

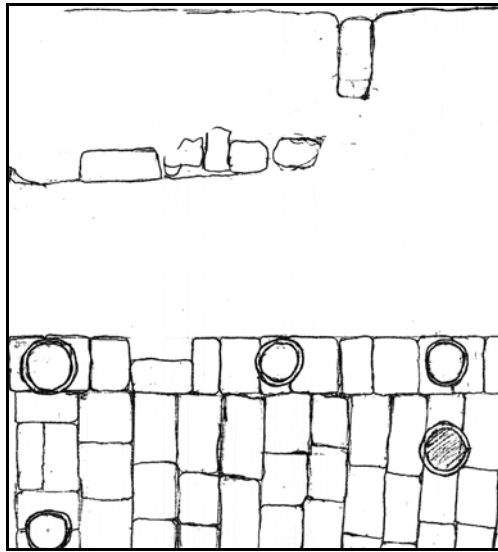
Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2010 – 11th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 19 July 10 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	XXYY99	YYZZ01	YY/ZZ1/2	ZZ99	
Loci	1226	1226 1219	1226		
Baskets	2360	2362 2363	2361		
Walls	W1261, W1266, W1288, W1236, W1297, W1298, W1910, W1911				
Floors	F1294, F1909, F1912				

- Continued work in XXYY99
 - Goal = Searching for intersection between W1266 and north to south wall on west side of putative street.
 - Starting elevation = 130.035 (top of second millstone of cistern head), 130.862 (average of south section)
 - Ending elevation = 130. 73
 - Soil is Horizon B/C
 - Due to the work of the tractor lowering the road, work was confined to the area south of W1266.
 - Removed light destruction fill.
 - Basket 2360 is from Locus 1226. That locus is second level of fill in square XXYY99 above the height of W1266. In general, the contents are fragments of Beisan jars, fragments of 3rd-4th-century lamps, dating from 0 until 650 AD. Indicative types are ESA.
- Continued work in square YYZZ0/1
 - Goal = Expose rest of the paved plaza east of the church
 - Starting elevation = 130.635 (second column from south), 130.773 (column at north end of stylobate), 130.04 (stylobate)
 - Ending elevation =
 - Soil is Horizon C

- Cleared the central part of the square approaching the line of W1910.
- Removed a significant amount of heavy fill that was resting on the surface of the plaza and the eastern portico.
- Retrieved a ring and a significantly intact bowl from the fill.
- There seems to be some sort of fixture in W1910 at the south end of the square.
- Approaching the wall from the side.



- Basket 2361 is from Locus 1226. That locus is room at the SE corner of the peristyle court. In general, the contents are many large fragments of pipes and Beisan jars, fragments of Gaza jar and some cooking ware, dating from 450 AD until 650 AD. Indicative types are LRC.
- Basket 2362 is from Locus 1226. That locus is the middle of peristyle court above the pavement. In general, the contents are fragments of pipes, some shards of AMP, dating from 450 AD until 650 AD.
- Basket 2363 is from Locus 1219. That locus is baulk removal in room to the E. of the peristyle court. The contents include 2 large BYZ mortaria (1 complete), dating from 400 AD until 600 AD.
- Item: 496. Description: carved marble, triangular fragment (length 21 cm (top) 3.5 cm (bottom), width 17 cm, height: 4.5 cm) retrieved 478 cm east of w 1267, 488 cm north of zz 1 stylobate, 147 cm from surface.

- Item: 497. Description: Carved marble with 2 ribs (length 14 cm, width 15 cm, height 3 cm) retrieved 493 cm north of zz1 stylobate, 586 cm east of w1267, 138 cm from surface.
- Item: 498. Description: metal ring (diam 2.5 cm, thickness 3.0 mm) from 599 cm north of w1261, 679 cm east of w1267, 12.5 cm from surface.
- Item: 499. Description: pottery bowl in several pieces with tesserae and plaster attached to inside of bowl (bowl: 2.5 cm rim, 1 cm thick, 17.5 cm radius; tesserae: piece 1 cluster of 2 with plaster attached, piece 2 is cluster of 6 with plaster attached, piece 3 is cluster of 8 with plaster attached) from 797 cm east of w1267, 402 cm north of w1261, 81 cm from surface.
- Item: 500. Description: nail (10 cm long and tapered, 18 mm wide at head, 5 mm wide at base) retrieved 496 cm north of w1261, 776 cm east of w1267, 85 cm from surface.
- Item: 501. Description: metal tubular object with one piece that was rolled in on itself, slightly flattened, identical to item 2345/487 found in yy/zz ½ (5.0 cm long, 7.0 mm wide at the circular end) discovered 626 cm north of w1261, 645 cm east of w1267, 144 cm from surface.
- Item: 502. Description: nail (7 cm long, 1 cm wide to 1.5 cm wide, 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm at head) removed 403 cm north of w1261, 743 cm east of w1267, 127 cm from surface.
- Continued work in Square ZZ99
 - Goal = Provide greater safety by lowering the level of the road.
 - The north balk was measured:
 - Top layer--approx 1.10m of tractor fill visible in the multi colored layers of soil
 - Horizon A – approx 20cm of black soil
 - Horizon B – approx 35cm of tan soil (little heavy fill)
 - Horizon C – approx 1.70m of tan soil with destruction fill.
 - The road north of the site was lowered approximately one meter.
 - The balk between ZZ99 and XXYY99 was lowered by the same amount
 - A lower shelf (0.25 m) was cut on the north and east sides of ZZ99.

- Significant amounts of rubble tumbled into ZZ99