ii. Mainly dating to 8AD
- iii. Stratigraphic context: Room from East side of the central apse (DP 41)
- iv. Description: Mostly medium sized fragments of jars and cooking vessels; base that was perforated before firing
- v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jars (parallel to Bet Shean, Bar Natan 2011, fig 11.3/6) from 7 AD - 8AD; Archedrim basin rim (parallel to Magness, form 2A) from 6 AD - late 7 AD

Item Number	783
Category	Metal
Material	iron
Shape	nail
State of	Less than half

Preservation	
Width	1.0
Length	4.0
DepthThickness	1.0
Elevation	130.56
From East	2.5
From North	2.5
To be Drawn	No
Description	2 cm bend and 2 cm

While cleaning the northwest room of the Beta Building, a corner fragment of one of the Corinthian capitals from the Roman basilica was discovered in the wall and recovered.

Item Number	781
Basket Number	99
Square	DI40
Locus	2118
Date	07/21/2013
Area	NIP
Season	14th - 2013
Category	Architecture
Material	basalt
Shape	corner cap
State of	Less than half
Preservation	
Width	26.0
Length	32.0
DepthThickness	19.0
Elevation	128.75
From East	2
From North	0.5
To be Drawn	No
Description	corner tip of Corinthian cap from basilica ... scrolls and acanthus leaf