

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2011 – 12th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 04 July 11 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	XX99	YY0	E10	F10	
Loci	1219	1219	1889	1889	
Baskets	2385	2386	2387	2388	
Walls	1252, 1265, 1297, 1298, 1892, 1913, 1923				
Floors					

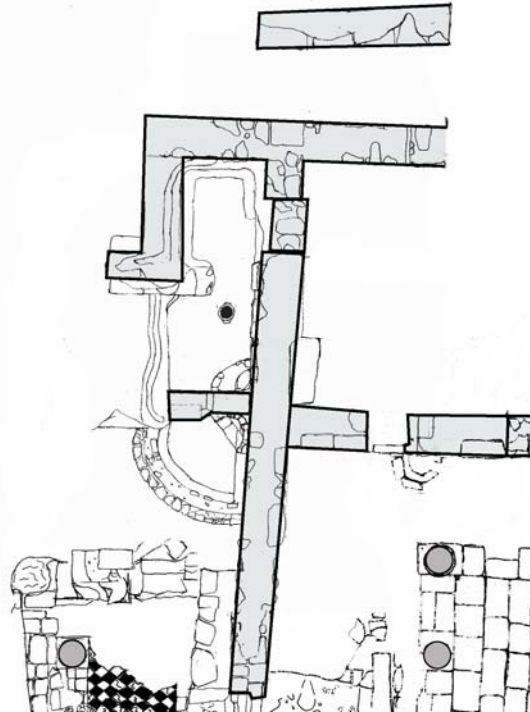
1) Northeast Zone

a) Continued work in Square XX99.

- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the north and a possible entrance into the garden to the west.
- ii) Basket = 2385 (Beisan jars; Indicative Wares: LRC; ARS; KFH; Mainly Dating from 400 CE- 700 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 132.08
- iv) Ending elevation = 131.81
- v) Soil is tractor fill
- vi) Removing corner high material. No evidence of W1297 or W1298.

b) Continued work in Square YY0.

- i) Goal = Identify the function of the space east of W1910, south of W1266, west of W1298
- ii) Basket = 2386 (Little pottery; mostly Beisan jars; small pieces; Indicative Wares: CRS; Residual: 1 KFH cooking pot; Mainly Dating from 400 CE- 700 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 131.75
- iv) Ending elevation = 131.43
- v) Soil is horizon A.
- vi) Pursuing W1913.
- vii) Discovered a coin (#518) above W1913 at elevation 131.27, 0.95 from east edge of square and 4 m from north edge of square. It is a Roman Provincial coin of Elagabalus minted at Hippos in 218-219. The obverse has the bust facing right crowned with a laurel wreath. On the reverse is Pegasos standing facing left with the head turned back and the wings.



2) Southwest Zone

a) Continued work in Squares E9/10.

- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
- ii) Basket = 2387 (Beisan jars; little pottery; Indicative Wares ARS, LRC; 450 CE - 700 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 130.28
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.60
- v) Soil is IDF fill with heavy blocks. May need to remove a meter of fill.
- vi) Expanded square to the north into E9 in an attempt to acquire the south face of W1252.
- vii) Then exposed some of the south surface of W1252
- viii) There may be a poor quality north/south wall in the balk on the west side of E10.
- ix) At the approximate level of the top of W1252 (elevation 129.99), a change in soil color (Horizon B) was noted

b) Continued work in Square F10.

- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
- ii) Basket = 2388
- iii) Starting elevation = 130.40
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.65
- v) Soil is IDF fill.

- vi) Very heavy mixed stones in dark soil. One cluster (2x6) of mosaic tesserae.
- vii) There may be a doorway in W1892 at the west border of F10.
- viii) Identified a north to south wall on the line of W1265 with a door jamb 4.73m from the north edge of W1252. The exterior of the door is to the east. The southern door jamb is not yet visible.

