



Fig.4.31: Location of the Shu'aibi quarter

- The Shu'aibi houses
- The quarter's inner communal courtyard
- Olive press located outside the quarter proper
- Arrows indicate the two access points to the quarter
- The quarter's elevated room ('alieh), the only structure in the quarter located on the first floor

Located on the village southeastern slopes, the Shu'aibi quarter which was the second largest "Fallaheen" quarter, housed four out of the five Shu'aibi sub-clans; (Dar Jaber, Dar Salman, Dar esh-Sheikh Saleh and Dar Shahen). The fifth sub-clan, Dar Abu Subuh, lived in the same area but outside the harah proper (Fig. 4.31). The Shu'aibi clan was originally from the neighbouring village of Kefer 'Ein but took refuge in Deir Ghassaneh at least two hundred years ago.

In contrast to the Barghouthi sub-clans, the Shu'aibi sub-clans were the most homogeneous group in the village, with little status differences among them. Relations between the five sub-clans, who believed themselves to be the descendants of Shu'aib, were very strong. This was reflected and enhanced by endogamous marriages as most marriages occurred between cousins. There were very few (one or two) marriages between the Shu'aibis and the other fallaheen of