

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

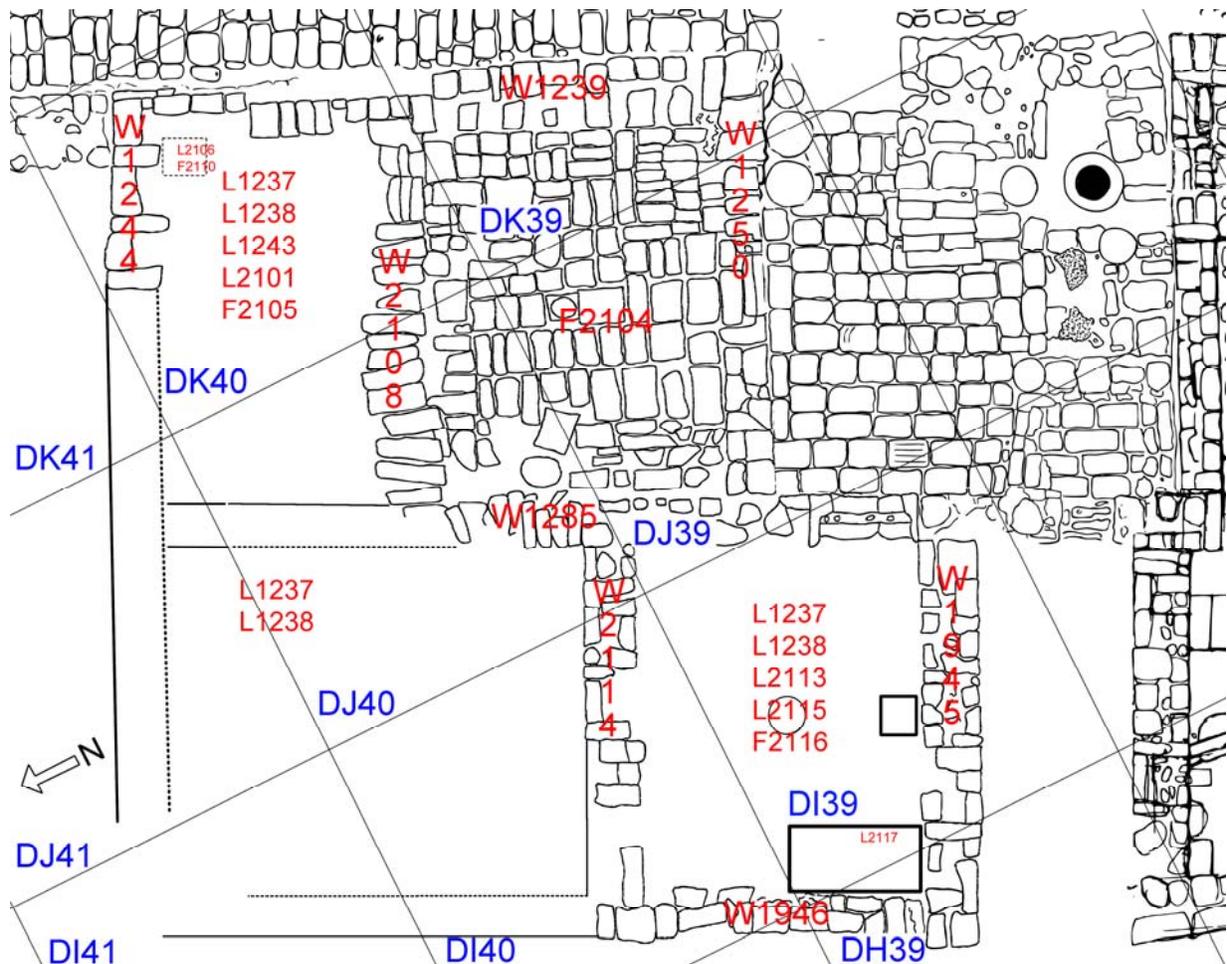
Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 8 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

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| Squares | DI40 north | DJ40 north | DR42 | |
| Loci | 1237 | 2101 | 1914 | |
| Baskets | 3153 | 3154 | 3155 | |
| Walls 1244, 1285, 2114, 1946 | | | | |
| Floors 2105 | | | | |

1. Continued work in Square DJ40 north.
 - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - b. Basket = 3154
 - c. Starting elevation = 128.78 (floor), 129.06 (unfinished west side)
 - d. Ending elevation = 128.84
 - e. Soil is Horizon C
 - f. Finished clearing room to level of packed earth floor 2105
 - g. Besides the concentration of pottery shards and bones at the middle of the south wall, no other distinguishing factors identify the room.
 - h. Square closed.
 - i. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 6AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 8AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: N-E room between the W.1244 and W.2108 of a Western area (DI 40)
 - iv. Description: A lot of pottery, mostly medium sized shards of jars and cooking vessel
 - v. Indicative wares: UMM cooking pot (parallel to Bet Shean, Bar-Natan 2011, fig 11.22/7); Local cooking bowls (parallel to Hamat Gader, Ben Arie 1997, plate 1/16) from mid 5 AD - UMM; LRC bowl (Hayes 1972) form 1 type D from mid 5 AD
 - vi. Residual: Herodian lamp fragment
2. Continued work in square DI40 north
 - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - b. Basket = 3153
 - c. Starting elevation = 130.20? (low), 130.38 (high)

