

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

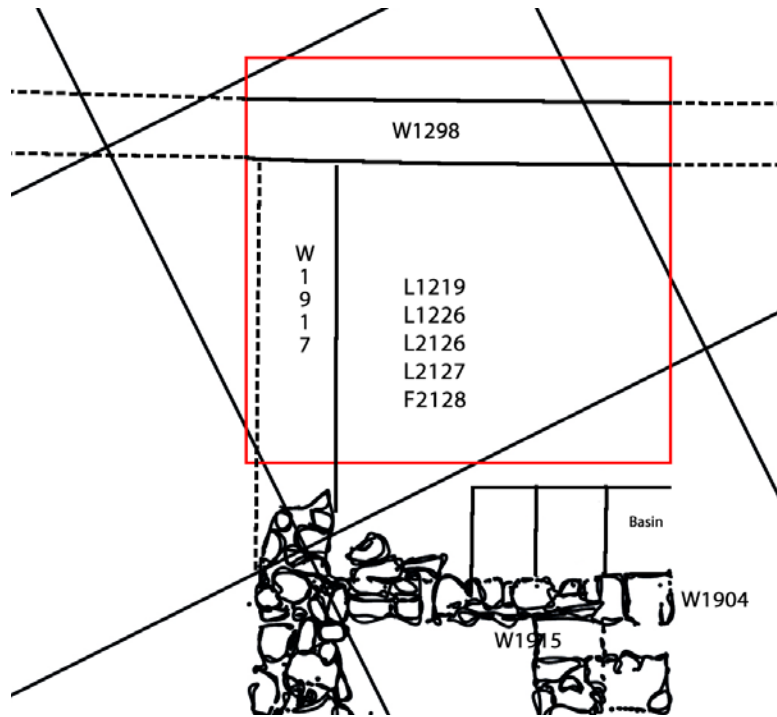
Date: 23 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DQ39			
Loci	2126			
Baskets	3175			
Walls 1298, 1915, 1917,				
Floors				

1. Continued work in DQ39

- a. Goal = to identify the SE corner of the HTyche
- b. Basket = 3175
- c. Starting elevation = 131.93 (average), 132.62 (top of W1298)
- d. Ending elevation = 131.54
- e. Soil = horizon B
- f. Heavy fill but with fewer shards
- g. Does not appear that south wall (W1915) continues into the square
- h. Discovered a plastered basin (intrusion) in the southwest corner of the square. The basin curves to a flat bottom and continues to the south into the balk.
- i. The basin is preserved to a depth of 90 cm next to the wall
- j. It is 41 cm east to west and more than 65 cm north to south
- k. It is preserved to a height of 26 cm to the north
- l. Will cut square in half tomorrow.

Item Number	784
Category	Metal
Material	iron
Shape	nail
State of Preservation	Nearly complete
Width	1.0
Length	9.0
Depth/Thickness	1.0
Elevation	131.7
From East	4
From North	1.5
To be Drawn	No
Description	complete nail with slight curve



2. Opened the SE corner of the fish tank in the garden
 - a. First cleared the upper length of the tank (140 cm) from east to west to a level of 15 cm., observing the plastered exterior and marble top (12 cm wide) of the tank.
 - b. Concentrated clearing in an area of 55 cm by 50 cm. by probing/clearing a downward area which was 35cm x 35 cm to a depth of 70 cm. We found that the interior of the tank and the bottom was sealed with a plaster coating.
 - c. The initial debris covering the tank area was dirt, stone to soft ball sized and larger, and much pottery of large size. The first 30 cm of the interior of the probe was baseball sized rock, and pottery, and sediment. From 30 cm to 58 cm it was sediment, smaller pottery, and smaller rocks. From 58 cm to the bottom it was fine sediment with a small amount of tesserae.
 - d. Refilled.