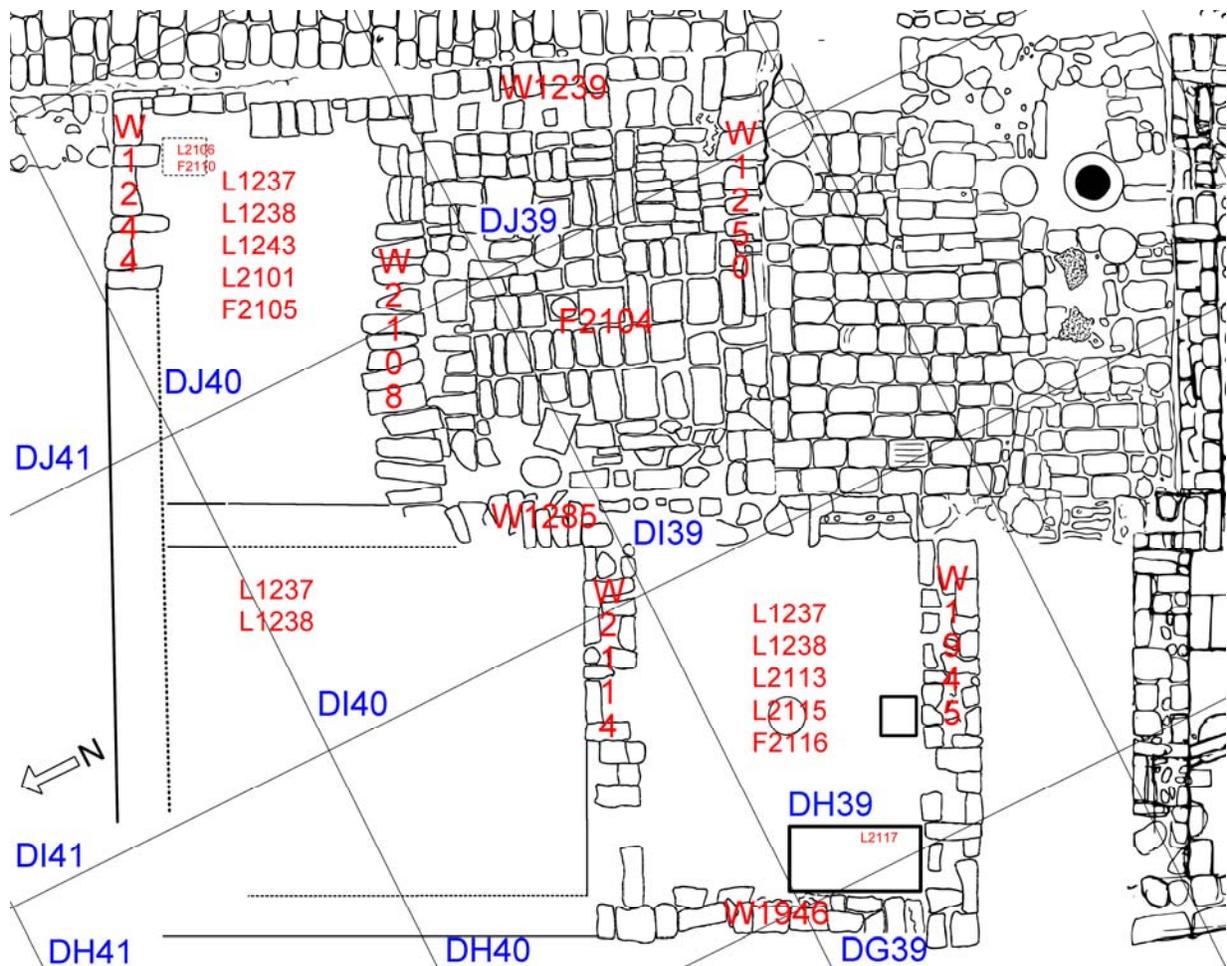
- d. Ending elevation = 130.36 (high), 129.91 (low)
- e. Soil is Horizon A
- f. Continued to remove the first half meter of heavy destruction fill from south to north at the level of the top of the surviving walls 2114 and 1946. Unstable stones were removed from the tops of the walls.
- g. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 5AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 8AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: North-West room in the West area (DH 40)
 - iv. Description: Some body shards of jars and fine wares
 - v. Indicative wares: Bet Shean jars; LRC bowl form 3E (parallel to Hayes) from late 5 AD; ARS form 92 (parallel to Hayes) from mid 5 AD



Note: Discovered today that the chart above is off by one column according to the new grid system:

DK should be DJ
 DJ should be DI
 DI should be DH
 DH should be DG

Corrected chart:



3. Reopened square DR42 north
 - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of the East central hall of the House of Tyche
 - b. Basket = 3155
 - c. Starting elevation = 130.96

- d. Ending elevation = 130.85
- e. Soil is Horizon C
- f. Much plain and painted plaster in the fill. Wide bands of red with a black line border and geometric patterns show up in the fragments retrieved. Many pieces are plain. One was molded (cornice?).
- g. Ceramic analysis
 - i. Mainly dating from 5AD
 - 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: Small amount of pottery, mostly fragments of jars and some cooking vessels
 - v. Indicative wares: ARS (parallel to Hayes 1972, form 67, from 5 AD)- another part of it in B.3157
 - vi. Residual: Competing KFH cooking pot 1A type from late 1 AD - late 3 AD

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| Item Number | 764 |
| Category | Coin |
| Material | bronze |
| Shape | round |
| State of Preservation | Perfect |
| Width | 0.7 |
| Length | 0.7 |
| DepthThickness | 0.1 |
| Elevation | 132.45 |
| From East | 0.15 |
| From North | 0.33 |
| To be Drawn | No |
| Description | Arab fil |

